T he staff of the Old Gold & Black and the Student Writer have labored to point out the student interest in the recent Strategic Plan of the University. As the plan has been reactive to proposed changes, rather than proactive in offering their ideas during the draft stages. When plans are announced, and students are left to hope that something will be done when, it is essentially too late to change them.

These forums are a great way to bring up the issues that are brought up to the administration. However, if we do not voice these issues, then the change that students desire will simply make the changes that it feels need to be made, which leads to student frustration.

Lack of concern for projects that will impact the student body all the way through graduation is not a valid reason for not attending other sports, much less the members of every other athletic team to support the football team.

The next time the administration has forums on changes, we encourage students to attend and make their suggestion to the betterment of the university.

Old Gold & Black

Jeff Merski

Julie M. mereka, the director of the Toronto Star, on a cruise, was returning to the United States after stowing away on a truck in a drive-up to Canada.

"We have a confirmed ride now back to California."

"University students are very protective, thus affecting sales of the gum."

"A shop owner in Guangzhou, China, on the response of students who pelted him with the gum, which used the Chinese national anthem in an ad for the gum on Russian television.

"It will be a world first – and with real police handouts, not plastic ties. So I hope they have all the keys too."

A spokesperson for Hendon police training college in London, on a charity event where 400 people will chain themselves together using handcuffs to attempt to set a new world record.

"We made it to the Orange Bowl! Thanks to Coach Grobe, our team is finally #1!" Anyone who is familiar with Wake Forest would know that this is not true. The team has been ranked in the top ten for most of the season, but has yet to break into the top five.

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day, Dec. 5, the students of room 208 waited for the door to open. They were eager to see their substitute teacher, a woman who had been assigned to teach them for the day. As the door finally opened, they rushed into the room, eager to learn what they would be doing that day.

The substitute teacher, a former school teacher, had been asked to fill in for the regular teacher who was on maternity leave. She had prepared a lesson on the history of the American Civil War, but she had not had much time to plan. She decided to teach a lesson on the lives of soldiers and the impact of the war on American society.

The students were eager to learn, but they were also worried. They had heard that the substitute teacher was strict and that she had a reputation for giving hard tests. They were not sure what to expect.

As the lesson began, the substitute teacher talked about the lives of soldiers during the Civil War. She showed the students pictures of soldiers in uniform and described the conditions they faced in the trenches and on the battlefield. She also talked about the impact of the war on American society, including the loss of life and the destruction of property.

The students were engaged and asked many questions. They were eager to learn more about the lives of soldiers and the impact of the war on American society.

The substitute teacher ended the lesson by asking the students to write a short essay on what they had learned. She promised to return the essays the following day.

The students left the room feeling tired but satisfied. They had learned a lot about the Civil War, and they were eager to learn more. They had a feeling that they would remember the lesson for a long time to come.
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Michael Drum came to Wake Forest after a stint at Presbyterian College to try and fulfill a dream of playing for a team that he had watched throughout his life. The then walk-on played with the likes of Chris Paul and Eric Williams and had little hope of regular playing time. Drum has since become a leader on a young Deacon squad and in his senior season is one of the team's leading scorers and arguably its most consistent player, averaging 8.9 points and 2.8 rebounds per game. The Old Gold & Black's sports editor Ryan Durham sat down with Drum to talk about his personal style of play, the goals he wants to see accomplished this season, the differences between playing at Presbyterian and Wake Forest and his experience as a walk-on.

On being a walk-on:

It was very interesting. The first person I met was John Buch, and he was quite a character. It was a tough role to fill, knowing that you come in every single day on the score team and that you're never going to get a chance to play, or at that point I didn't think. I would think it was very tough, facing reality and basketball.

On the difference from playing at Presbyterian:

For one, there are probably 15,000 more fans here than there were at my old games. The competition level is a whole lot tougher here.

On what he wants to accomplish this season:

I would love to make it to the NCAA tournament. I've personally never played in one, but of course we're going to have to start winning a lot more games than we are right now. But we want to continue our post-season streak and we're going to do whatever it takes.

On the team's biggest strength:

The big man in the middle, Kyle Visser. He's our go-to-man. He's like the black hole in there. We have to get him the ball every single time, and that's what we're trying to do in order to win.

DEACON NOTES

Drum, M., Senior, JURIAL HALL, M.C.

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On being a transfer and playing time:

Coming in with those guys like Chris Paul, Jamaal Levy and Trent Strickland, I never thought I'd see the court. Just being able to compete in practice and make them better made me happy enough.

On his style of play:

I'd like to say acrobatic and stuff like that, but it's just not true. Consistent is obviously the best one. I'm very sound, and that's what I try to bring each and every night.

On the difficulty of having two upperclass leaders:

It's a lot tougher. We're trying to instill in them that attitude and drive and hunger in them to win every ACC game, especially on the road.

On what the team wants to do in the ACC:

We have to step up our defense. I mean obviously we have to be able to get stops and we have to be able to stop the heading once a team makes a run, and that's where we're focusing the most right now.

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3. Make some money

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6. Manage your finances

7. Lose weight

8. Take care of your health

9. Stop getting parking tickets

10. Meet more friends with money

11. Make some more friends

You remember when you couldn’t go anywhere without hearing the Garden State soundtrack? Well, The Shins’ album has certainly evolved since their 2000 release, The Choo Choo Train. World is what Quinn describes as “a brilliant, but hardly a necessary, sequel to a very successful debut.” Though the title of the new album may seem like a play on an old Chumbawumba song, it does have a more relevant pur-
pose.

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