Chalk, Settlemire, Ayoub win SG run-offs

The final three spots for the Student Government 2003-2004 Executive Board Electees were determined by head-to-head races to determine the winners of the positions. Junior Trip Chalk was elected student body president over junior Mark Arinci. Freshmen Kristen Settlemire and Peter Ayoub won their offices of vice president and secretary respectively. They join junior Laura Bergfield, who was elected speaker of the house in the first round of elections last week, sophomore Lisa Taylor. Chalk received 785 votes to Arinci’s 632 to win the presidency. His victory comes a year after he was disqualified while running for the same position. After election day last year, Chalk says he was called before the elections committee and cited for several violations, including hanging posters in illegal areas and negative campaigning. He appealed their decision to the Student Life Committee; however, he says they could not overrule the decision without curbing interference. Said assistant vice president chief information officer Jay Dominick. “I think I was a threat to some of the former people,” he said. “There are people who have been in Student Government their whole life and they were a little unsteady about me being student body president as a sophomore and maybe changing some things that they had been working on for awhile.”

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Fire damages MainStage

Into the Woods set ruined by flames, smoke and water

By Tori Borowski Old Gold and Black Reporter

A fire caused damage to the stage, set and props of the theatre department April 2 in the MainStage Theatre in Scales Fine Arts Center. Prior to opening night of the University Theatre production of Into the Woods, the stage caught fire and had spread much of the stage of the MainStage Theatre.

Although the sprinkler system had been activated immediately, firefighters were still needed to completely extinguish the fire.

According to Kevin Cox, the assistant fire chief for public affairs and the director of media relations, the fire was the result of a short in the electrical circuit of the pyrotechnic equipment to create a smoke on stage for Into the Woods.

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Information about the incident was forwarded to Harold Holmes, associ-
ate vice president and dean of student services.

Trespassing

University Police issued a trespassing warning to an individual not affiliated with the university receiving several verbal complaints that he had been asking people for money on the Magnolia Quad from 1:15 p.m. March 25.

Miscellaneous

University Police assisted officers from the Winston-Salem Police Department in a domestic dispute on Brookwood Drive around 6 p.m. April 3.

Information about the incident was forwarded to the dean’s office.

University Police responded to 48 calls during April 1-4, including 10 incidents and investigations and 38 service calls.

Girls Gone Wild

Thief

$20 was stolen from one student’s wallet and $100 from another student’s wallet from two different unlocked lockers in a locked room in the Man-
chester Athletic Center around 2:34 p.m. March 25.

$60 was stolen from a university employee’s purse in an unlocked locker in a locked room in the Benson University Center food court between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. April 2.

Heritage

A student reported to University Police that she received several harassing phone calls from a former boyfriend on March 29 and 30. University Police cited a student for harassment after he posted flyers on campus about another student on April 1.

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Breaking and Entering

A student’s car was broken into at his residence on University Parkway and his laptop computer and some cash were stolen between 12:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. April 2. The total value of the stolen items was $2,074.

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Male summit draws lowest turnout ever

By Stephanie Bennett

News Editor

The university’s Multicultural Male Summit held its annual Male Summit on April 3, drawing lower attendance numbers than in the past.

Last year’s summit, distinguished by keynote speaker Michael Eric Dyson, a professor in the humanities at the University of Pennsylvania and noted black intellectual, drew about 50 people for the day’s sessions and 350 for the evening keynote presentation, according to Bost. In 2002, the first year of the Multicultural Male Caucus and the summit, a crowd of about 1,000 gathered for Cornell West’s address.

“I don’t know what you can do to get people to come out,” Bost said, “but they need us. Diversity is part of education.”

The event’s theme was “Focus Into Me-Sce: Breaking Down Stereotypes through Cultural Exchange” was chosen in response to several controversies this year involving university minority students, such as the altercation of the now-infamous Male/homecoming article and remarks by Dyson at Winston-Salem State University referring to Wake Forest University as “Faky Forest.”

“I and other students have been struggling with the stereotypes of conservative masculinity and the over-estimating ourselves to the culture here,” Bost said.

The intimacy aspect was in response to the perception that males, especially black men, do not have a sensitive side. Bost said, “Intimacy was one of the words that came up [when planning the theme], that it’s not masculine for men to be intimate with each other.”

“One Race, One People, One Peace” had originally been slated for performance in the evening, but due to an incident in Scales earlier in the evening, was moved to Pugh Auditorium.

The university Multicultural Male Caucus and summit is part of the university’s larger diversity initiatives. Multi-cultural Male Summit was created to provide a forum for students to discuss important issues, such as race, gender, and race.

The summit continues to provide a place for support and community, a theme that was central to the summit’s success.

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As the home of the two-time national championship field hockey program, the university athletic department greatly desires to hold both the future ACC field hockey championships and even the NCAA championships on campus.

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“Not only will we pursue higher profile use in field hockey, but we will also try to attract more track and field events,” he said.

For the remainder of the spring athletic season, partnerships have been established with the local high schools, Mount Tabor and Reynolds high schools, the athletic department hopes to bring two events to the track and field facility.

Kemother gets a face-lift

Kemother Stadium being resurfaced, of-limits until August

By Roy Davies
Old Gold and Black Reporter

As of April 1, the university’s Kemother Stadium will be closed for all student and athletic use.

The closing is the result of renovations that will likely be completed by the beginning of August.

Both the artificial turf and the track will be resurfaced for the first time since the original construction of the stadium in 1990.

After an extended period of evaluating these surfaces, the athletic department decided changes needed to be made. Instrumental in the decision and planning processes were Ron Wellmann, the director of athletics, Becky Wooten, the assistant athletic director, Wayne Williams, the assistant to the athletic director and Steven Adams, the director of operations and facilities.

According to Adams, gaps had begun to form in the field and water damage had become a serious issue to the safety of these surfaces.

“Though both the field and track surfaces were state of the art when first installed, they received significant wear and tear, and safety became a primary concern,” Adams said.

“With separation beginning to occur on each surface, it was imperative we create a track to become somewhat uneven and add additional problems pressure on the construction of the Miller Center,” he said. “Something had to be done, he added.

The new surface on the playing field is called Astro-12, a styrofoam. The latest technology in synthetic athletic surfaces, Astro-12 struggles to resurface playing surface while maintaining pristine playing surface,

The new track will be a full x9 m expandable polyurethane surface made by Byson Corporation. This will allow for optimal all-weather drainage and watering issues that were originally associated with the Miller Center was constructed.

The height of the Miller Center has kept the track for this border virtually jetted in shade, and its constructed surfaces were state of the art land surrounding it, including that of the track.

DESK paints smiles on kids’ faces

By Sarah Ortinger
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Senior Elizabeth Eubanks and Tyreese Kurlis watched carefully as their fellow students took part in an effort to paint desks for the Old Town Elementary School.

Two of this year’s 15 committee members, Eubanks and Kurlis, were just two of the 25 volunteers from the Old Gold and Black, who were present to help with the painting.

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The team then helped paint it. After Easter, DESK will deliver the desks to the students at their homes and offer advice on effecting, such as eliminating distractions like television and allowing a specific time for homework.

Although many university organizations and about 100 students at Old Town Elementary expressed interest in DESK, both Eubanks and Kurlis agreed that in the future the project will have to remain limited to fewer than 30 desks.

“Another large event would limit the bonding between the students and university," said Eubanks.

However, the pair is excited about the prospect of adding lamps, chalk, and other office equipment to the list of painted items in the years to come.

They also hope that other schools, said, “We’re very excited about the idea of DESK and the idea of our organizations will look into adopting a local elementary school."

Kurlis added that the university athletic department would like to see DESK receive funding from the local Big Brother/Big Sister organization, the most recent type of service the university athletic department has been involved in.

20th three Old Town Elementary School student received desks that they painted April 6 with university students.
All then-sophomore Trip Chalk wanted was to be a voice for the student body, but when he was disqualified, there was no platform for him. "I believe in the power of the people and because she was the first to put one up, and because she was the only one, people are excited to be at Wake," said.setlemire. "It's a good place to be."

Run-off: Exec board chosen

A new feature to this campaign was the use of student media to help get out their message. Arinci was the first to post one online. "I thought it would be neat to be president so I'm going to run," said Chalk. Chalk plunged himself into working on his campaign. "Instead of making progress we've fallen farther behind," said David Weinstein, a professor of political science and the current AAPU chapter president.

The board also approved several other cost-cutting measures. The last measure is to maximize Reynolda campus capacity by trying to fill more rooms each semester with non-degree-seeking students, said Gordon. Although it appears like only a few professors' opinions on the budget have been vocal, the sentiments are shared by many. "We're critical because we care," said Arinci.

Amorsed measures taken

Because of the economic downturn, more than a few university dollars are being scrutinized. Among Stanford, Harvard, Cornell, Harvard, Rice, Dartmouth and Emory, among others, have had to restrict their spending for this year. Other measures employed by these universities to counter budget shortfalls include hiring freezes, eliminating positions, spending cuts, and giving only raises that match the rate of inflation. Gordon said that a hiring freeze for the current year is not necessary. "We are trying to find ways of increasing income," said Arinci.

The faculty and staff salary freeze was not the only restriction that the trustees imposed to help alleviate budget problems. The board also approved several other cost-cutting measures, as well as some steps to increase the university revenue. Reaffirming budget deficit will decrease the university's annual debt payments, according to the April 3 board meeting minutes. Other such measures are reducing costs on some administrative and operational expenses. A new feature to this campaign was the presence of student media to help get out their message. Arinci was the first to post one online. "I thought it would be neat to be president so I'm going to run," said Chalk.
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Scales staff and faculty and the Into the Woods stage manager were the only people with keys to the MainStage Theatre.

The stage was locked until 5 p.m. when some members of the cast and crew came to prepare for that evening’s performance.

No one saw anyone in the theatre before the fire began. Because of the fire, the performance of Into the Woods that evening was immediately cancelled.

A considerable portion of the set for the play was irreparably damaged.

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While the set received the brunt of the fire injury, smoke damage has caused all of the costumes owned by the university theatre to need to be dry-cleaned before use, Friedenberg said.

The cost of the damages has yet to be officially determined, but according to Friedenberg, the cost of one curtain is between $5,000 and $10,000.

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The performance was supposed to be held April 22 and the university is not allowed to begin cleaning the damages yet.

The performances of Into the Woods that were originally scheduled for April 3, 4 and 7 have been rescheduled at 7:30 p.m. April 8, 9 and 10 in Brendle Recital Hall.

Any remaining tickets are now available at the Theatre Box Office in Scales Fine Arts Center and at the door prior to each performance.

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Left: Orchestra director David Hagy addresses cast and crew members of Into the Woods and assembled students hours after the fire at the MainStage Theatre in Scales Fine Arts Center. Below: Emergency personnel respond to the fire, which was caused by the short circuiting of electrical equipment, and damaged the vast majority of the set and props for Into the Woods.

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Will increased enrollment work?

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In taking these measures, the board stated that they wish to position the university to meet the needs of those wishing to study abroad in the near future. Even while taking into account that there is a substantial number of students studying abroad every year and that this number could perhaps increase each semester, they voted to admit a higher number of freshmen this year to “ensure that the board of trustees has taken into consideration the housing squeeze that will result from the one in enrollment and the massive influx of study abroad students.”

In this coming academic year, we should all vigilantly watch to keep an eye on how the board’s decisions are translated into university policy and the effects of these policies. If the university is able to maintain their promise of low faculty/student ratios with increased enrollment and housing that meets the demands and quality of living for freshmen, sophomores and upperclassmen returning from abroad, then we can applaud the decision made this past week as a success and the appropriate response to the economic hardships the university has been experiencing of late.

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William Ballard

Cast will overcome disaster to perform a meaningful play.

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The company presenting Into the Woods the after lack of experience their first experience this financial season. We have been left out of this conversation, not through any fault of our own, but due to the university’s promise of low faculty/student ratios with increased enrollment and housing that meets the demands and quality of living for freshmen, sophomores and upperclassmen returning from abroad, so that we can applaud the decision made this past week as a success and the appropriate response to the economic hardships the university has been experiencing of late.
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Mike Peterson hired to lead women's basketball team

New head coach recruited programs at Gonzaga, New Mexico State and TCU

By Jason Maza

Less than a month after announcing that the University of Minnesota men's basketball team would be without head coach Randy Peterson, the one-time University of Minnesota men's basketball coach and athletic director Ken Williams announced Wednesday night that his former head coach has been hired as the head coach of the women's basketball program.

Peterson has worked under Dan Moe in the top position in the University of Minnesota men's basketball program for the past five years. Before that, he was head coach at Texas Christian University, New Mexico State and Gonzaga.

"Mike has the background we desired when we started our search," Williams said. "He previously built women's basketball programs at Gonzaga, New Mexico State and TCU from the ground up."

Peterson and all three programs were successful in putting the Deacons on the map for the first time in the history of the program. At TCU, Peterson led the Horned Frogs to their winningest season ever, as they went 16-12, 7-7 in conference play. He also led the Horned Frogs to their winningest season ever, as they went 16-12, 7-7 in conference play.

He completed his second season in 2004, and the Deacons finished with a 23-9 record and went 14-6 in conference play. The Deacons advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament, where they were upset by the eventually national champion St. Mary's Gaels.

Peterson has had success in nearly every role he has held, from head coach to athletic director. He was named the head coach of the University of Minnesota men's basketball team in 2003, replacing the late Randy Peterson, who led the team to its first NCAA tournament appearance in 37 years.

Peterson's hiring was announced by athletic director Ron Wellman, who said, "Mike Peterson has been a tremendous asset to our program. We are excited to have him back as our head coach."
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and was perfect but the landlord wouldn’t let us sublet.” Though the process took a while, including not getting the first choice in a house, Graves was able to successfully find a house with which she was content. “I can’t wait to live with roommates instead of roommates next year,” she said.

Despite all of the perks, living off campus does have its downsides. Students at the university are guaranteed housing for eight semesters; however, moving off campus restricts this privilege. Also, to live off campus, students must submit an application to Residence Life and Housing in order to obtain university permission. Students must be eligible under university housing regulations in order to live off campus.

In addition, the university requires students to sign a landlord and student’s agreement. While this ensures trivial matters such as making sure the university is aware which students are living off campus, it also allows the university to guarantee that students’ living off campus abide by the rules of the Student Handbook.

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out was receiver Kevin Marion. Marion caught just one pass but carried the ball four times for 58 yards and a touchdown on the Deacs’ trademark reverse play with which they have had so much success with speedy receivers in the past.

“I think somebody’s doing a good job teaching. Kevin Marion how to run,” Grobe said jokingly. “That’s good coaching right there.”

Besides Marion and Andrews, many other redshirt freshmen, including running back Micah Andrews and tight end Zac Stadler, stood out.

“The key for me today (was that it was) fun to see some young guys step up and say, hey, I want to play a little football,” Grobe said.

However, it was not only the freshmen who played well. The returning offensive players showed that they still wanted to hold on to their spots.

Junior quarterback Cory Randolph attempted just five passes, but completed two for 68 yards, including a 40-yard attempted touchscreen to senior star receiver Jason Mauk, new-look defense excite fans in scrimmage.

“Chris is one of those guys that we’ll get plenty of reps and plenty of work in August, but this spring, we’ll give the other guys a little more work,” Grobe joked. “Chris is one of those guys that we’ll get plenty of reps and plenty of work in August, but this spring, we’ll give the other guys a little more work.”

On the defensive side of the ball, the Deacs looked extremely different from last year. For the first time since arriving at Wake Forest, Grobe will employ a traditional four-man front. Previously, because of a lack of depth on the defensive line, he had used a three-man front with two players in the secondary.

Senior Caron Bracey, who had previously manned the “bandit” position in the secondary, has moved to outside linebacker. Sophomore Pierre Easley is currently slated to start in the middle.

“I think we’ve got more flexibility than we’ve had the previous three years,” Grobe said. “You’ve got a couple different fronts to get pressure now. In the old look, with the three-man front, you basically had to blitz a lot to get pressure. We can still do that out of the four-man front, but I think we’ve got four pretty athletic kids, and two deep, that we can put pressure on the quarterback without having to bring so many guys out of the secondary.”

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“That was just a perfect ball,” Idlette said. “I kind of had a defender on my back, and he just put it up eightthree where only I could get it.”

“Displaying, humility, though, Mauk deflected the praise for the play onto his teammates.

“The offensive line protected real well on that play,” Mauk said. “Willie run a hitch and go. He just made a great catch. The thing I liked about his kicks today was even though he had to carry some distance, he got pretty good elevation.”

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Equestrian club riding high in competitions

Incoming soccer recruits include three All-Americans

Deacons will face two recruits in exhibition with U.S. U-17 team

By Peter Bergman

For the men's soccer team, the fall season ended on an all too familiar sour note when the Deacons lost to the UNCG in the NCAA tournament. With a trip on their collective shoulders, the Deacons are off to a very impressive spring campaign including one of the top recruiting classes in the nation.

The Deacons have won exhibition matches in 15, 17, 19, 35 and 38, and sought-after recruits that the Deacs are looking to get. The recruiting class could indeed represent the turning point of the new era for the Deacs, who over the last two seasons have lost All-Americans Brian Carroll, Hesmer and Jeremiah White, in addition to other key players like Saunders, Jones and Belayev.

Ironically, one of the remaining spring games is against the U.S. U-17 National Team, which includes Rein and Valentin. The match will be April 23 at Spring Stadium, giving fans their first glimpse of the two other春季比赛的对手。
IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

Ben Ingold

By Jason Mazda
Sports Editor

"I'm the biggest Duke fan ever." - Ben Ingold

Junior

The Ingold File
Born: 8/18/1982
Height: 6'2.5"
Class: Junior

The Skinny: Ingold came to the Deacs from Riverside High School in Durham, immediately stepped into the starting shortstop position and hasn't looked back. As a freshman, he was a Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-American. Last season, he started 51 of the team's 53 games and hit .317 with 34 RBIs. This season, despite the Deacs' struggles, he has provided solid fielding in the middle of the infield and consistent hitting in the middle of the batting order. He leads the Deacs with a .355 batting average this spring, and his 23 RBIs and 27 runs scored are each second on the team.

It seems like ages since the Diamond Deacs were ranked in the Top 5 in the nation. After earning a No. 1 seed in the 2002 NCAA Tournament, the Deacs endured a disappointing 2003 campaign and are now in the midst of a possible losing season. But Ben Ingold remembers being the starting shortstop on that 2002 team. And if there is a reason to believe this year's Deacs can turn it around, it is because of Ingold, their star shortstop. Our editor Jason Mazda sat down with Ingold to talk about both the past and the present.

Old Gold and Black Since your freshman year, when you were the starting shortstop on one of the nation's top teams, this squad has completely changed around you. Has that been tough for you?

Ben Ingold: It's good and bad. You really get attached to some of the guys that are older and then they leave, so you're missing your friends. But then you're also getting new friends coming in, new ballplayers, learning new things [and] new experiences. So it's both good and bad.

Q: What has been the toughest part about this losing streak?

Ingold: Man, just losing every day. I mean, we're still coming to the ballpark every day, trying to win, but just not leaving with a 'W' — that's always tough.

Q: What about when we play them in basketball?

Ingold: If it was past, would it be Kyle Sleeth?

Q: If you were on another team, which Wake Forest pitcher would you least like to face?

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Q: What is the toughest position to play? Is this true?

Ingold: Many people say shortstop is the toughest position to play, is this true?

Q: Who is the best player you've ever played with or against?

Ingold: Against — (former Clemson Tiger and current San Diego Padres) Khalil Greene.

Q: Do you have any superstitions or pre-game rituals?

Ingold: Yeah, well, I do the same thing every single day. I show up to the park and park (my car) at the same time. (I) eat Mickey D's – No. 2 combo, medium Coke, and a bacon, egg and cheese.

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Q: Do you still root for them?

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Q: If you guys were to make a run in the ACC Tournament, what team would you most like to beat in the championship?

Ingold: Florida State.

Q: Is there any reason for that? You just don't like them?

Ingold: Yeah, I'd put like to beat them 'Noles.

Q: What does this team need to do to get back on track and salvage something from this season?

Ingold: Just keep a good attitude. It'll happen. Just not get down. Believe in ourselves. Have confidence.

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Olympics will have some Deacon flavor

Asst. athletic trainer Adam Pecina to train U.S. tennis teams

By Patrick Brennan
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Assistant athletic trainer Adam Pecina will be leaving Athens this week to begin training for the 2004 Olympics world map this summer by bringing some Deac magic to the USOC training center in Colorado Springs.

Pecina joined the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) to provide sports medicine consultation and training to athletes during the 2004 Olympics in Athens. On campus, Pecina works with the football, tennis, volleyball and cheerleading and dance teams.

"He will be leaving campus to work with the USOC training center in Colorado Springs," said Old Gold and Black Assistant Athletic Trainer Dick Dailey. "Adam is one of the nation's top athletic trainers and will be a great asset to our Olympic program and the U.S. athletes in Athens."

The Inevitable Controversy

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There was the controversy surrounding the 1991 Masters, which saw many of the older members by 'let,ier, than in person, that many of those members felt that their presence in the tournament should be made easier for them to attend. They wanted to make sure that the Masters could become as nearly as common in American offices as the Super Bowl is to American sports fans.

I have a theory about this type of thing, you see. He's extremely interesting and exciting to watch. The Deac's only single loss was in 1991. He's not a great player, but he's got that much more than just a ton of untapped potential on him. He may not have one of those things happen, but he might have the best chance to succeed.
Baseball loses 10th straight game, 12-4 at Greensboro

Deacs' losing streak is their longest since 1987; record stands at 11-18 overall

By Gerard McMahon

Old Gold and Black Reporter

The baseball team's losing streak reached 10 games after being swept by North Carolina in a weekend series April 2-4. And it surely won't end for at least a week. The Deacs will face UNC-Greensboro on the road.

They took a 2-0 lead in the first, but Greensboro managed to squeeze out only three hits in the final four innings. The Deacs allowed four runs in one inning of relief before allowing five runs in the first inning before giving up a run form North Carolina in the second inning. After junior Nick Blue hit a two-run home run in the fourth, the Blue Threads allowed five runs in the first inning before giving up a run form North Carolina in the second inning. After junior Nick Blue hit a two-run home run in the fourth, North Carolina took an 8-2 lead into the ninth inning. North Carolina won the game 8-2, extending its winning streak to 16 of their last 19 games. The Deacs managed to maintain its lead in the ninth inning but couldn't score the tying run with two outs in the bottom of the fifth.

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Men's golf, Haas falter after strong start at Augusta

By Alex Myers
Associated Press

The Wake Forest men's golf team continues to struggle in final rounds. For a second straight tournament, the Deacons were in great position after two rounds but faltered in the third, sliding to a middle-of-the-pack finish.

“For the most part, we've struggled for whatever reason on the last day and I don't know what it is,” Head Coach Jerry Haas said. “That bothersome very much that I don't close better, but maybe that will happen with time.”

After a field low opening round of 67, Haas looked to be in position to win his sixth collegiate tournament. He began the final round still tied for the lead, but despite shooting a 2-under 70, he was passed by Clemson's Matt Hendrix and Duke's Nathan Smith and finished just one stroke out of the playoff in which Hendrix claimed the title.

Sophomore Kyle Reiffer had an excellent complimentary performance to his No. 1 ranked teammate. Reiffer played consistent golf with rounds of 72, 71 and 72 to finish at even par for the tournament and in a tie for 10th place, marking his fifth Top 10 finish of the season.

“Kyle has pretty much turned into a Top-10 player every week,” Haas said. “With a couple putts here and there, he'll be in the winner's circle very soon.”

For the rest of the team, disaster struck in final round of the tournament by 14 strokes, dropped the Deacs all the way down to seventh.

“Obviously, we're playing two good rounds a week and we can't put three in a row together,” Haas said. “But I'm very encouraged.”

Senior All-American Bill Haas once again led the Deacs, finishing in third place with an 8-under total of 208. Still, Haas missed out on a chance to finish above the Mets, who will used to be. They might not even be the juggernaut they

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had been at the Cleveland Golf Augusta State Invitational, held on the par-72, 7,321-yard Forest Hills Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., April 2-5. They were ahead of such highly-ranked teams as Augusta State, UCLA and Clemson.

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Despite an infill that makes more money than the entire Tampa Bay Devil Rays squad, I see the Yankees losing to the Red Sox.

Minnesota will be challenged by the Royals and White Sox, but even the reintroduced Tigers -- but they win the West. Catcher Joe Mauer, the No. 1 overall pick in the draft a few years ago, may not win the Rookie of the Year, but the team will ensure that with an opening round of 79 and a closing round of 73.

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A Part Of The Tradition
Off-campus housing suits students who desire more space and a homey atmosphere

By Tori Borowski
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The idea of living in a dorm freshman year, immediately surrounded by hundreds of other students, has a lot of appeal. The dorms are a great way to meet people, make friends and catch the sickness of the week through living in such close quarters. However, after a year or two on campus, the idea of living in a tiny box with another person begins to lose its charm.

While some enjoy waking up 10 minutes before class and running across campus to catch class, there are infinite reasons as to why many students choose to live off campus. Some complain about the lack of a personal bathroom and having to share a tiny, confined space with another person. Because of this, sophomore Shelby Graves has opted to live off campus next fall.

“There is nothing besides the convenience that I like about living on campus,” Graves said. “I hate living in one room all the time and having to leave my room if I want to get some work done.”

Living on campus is not even an option for some students. Fifth-year senior Sam Williamson chose to live off-campus in the fall because housing is not guaranteed after eight semesters.

“I moved into an apartment because after four years, the university kicks you off. It was a good thing though—I love living off-campus.”

Sam Williamson
Fifth-year senior

The options for students wishing to live off-campus consist mainly of apartments for rent, houses and townhouses to rent or buy and renting rooms within private homes.

Renting an apartment off campus is a popular choice for many students because of the proximity of many apartment complexes to campus. Crowne Partners owns Crowne Oaks, Crowne Park and Crowne Polo—three complexes located close to campus.

Angela Blue, the community director at Crowne Oaks said, “We are unsure of the exact number (of students living in Crowne Oaks), at least half of our existing occupancy is composed of student clients from undergrads to graduate and medical students.”

Aside from their one, two and three-bedroom apartment plans, Crowne Partners also offers many added bonuses with the complexes. Crowne Oaks, Park and Polo each boasts a swimming pool, private balconies or patios and a “modern exercise room.”

Between the three complexes, there are no major differences aside from the price. Crowne Oaks is the least expensive, with prices ranging from $705-$1,025 monthly. Crowne Park’s prices span from $795-$1,100 and Crowne Polo is the most expensive with prices from $725-$1,215.

The prices within each complex vary based on floor location and special additions, such as a fireplace. The floor plans for each complex are identical with the exception of Crowne Oaks only offering one three-bedroom layout.

Despite the lack of variety between the complexes, Blue said, “We boast some of the largest square footages in the entire Triad area.”

Another option close to campus is Deacon Ridge. A newer complex that is in the process of being completed, Deacon Ridge, unlike many other apartment complexes in the area, is sale and not rental based.

Deacon Ridge offers both condos and townhomes, starting at $80,000 and $120,000, respectively. While the area is still under construction, the final product will consist of 96 condos and 57 townhomes when completed.

Although she had the option to go the apartment route, Graves chose to rent a house. “I wanted to live in a house because I want to live in a house; I want a kitchen, a living room, a yard and just space,” said Graves.

Residence Life and Housing provided Graves with a list of renting opportunities in the area. This list, available in Benson 101 or at the Residence Life and Housing Web site, tell the location of houses and apartments for rent, gives a brief description of the space and the name of a landlord.

In contacting the landlord, Graves ran across some problems, “We had a house that was on Polo.” See Housing, Page B10
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Some of you might be much better at handling over a debit card than lifting a pot, in which case you might want to go to your grocer of choice and pick up some fresh fruit such as grapes, apples and strawberries. You may be tempted to bring pineapples or melons, but those just aren't a smart choice – they're messy and only taste good when roasting in their own juices. Juices and glasses don't mix well. Cheddar cheese comes pre-sliced, and sour dough bread complement this well. Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand or a fruity Pinot Grigio make great wine selections.

Now that you have a menu, perhaps you should consider everything else you need to pack. If you have a commercial picnic basket, then good for you. Pack all your picnic gear in the handy built-in compartments. If you're working on a budget, then you might want to consider a Styrofoam cooler that you can get for around $2 at a gas station. It won't look very pretty, but at least you won't get food poisoning and your wine can be chilled.

You'll also need something to eat off of and drink from. Chinet plates are sure to impress, but the generic brands work nearly as well. Drinking wine from Solo cups on a picnic is in a phrase not cool. Go to Wal-Mart or the Dollar Store and get wine glasses that you can keep for around $0.50 a piece. Getting the wine glasses from your room to your picnic location can be as easy as wrapping them in dish towels and putting them at the top of your Styrofoam cooler. You've got food, wine and some classy dining ware. Just find a companion, a clean blanket and a prime picnic location can be as easy as wrapping them in dish towels and putting them at the top of your Styrofoam cooler.

You've got food, wine and some classy dining ware. Just find a companion, a clean blanket and a prime picnic location. You've got yourself a wine-inspired picnic. Good luck and drink well.

This is the second in a three-part series in which Life Editor Jennifer Holland, excited that she's now 21, will share her love of and experience with all things wine. In our next course in wine appreciation, we teach you how to spread out in style with a wine-influenced picnic.
How to lose a date in less than 10 days

Learn what not to do in order to remain a player in the dating game.

The week I am returning to my purist Brandy Jones roots. It is time for some good old-fashioned Dating 101. I will address the males first, not because I think they need the help, but because they have shorter attention spans.

First of all, don’t stay hanging out with her friends just because they are a part of the group. Think about what you wanted to hang out with, not with her other friends. You agree with her that you can get along. So these guys and girls, you can get along with. But remember that others think she is hot. Because we all know that guys and girls can’t just be friends. At the end of the day it is your life, your little nest that she is hanging out in.

Don’t expect her to stay all night in your room after a little bit of time nook. She knows that you don’t want her to stay just because you might get the urge to cuddle; you want her to stay because you are frisky when you wake up in the morning. Notice if she knows it. Of course you know if.

Speaking of which, girls, honestly.

He will never tell you that he is not interested in a date function unless you asked him for more than one of his previous functions. He might just want to talk with you. So stop by his room, knock on the door, and have a reason to speak at hot girls who are prone to wear through fabrics on stage with their expertise.

Don’t expect him to want to go to university because he will have a reason to stay at hot girls who are prone to wear through fabrics on stage... (again, true story), but that is about all you can ask of a person.

Don’t expect him to not drink at a date function just because you asked him not to. It is reasonable for a guy can only handle hearing you and your sisters' screams the lyrics to a song you made up for Ruth dances (which he thought was a bad idea to begin with) so many times before he is eventually going to need a good, stiff drink.

Don’t expect him to willingly go to university because it is something they do in the weird. You dance recitals and a cappella concerts are never going to be on the top of his agenda. If they are, then you might not be able to check his sexual preference. For one, there is a good chance he might just want to go because he has a reason to stay at hot girls who are prone to wear through fabrics on stage with their expertise.

Don’t expect him to say to wake up in the afternoon just to wait for you to come from class so you can hang in the daylight hours. He is going to fall asleep. It is in his chromosomes. If nothing else, think what is important to you, and if you need him to hang out because he is. If he is there, it is because you asked him to.

Don’t expect him to stand by while you make out with someone else. There would be no “pumpkin,” “babes” or “absurd” of any kind. Any “absurd” which is the one and the only one of his time period.

Don’t expect him to ask mushy with you around anyone else with a penis. There would be no “tactful” “pumpkin,” “absurd” or “absurd” of any kind. Any “absurd” which is the one and the only one of his time period.

Don’t expect him to act overly concerned about anything that bothers you. He doesn’t mean it. He just wants to hide his feelings. Because doesn’t want to make you cry because that is his one true fear.

Don’t expect him to burst by the early thing because you don’t. It is because you are going to see and things that can be explored alone.

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Iron & Wine redefines music of the American South

By Britt Buster

Old Gold and Black Review

The south has a lot to offer to music. If one looks close enough, an intriguing study of how the American south was actually responsible for a very large portion of pop music; namely, with its roll, blues, folk, and country.

But one major question: Is that it that music that sounds like it comes from the South even not even geographically close?

For example, Creedence Clearwater Revival were formed in El Cerrito, Calif. Most of the “southern gentlemen” I know would take this group as one of their own.

But the list doesn’t stop there. The Band was from Toronto, the Grateful Dead was from San Francisco, the Byrds were by Los Angeles, and ZZ Top was from Houston.

That brings us to Sam Beam, better known by his alias (and group’s name) Iron & Wine.

This is just pure idiocy.

Iron & Wine: Endless Numbers

Old Gold and Black

Weirdos and You Jr. to do that. Would you rather date someone that had no friends and therefore just as much was there with you, or get with. So these guy friends of hers can just because they are in a different group then you. Because the only reason you wanted to get with her is because you knew it! You might think that her excuse of, “I was thinking about you” e-mails that you send, is not much more important than the-real and hard because the warm fronts of blouse are no longer there to hold behind.

Guitar parts are clearer, different instruments are immediately distinguishable and there is much more important placed on percussion, which was practically non-existent on Creed.

The percussion gives DJays interesting texture with a “chord part” in the “Wings” and “Free Until You Meet Me Down,” we see a bluesy side of Beam that, until now, has been underdeveloped.

The result is something that sounds like Gram Parsons covering Captain Beefheart – occasionally becoming weirdly funny but still remaining down homey.

While the percussive element is interesting, the most affecting element of any Iron & Wine song, by a long shot, is Beam’s fantastic voice. It sounds like a happy, breather Nick Drake, but he can harmonize as well as any Covered. Some songs like “Someday You’ll Understand” and “Sunset Soon Forgotten,” Beam makes an impressive case for how powerful the human voice can be in creating emotion through song and sound alone.

In addition to these, the 11 tracks beam, melodies writes lyrics capable of coming from any time period. His characters face enduring issues from love to death to Christianity to war, things most anyone has dealt with and things that can be reclaimed and over. Even Win and Win’s Our Endless Numbers astound us in the area it borrows its sound from.

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