Vandalism raises concerns of prejudice

Cases of hate-inspired vandalism along with an unflattering ranking for LGBTQ outreach sparks discrimination worries

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On Sept. 12, Angela Mazaris, director of the LGBTQ Center, returned to her office on the second floor of Benson and discovered the words "Rot in Hell" written on center's sign outside the entrance.

This recent incident of hate-inspired vandalism on campus directed towards the LGBTQ community has rekindled longstanding concerns about acceptance and tolerance at the university.

"There have been other incidents of hateful graffiti and vandalism," Mazaris said.

"But our space and signage has not been defaced before."

The incident is believed to have taken place between 4-5 p.m. Sept. 12 when Mazaris left the center briefly. Upon her return, she noticed the message had been scrawled across the sign in pen.

Another anti-gay vandalism incident took place earlier in the month at Palmer Residence Hall, where a wet floor sign being used in the building was similarly defaced.

An unknown individual wrote another slur directed at gay students living in the hall.

While these types of issues are largely uncommon, they have renewed serious concerns among students, faculty and the administration that the problem of discrimination based on sexual orientation continues to hang over the campus.

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New security protocols limit use of Barn

Initially designed to be an on-campus venue for student social events, the Barn has been used less and less because of new restrictions from the administration.

The music is blaring, the dance floor is packed, the energy is high. It is a typical Friday night at the Barn on the university's campus in November of 2011.

Today, the Barn still stands, but on most nights it remains empty.

Although there are over 60 events scheduled at the Barn this fall, few students have heard of the Barn being used this semester.

"I don't even know if any events have been held [at the Barn] this year," said junior Lisha Gu. While the administration claims that the Barn is more popular than ever, only 11 of those 60 events planned at the Barn are IFC fraternity parties, something the Barn has been used for often in the past.

Since the Barn's opening in 2011, the Barn has seen a decline in IFC events. Last semester, no fraternities reserved the Barn and this semester only 11 dates have been reserved by organizations in IFC.

Two of these events have been cancelled and one has already happened, leaving only eight dates for potential parties at the Barn this semester.

Some student groups are reluctant to use the Barn because of a new policy that forces a security officer to be present at all events that are expected to have over 200 people in attendance.

"The security guideline is new this year and was created to address safety concerns in the Barn," said Annie Carlson, associate director of student leadership and organizations. "Especially in light of other safety concerns around campus last year."

This new policy stems from a security guideline implemented for the 2012-2013
Hate speech does not reflect campus community

In November 2011, the Old Gold & Black ran a news story on its front page detailing the vandalism of fraternity lounge doors with homophobic slurs. The story was picked up by regional newspapers and grabbed local headlines.

Despite the progress that this campus has made, a similar incident was reported at the university’s LGBTQ Center last Thursday. The words “Rot in Hell” were scrawled across the center’s signage in an attempt to threaten and intimidate the university’s LGBTQ community.

The incident speaks to a larger issue at Wake Forest. This university struggles with anonymous action. The cowardly act committed against the LGBTQ Center inclusion and acceptance as it becomes increasingly diverse.

This being said, this one instance of hate speech does not reflect the entire campus community. Progress has been made in the past few years. This summer Angela Mazaris, director of the LGBTQ center, told the OGB staff that Wake Forest ranked 4.5 out of 5 stars on the Campus Pride’s LGBT Climate Index.

This ranking does show signs of progress, but it is not enough. We encourage members of the Wake Forest community to fight against hateful speech on campus.

Although it may be easier to turn our heads and ignore racist, sexist or homophobic actions at the university, it is important to denounce them.

We need to develop the courage to speak against hate crimes and threatening actions. What’s more, these actions contradict our slogan of Pro Humanitate.

To those who are new to the campus community, do not be afraid to be yourself. This editorial staff stresses that the cowardly actions taken by an anonymous individual are not indicative of the attitudes or opinion of the campus population as a whole.

The students and faculty have taken great strides in inclusion by promoting Safe Zone training, providing more diverse opportunities for religious engagement and a number of different organizations for racial and ethnic minorities. We applaud these efforts but we hope more progress is still to come.

We are all Demon Deacons. We all need to support one another.
Deacon Profile: Kendall Tarte

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Kendall Tarte has been an associate professor of French at the university since 1997. After studying English with a minor in French at an undergraduate at the University of Virginia, Tarte moved to France, where she taught English at the Université de Bordeaux before returning to Virginia to earn a Ph.D. in French Renaissance Literature. She currently teaches various French literature and advanced grammar courses as well as a first year seminar, Paris: From Department Stores to Mystery Stories.

What made you want to study French?

I just sort of came to it as I was in my undergraduate studies. I had studied French my whole life, but I had never actually been abroad or anything. I wanted to continue to get to know France, so I went there. The first time I went, I was working as an Au Pair and living with a family, but I later taught English in Bordeaux before returning to UVA to get my Ph.D. in French Literature.

What types of classes do you teach?

I teach all different levels of French, especially the bridge courses like 200-level literature and culture and a 300-level advanced grammar. I love both of those, but I also love the first year seminar that I teach. It is called Paris: From Department Stores to Mystery Stories, and we focus on literature from the 19th Century through the 20th Century and up to a contemporary fiction novel. This first year seminar course is also different from most in that it is made up of all young women. The students this semester are part of a Living and Learning Community, where they all live in the same building, just different halls.

What is it like teaching a class of all women living in a Living and Learning Community?

It’s also nice having a class of all women because the students are really comfortable with each other and they know each other. I like teaching guys too, but this is good for the students to help them transition to college.

What is your best advice to give to someone traveling to France?

That’s something that most Americans are not aware of. When you walk into a shop, everyone says hello. You don’t go any further than that, but just saying hello and then goodbye when you leave is a small thing that gets you very far.

What do you like about teaching abroad?

In the past, I have directed a program in Dijon, and I am directing a program there next fall. I know Dijon well and it is a great city, but you know, European cities just have such a lively feel that is sometimes missing from the U.S., especially the smaller cities. I think about what I want to go see when I go back next fall a lot, but it is not a museum or a monument, but just a food market. The vendors and different stalls not with just fruits and vegetables, but also cheese and fish — that sort of lively atmosphere is something I love and I do miss that.

What is your best advice to give to someone traveling to France?

No matter how much French you know or don’t know, you should always try to speak a little French with people. That will get you so far because the people are very receptive to someone who tries. Everyone says hello.

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What do you like to do in your free time?

I obviously love spending time with my friends and family, and enjoy traveling often. I practice power flow yoga, and I enjoy vegetarian cooking. I also walk my dog a lot. She is sort of a small lab mix. I read a lot, and spend a lot of time reading contemporary fiction.

POLICE BEAT

Larceny
- Unknown subject(s) removed an unsecured bike from the bike rack at the Miller Center. The report was filed at 9:42 p.m. Sept. 10.
- Unknown subject(s) removed an unsecured iPhone from Reynolds Gym. The report was filed at 3:40 p.m. Sept. 15.
- Unknown subject(s) removed an unsecured iPhone from Subway. The report was filed at 5:36 p.m. Sept. 15.

Underage Consumption
- University Police officers discovered an intoxicated student sitting outside of Martin.
A witness advised he saw a male punch the victim, who had consumed alcohol underage.
The victim was transported to WFUBMC. The report was filed at 2:59 a.m. Sept. 15.
- University Police responded to a call about an injured, intoxicated student in Luter.

Miscellaneous
- University Police responded to a call regarding an unauthorized party in Kitchin. Officers observed a student outside the lounge with a cup of "punch." The offender was under 21. The report was filed at 10:22 p.m. Sept. 11.
- University Police responded to a call regarding an unauthorized party in Kitchin. Officers observed a student outside the lounge with a cup of "punch." The offender was under 21. The report was filed at 2:19 p.m. Sept. 12.
- University Police responded to a call about the smell of marijuana coming from a room in Johnson. An offender was found with a grinder and an empty plastic bag that had marijuana residue. The offender was issued a state citation. The report was filed at 6:51 p.m. Sept. 12.

The idea behind the project is that research shows that students that live and learn together adjust more smoothly from high school to college.
They are my advising group as well, and this is the first year that the Office of Academic Advising has allowed the first year seminar professors to have their advising group as their class.
Wake Forest students are usually really motivated and participative in class, but this does feel different because we knew each other from the beginning. They are each other all the time, and the class is actually taught in a classroom inside of South.
Outside of class, we plan to get together as a group and do things on campus, like going to theatre events, lectures, dance recitals and the Reynolds House together. We also want to do at least one event with Campus Kitchen.

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An EMS team arrived and transported the victim to WFUBMC for treatment. The report was filed at 12:59 a.m. Sept. 14.
- University Police responded to a disturbance in Kitchin, where officers advised a student not to return to another student’s room.
Both had consumed alcohol underage. The report was filed at 6:54 a.m. Sept. 14.
- University Police officers observed students assisting an intoxicated individual on Hearn Plaza.
The offender was taken to Student Health for observation. The report was filed at 5:23 p.m. Sept. 12.
- University Police responded to a call regarding an unsecured individual on Hearn Plaza.
Both had consumed alcohol underage. The report was filed at 3:45 p.m. Sept. 14.
- A student was found heavily intoxicated in the backseat of a car in front of South Hall.
EMS responded and transported the student to WFUBMC. The report was filed at 1:14 a.m. Sept. 15.
Vandalism: LGBTQ community still faces social hurdles

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In the wake of a recent ranking from The Princeton Review, which listed the university as the seventh least-LGBT friendly institution in the nation — a listing which drew outrage from many students — some within the community are concerned that the recent events may be indicative of a larger problem of discrimination among the students.

In an email to all undergraduate students, Penny Rue, newly installed vice president for campus life, voiced her disappointment with the recent activity. “This behavior is intolerable. I know that the vast majority of you share this view,” Rue wrote. “It is within your power to turn the tide. Continue to report acts of bias. Continue to stand up for those who are being treated with disrespect. Continue to extend a hand to those who may feel alone.”

In an additional statement, Rue directly addressed the hateful language of the message. “I am deeply saddened by the painful and ignorant words of an apparent member of our community towards our vibrant and supportive LGBTQ Center,” she said. “Wake Forest is first and foremost a place of learning. Ignorance, publicly yet anonymously displayed, reminds us how important it is to educate.”

University Police declined to comment, noting that investigations are ongoing.

Mazaris, who arrived at the university to manage the LGBTQ Center, believes that while the community has made meaningful steps towards equality, a great deal of progress has yet to be made.

“I do feel like the center has been well received. I’ve seen the needle move. I feel like we’ve made real progress. But with increased visibility comes a backlash,” she continued, unsure of what may have triggered such a hateful response.

If the recent events have had any impact on Mazaris, they have only emphasized her; she feels more determined to create a campus that is inviting and accepting of all students.

“I’m very optimistic. I think WFU has made tremendous progress, but we still have real challenges,” Mazaris said. “It’s most important to keep the momentum going, to keep talking about these things.”

Mazaris cited upcoming events open to all students that the LGBTQ Center will be hosting, including an out to dinner event, weekly coffee meetings as well as viewings for films such as The Laramie Project, which will be playing on campus Sept. 21.

“What we want is for people to invite friends who wouldn’t otherwise come to the center,” Mazaris said. “We want to de-stigmatize some of the things we do here.”

As the administration continues to push for more tolerance, most students have lashed out against the recent defacement, voicing support for the LGBTQ community.

Sophomore Blake Rutledge believes the incident only reflects the views of a small minority. “It’s a shame, because acts of vandalism like this represent one small voice falsely claiming to speak for many,” Rutledge said. “It’s a message of hate promulgated by someone who most likely has never set foot in the center.”

Junior Colby Moore echoed that sentiment; that the larger efforts of the LGBTQ Center can be overshadowed by the hurtful actions of a small group of students.

“It seems like the community continues to make strides in this area,” Moore said. “But it is the actions of a few rogue individuals that continue to hurt our progress.”

The administration has pledged to continue its support of the LGBTQ Center, making the transformation of the campus a more welcoming environment a top priority. In an email statement, Rue noted that the recent events will not deter the activism of the community.

“Thankfully, the LGBTQ and Ally community is strong,” she said. “A few hateful words do not have the power to dampen our spirit or function within the community.”

Athletic department plans new renovations to the Joel

The university finalized the purchase of the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum from the city of Winston-Salem this past summer on Aug. 1.

The transaction of the arena, commonly referred to as “The Joel,” is intended to enhance the men and women’s basketball programs and create more of a “Wake Forest feel” within the facility.

According to Athletic Director Ron Wellman, the university plans to spend $10 million to renovate the arena.

This figure, in addition to the $8 million purchase, brings the entire cost of the project to $18 million. Wellman says the athletic department will be raising the necessary funds to pay for the entire investment by themselves.

“The coliseum, unfortunately, does not have that great of a reputation in the promoter’s world,” Wellman said. “Once we upgrade it and manage it appropriately, we think we can develop a reputation that this is a place to come for various acts and entertainers.”

Wellman said that the major renovations will not begin immediately but said there was a lot of room for improvement in the electrical and plumbing systems as well as other parts of the arena. This year will be used to create a “strategic facility plan” for the future of the Joel Coliseum.

The designs to upgrade to arena will be created over the next year and will be impacted by surveys all constituencies, including the opinion and advice of student body. Eventually Wellman hopes the fill up the arena with more Wake Forest paraphernalia to have it more representative of the school and its basketball history. However, no such items will be implemented until all of the plans are decided.

“Right now, when you walk into the venue it is a city-venue. It doesn’t feel like Wake Forest. It doesn’t look like Wake Forest,” Wellman said. “There isn’t a lot of uptempo or Wake Forest in the arena right now. It’s an electric place when we have good crowds there, but there isn’t anything you drive by that would suggest that is where Wake Forest plays basketball.”

Other potential major changes that will be considered and decided on over the course of the season include the arena capacity, location of the student section and amenities for the fans. Wellman and other athletic officials will monitor to see whether the arena would be best with suites, club seats, family zones or table-top seating.

While many of these changes may not take effect for a few years, fans can expect to see brand new concessions stands this season as all kitchens and food outlets have been gutted and rebuilt. The main rationale behind the purchase of the arena was enabling the basketball programs to compete at the highest level and giving them a chance to succeed.

The renovation is designed to improve the prestige of the programs and entice recruits to play for the Demon Deacons. “For the future sake of our competitive status, we needed to own the coliseum,” Wellman said.

Senior student-athletes think that the new transaction will help the program recruit top talent. Freshman Jill Brunori and senior Chelsea Douglas, both who play for the women’s basketball team, feel that ownership of the arena will give more prospective players that the school is committed to a strong basketball program.

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Chi Omega wins Greeks Go Green competition

Greeks Go Green is a competition put on by the Office of Sustainability in which different Greek chapters on campus compete to be the most sustainable chapter on campus. The Greeks Go Green competition aims to involve members of the Greek community in sustainability initiatives on campus. Each semester the winning chapters gets an award recognizing their commitment to sustainability. The Office of Sustainability would like to congratulate Chi Omega on winning the Most Sustainable Chapter Award.

Multicultural Affairs kicks off signature speaker series

The office of Multicultural Affairs along with the Women's center will begin the 2013-2014 signature speaker series, "Journeys to Success" at 7 p.m. Sept. 26 in Z. Smith Reynolds Library Room 404. The guest speaker will be Valeisha Butterfield Jones, businesswoman, political strategist and co-founder of and chair of Women in Entertainment Empowerment Network. A workshop will be held earlier in the day. To sign up for the workshop register at womenscenter.wfu.edu/events/valeisha-butterfield-jones/.

Active Minds organization hosts ALIVE! Mental Health Fair

Active Minds student run organization hosts ALIVE! Mental Health Fair Oct. 1 in Benson University Center Rooms 409 and 410. The fair is a program of the Kristin Brooks Hope Center and is sponsored by the Benjamin Louis May Fund. It was created to provide a educational suicide prevention program aimed at college students. Students will be given the opportunity to go through suicide prevention training session and engage in interactive exhibits dealing with mental health awareness.
Assault sparks questioning of campus safety

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At 2:59 a.m. on Sept. 15 a police report was filed regarding a male student being assaulted outside of Martin student center. According to University Police Sgt. LeSia Finney, many additional security measures were put into place over the summer including the addition of a fence that was built around north campus with keypad secured gates that are monitored by security camera. Inititiatives were also taken to increase the number of University Police patrols in the Student Drive and Polo Road areas as well as the addition of another night security officer. These changes in security came from the administration's response to the fact that in the spring 2013 semester, the number of break-ins and larcenies had reached 124 by late February, far surpassing the 81 burglaries that occurred in the 2011 calendar year. This increase triggered the administration to act by closing the security gates earlier, adding additional night patrols by University Police, having a larger presence of the Winston-Salem Police Department in the surrounding area and starting to draw up plans for the fence around the north campus perimeter. However, despite the university's efforts to bolster university security, students have still reported several instances in which non-university students have made their way onto campus. "I was going over to the theatre house with a friend on a Friday night and there were several individuals just waiting on the other side of the gate as we went through," junior Ryan Grouse said. "As soon as we opened the gate they walked through and on to campus. What were we supposed to do? We didn't know if they were students or not or what their intentions were so we just went on our way." One fraternity president, on the condition of anonymity, said that his fraternity has also still had problems with non-students entering their parties despite the change in security measures. At one event in particular the non-students forced their way behind the bar and forcibly removed alcohol from the event. "I feel like the campus is safer than before but I still think the school lacks some security in regards to visitors who walk onto campus," junior Jake Cucarola, president of Sigma Nu fraternity, said.

Some students agree with Finney that the campus is more secure this semester. "I do think the increased security on north campus with the added gate and key card access, as well as the additional police officers have made campus more safe and secure," sophomore Frances Neal said. Other students, however, believe the added security adds to the feeling of a secure campus. "I think that even if the new fence hasn't proven to be extremely effective," junior Allison Callahan said. "It makes us feel safer knowing that there is some boundary between those who live on north campus and the neighborhood."

ThinkPads receive mixed reviews from students

New plans to improve technology applications have begun by upgrading students' personal computers

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Upon their arrival, freshmen were handed brand new X1 Carbon ThinkPads, the resulting computer choice after a two-year long laptop evaluation program the university undertook called "Next Steps in Academic Technology." Many different groups on campus, including various students and faculty, filled out surveys reviewing the ThinkPad T430 that was handed out last year. The Information Technology Executive Committee (ITEC) then chose these computers with the upgrades based on input from students and faculty that completed the survey.

"In addition to the Carbon being thinner and lighter, there are many other improvements over the T430s," Rick Matthews, assistant provost for technology and information systems, said. "The solid state drive is more than 10 times faster than last year's mechanical hard drive. The memory has doubled, battery life has increased slightly, the screen is brighter and has higher contrast and the trackpad has been enhanced. In order to obtain these benefits, other popular features were removed from the new models. To get the size and weight down, the optical drive, analog monitor port and internal Ethernet port were eliminated," Jacqueline Petrow, dean of the college, said. "To get the high speed of a solid state drive, we went to a smaller capacity drive. These were deemed appropriate compromises, given the quality of the new machine."

For many freshmen, these updates do not mean as much. "Overall, I think being able to have the ThinkPads is a great idea because it allows me to easily connect to the university network," freshman Angelique Bassard said. "Others are not as impressed. "The new Windows 8 OS, which the ThinkPad uses, was originally designed for touchscreen computers," freshman Chase de Grood said. "And because the ThinkPads aren't touchscreen, it is actually more difficult to navigate the computer. Also, the trackpad is really buggy. The sensitivity jumps all over the place for no reason." Some who have been the transition from the older model to the new model are much more positive about this year's upgrades.

"The new computers are a huge improvement, especially with the touchscreen feature," junior Emma Northcott said. "It's much faster — towards the end my old computer couldn't even process simple videos without buffering for ages — and just seems to run more efficiently." While many acknowledge the improvements that have been made, some features are missed. "I like that the new ThinkPads are thinner and lighter than the old ones, but I really miss the CD drive," junior Emily Nehvidek said. "I would rather have a thicker computer that has the ability to play CDs and DVDs than a thinner one that's less practical."

The ThinkPad switch was just one of the outcomes of this "Next Steps in Academic Technology" process. Two experimental programs were started in order to allow the administration to evaluate how technology is used in education. One of these programs lets faculty members use Apple products and report on their effectiveness. The other program allows some students to access university programs virtually, so that they can be used on any device, not just a school-issued computer.

Additionally, the ITEC is starting a task force called the Vision 2020 Committee to investigate new technologies and determine which would be beneficial for Wake Forest. "The Task Force will develop a long-term vision for the use of technology for academic purposes," Matthews said. "It will develop a report to be shared with the campus community and the information technology executive committee (ITEC) detailing technologies that show promise for enhancing teaching and learning in the coming years."

Matthews listed WebEx, Google apps for Education and Corel Suite among the new software additions, stating that other features will be added in years to come.
LGBTQ Center responds to vandalism

As many of you have heard by now, the large banner that stands outside the LGBTQ Center was vandalized on Thursday afternoon. An unknown person wrote the words “rot in hell” on our sign. I have struggled with how to respond to this act, and indeed, with what to say about it publicly. I did not want to unnecessarily upset those students who did not see the hateful words, who may have been happier not knowing that some member of our community wishes them ill. I also worried that by drawing attention to this act of vandalism, I would detract from the amazing strides we have made over the past several years toward becoming a campus that values and nurtures difference.

Ultimately, however, the point of hateful graffiti is to cow us with fear and make us feel disempowered to speak the truth of our lives. So this is what I want to say to you: in the two years since the LGBTQ Center opened, we have come from being a small office tucked away in a dark hallway to being a bustling center that is overflowing with energy, passion and kindness. Thousands (yes, thousands) of Wake Forest students have visited the LGBTQ Center over the past two years, and many of you come in on a regular basis to drink coffee, chat with friends, use the library, find resources, talk to me and my staff, meet someone like yourself, meet someone different than yourself or to just hang out on our fabulous sofas.

The people who come to the LGBTQ Center are black, white, brown, male, female, gay, straight, Muslim, Christian, Jewish, atheist, liberal, conservative and everything in between. What we have in common is a commitment to creating a Wake Forest where every single person feels valued for who they are.

I am saddened that a member of our campus is missing out on the incredible sense of love, affirmation and connection that you all share with another. To the person who defaced our sign, I invite you to come and talk to me, and learn more about Wake Forest’s LGBTQ community. (I also invite you to reflect on a principle that my five-year-old is currently mastering—don’t write on other people’s signs.) To those of you who already know and love the LGBTQ Center, I encourage you to be ambassadors for our message of inclusion across campus.

Know that others are watching you, and that you set the tone for how we live our values in the interactions of daily life. Please have the courage to speak up when you see or hear something exclusionary or hurtful.

Finally, for those of you who have been pained by this and other incidents of vandalism, homophobia and hate speech, please know that I am here for you, as are many, many other people. Do not hesitate to reach out to me by phone, email or stopping by the LGBTQ Center if you need help or support.

I know that we as a community are better than this incident of hatefulness might suggest. Please join me in demonstrating to our campus that here at Wake Forest, love is love.

Respectfully yours,
Angela Mazaris
LGBTQ Center, Director

Mental health requires increased attention

Mental health has become a hot topic lately, a possible result of many recent horrible mass shootings.

Still, mental health seems to fall last on politicians’ list of priorities. In response to the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School, President Obama promised nothing in regards to mental health policy but rather assured America that he would strive for stricter gun control. And while politicians steer their focus toward issues such as gun control, mental illnesses continue to spur problems, other than violence, within the American population.

If the American government truly wants to help its citizens, it needs to give a greater amount of attention and funding to the mental health system in the United States.

In previous years, mental health funding has been drastically cut. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), states have cut $1.6 billion from mental health care since 2009.

As a result, the number of available psychiatric hospital beds has dwindled. In addition to the lack of psychiatric hospitals, behavioral health patients have nowhere to go following hospitalization. This leaves many patients without the necessary facilities to handle their acute psychiatric needs or their long-term psychiatric needs.

Mental illness has an extraordinary impact on society. The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) reports one-fourth of the entire population will, at one point in their life, struggle with a mental illness.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), about 30 percent of the home-less population lives with a mental illness and 60 percent have a history of mental health conditions. NAMI states, “If you are severely mentally ill in North Carolina, odds are eight to one that you will be in a prison bed instead of a state psychiatric hospital bed.” It costs the state $27,000 more per person to incarcerate rather than treat mentally ill individuals.

NIMH affirms that around 11 out of every 100,000 people die from suicide, and for every suicide there are 11 more suicide attempts.

Were America to fund mental health care further, the costs of incarceration would go down, individuals would be less likely to become homeless and more likely to maintain employment, and most importantly, less people would commit suicide.

The solution is to increase state and federal funding for mental health care in order to fund more programs for the research, treatment and prevention of mental illnesses. In addition to programs, states need to open more mental health facilities to care for individuals’ acute and long-term mental health needs.

Even though the cost of treating mental health conditions is great, the cost of ignoring these conditions is greater. If America’s leaders continue to turn a blind eye to mental illness, the consequences will continue to burden our nation. But worst of all, people will continue to suffer and die, needlessly.

Respectfully yours,
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Word on the Quad

Why has the Barn lost popularity and do you think it is still effective as a recreational space?

“"The Barn needs more promotion for its events." Kerry Nelson (’14)
“"There are too many townies and high schoolers!" Caroline Magee (’16)
“I’ve heard that it’s expensive to reserve the space." Alex Creech (’17)
“It’s just an awkwardly sized space." Sam Larsen (’16)
I am currently an assistant manager at Campus Grounds (CG), so this response may be a tad biased. Nevertheless, I would like to take a look at the claims made to re-purpose the space dedicated to CG in the opinion piece titled "Campus Grounds cannot handle competition:"

1) **Claim:** There will be four coffee shops on campus in the spring.

**Response:** I agree, four coffee shops for 4,815 students seems a little excessive. However, what is not mentioned is that two of these four coffee shops would be Starbucks, which seems like a bigger "waste of space" than CG. Instead of looking to re-purpose the space of CG, I think it would be more efficient to look into repurposing the space of the new Starbucks for a "smoothie shop or juice bar." Just a heads up: CG sells smoothies and is the only vendor that sells cupcakes and Stacy's pita chips on campus!

2) **Claim:** Campus Grounds is "universi-fied."

**Response:** The university subsidizes CG only if it proves to be unprofitable, however, what is not mentioned is that CG goes into a large multi-billion dollar corporation and eventually reaches the pocket of the company's CEO. Comparatively, when customers purchase items from Starbucks, the profit goes into the remaining 30 percent.

In retrospect, when customers purchase items from Starbucks, the profit goes into Federal Work-Study, which covers 70 percent of employee costs, while CG pays for the remaining 30 percent.

In addition, with Starbucks, the profit goes into the space dedicated to CG in the spring. Consequently, every time you buy something from Campus Grounds, you are enhancing our campus.

3) **Claim:** "Who really needs a Milky Way mocha or a Nutella latte?"

**Response:** Nobody. Nobody really needs a Milky Way mocha or a Nutella latte. Who really wants a Milky Way mocha or a Nutella latte? A lot of people! In fact, the Liquid Nutella is one of our best sellers!

4) **Claim:** "The drinks are not of the same quality ... and the wait time for your beverage is far too long."

**Response:** Over the past year, as multiple loyal customers have agreed, CG's drink quality and service has improved greatly. We even have a couple baristas that are capable of latte art, something which seems like a bigger "waste of space" than CG.

5) **Claim:** "The student body would be better served by using the space in Taylor as a recreational area."

**Response:** Campus Grounds is a recreational area. People stop by between classes to hang out, get work done, meet professors and relax. In addition, CG gets both espresso and Starbucks line. Additionally, instead of treating you like another incorrectly spelled name on a cup, our student baristas will get to know you better each time you come in!

6) **Claim:** "Campus Grounds, which does not even accept food dollars, cannot keep up with the competition."

**Response:** CG has tried countless times to accept food dollars, however, the Wake Forest Dining contract with Aramark has prevented us from doing so.

Nonetheless, Campus Grounds has a building base of loyal customers, making the addition of another Starbucks on campus somewhat irrelevant. Additionally, this controversial article has sparked multiple discussion and comments, which gives us free press, so thank you for that!

Again, I am glad the OGB opinion piece brought up this discussion as it demonstrates how many people are unaware of how Campus Grounds functions and the unique value it provides to the Wake Forest community. I would be more than happy to further discuss this issue with anyone in person.

Respectfully yours,
Dineth Bandarage and the CG Staff

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**Letter to the Editor**

**Campus Grounds can handle the competition**

When customers purchase items from Campus Grounds, the profit goes straight back into improving Campus Grounds.

**A View from the Left | Funding**

**Campus groups deserve equal funding**

College Democrats stress the importance of funding for their organization

For now, both College Democrats and Republicans look forward to getting our student body more informed.

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Recently, the issue of funding for political organizations on campus gained attention from an article in last week's edition of the Old Gold & Black.

The author, the State Chair of the College Republicans of North Carolina, criticized UNC for defunding College Republicans on its campus to undermine ideological diversity.

At Wake Forest, we know why it's important that "College Republicans get adequate funding from Student Government." That is why the organization has received over multiple events including stand-up comedy, discussion groups and various small concerts. Moreover, CG provides a unique atmosphere for students to be individuals with its word magnets and chalkboard bathrooms.

For improved both College Democrats and Republicans lay forward to getting our student body more informed and politically active so that we can motivate our student body to take action. There's still a lot to be done, it's time to get our hands dirty my fellow Deacons.
World Wide Weber | Cannabis

Illegality of cannabis is rooted in propaganda

Cannabis has industrial and medicinal benefits outside of recreational drug use

Naturally, this wasn't good for the traditional paper and tinder industry, and the anti-marijuana propaganda began to flow. This was followed by a new "reefer madness" began, with one U.S. government official claiming that marijuana makes white women want to be with black men, and marijuana consumption directly leads to psychosis and serious instances of violence.

As you can see, the very word marijuana is rooted in hate, and so is its prohibition. The actual scientific name is cannabis sativa, something you won't hear from stubborn and ignorant people trying to push their own moral agenda onto others.

Fast forward to 1970, and cannabis was declared a Schedule I controlled substance. Schedule I substances are listed as having no potential for abuse, and absolutely no medical benefits. Schedule II substances, however, include cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, oxycodone and opiates such as Morphine. The tiniest bit of research will quickly reveal that this scheduling system is not only complex outdated, but it is grotesquely inaccurate. Despite claims by the government, there have been numerous studies that have proven that cannabis is non-addictive, and has a myriad of health benefits for a impressively large amount of ailments.

Medical cannabis is slowly but surely acquiring new states with each passing year. Granted, the federal government has done a wonderful job at making this process more difficult, and depriving legitimate patients of medicine, which has very potent healing effects.

Anti-marijuana folks will be quick to claim that these patients don't actually need it, and are just looking to get high. Are they correct? Partially.

Those looking to have a toke are smart enough to know that you can't make use of medical laws in their state. The cannabis is more trustworthy and is ethically sourced (no cartels involved). As mentioned earlier, cannabis is a wonderful natural medicine for so many medical issues; I am personally amazed that its use is not more widespread.

Thanks to modern science, much of the confusion has been cleared up regarding medical use. It has been shown that tetrahydrocannabinol (the main psychoactive ingredient, abbreviated THC) is a very potent antidepressant.

Rats with cancerous growth have been given cannabis in studies, and it has been shown to stop and reduce cancer cell growth. In the real world, there have been numerous cases of children with unbearable amounts of seizures using small doses of cannabis extracts to hugely reduce the number of these occurrences.

It is only a matter of time before other states begin to fall in line and actually listen to what the voters want.

Those against medicinal cannabis will be quick to point out what horrible parenting it is to give it to children. There are, however, far more components in cannabis besides THC; components that change the effects of cannabis on patients and recreational users. Cannabidiol (CBD) is found in cannabis in varying quantities, depending on the strain.

From a medical perspective, CBD is the key ingredient. Children with seizure problems have had great success using CBD based medication to alleviate them.

There are ways to reduce THC content dramatically so that children patients do not get high, thus preventing any developmental problems. Clearly, there are limitless opportunities to use cannabis as a help to people everywhere. Without a doubt, people will take advantage of the medical laws to enjoy their cannabis recreationally.

Unfortunately, these users have been denied the right to decide what substances they consume due to false propaganda and flimsy scare tactics used by the government to deny citizens these rights.

Progressives, however, and things are looking better after the full legalization of cannabis in Washington and Colorado last November.

It is only a matter of time before other states begin to fall in line and actually listen to what the voters want, instead of allowing a panel of living fossils to decide what we Americans put into our bodies.

Can you embrace the change?

What's Cooking? | Obama Administration

Obama's disastrous second term drags on

The president has struggled to coherently advocate for the liberal principles he believes in

It was Jan. 21, 2013 when Barack Obama delivered his second inaugural address to the nation, striking a hopeful tone, as though he truly believed his new term would offer a clean slate — a chance to make good on the many promises of his first campaign. That was January 21, 2013.

Then, everything went to hell. It's been just under a year since a decisive majority of the American people sent Obama back to the White House for a second term.

But according to any recent public polling data, the majority of voters who supported him seem to be wishing they could take their votes back. It seems like election night last November was the last time something went right for Obama, because ever since then, his administration has hit constant hurdles and been thrown so far off message that his domestic agenda seems non-existent.

As potential candidates for 2016 like Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden, Rand Paul and Chris Christie begin to lay the groundwork to become the 45th commander-in-chief, it sometimes feels like the 44th is bordering on irrelevance.

One after another, the president has watched as his goals seem to slip farther and farther out of reach.

It all seemed to begin with the filibuster of gun control legislation (an already watered-down version of what Obama was in favor of in the Senate).

Then, when Congress and the president were unable reach a fiscal agreement, mass-saving cuts known as the "sequester" kicked in on March 1.

That's so much else that's gone wrong it's almost hard to list it all (but I'll do it anyways):
North Korea successfully tested a nuclear weapon, Republicans nearly succeeded in derailing Obama's nominee for secretary of defense. Republicans in the House of Representatives seem to have killed any chance at meaningful bipartisan immigration reform.

The IRS was caught illegally scrutinizing conservative political organizations, the NSA's wiretapping surveillance programs were made public and our nation's international credibility has recently been diminished because of the administration's bungling of the situation in Syria.

All this has happened as Republicans in the House have tried more than 40 times to repeal Obamacare, which, as the president's signature domestic accomplishment, remains unpopular with the public.

All this is to say that Barack Obama has had a pretty crappy year so far, with no end in sight.

Congressional Republicans continue to try and thwart his agenda at every chance they get. Vladimir Putin is now lecturing the American people about the mediocrity of our country in The New York Times; and throughout all this, Obama's agenda has also been dictated by crises like the Newtown shooting, the Boston Marathon bombing, the ongoing Benghazi scandal and, of course, the earth-shattering revelation of domestic surveillance, courtesy of Edward Snowden.

All that said my point is this: since things really can't get a whole lot worse, go for broke.

With just over three years left in office, it's time for Barack Obama to go all in. The countdown to 2016 has started, and his days in the oval office are numbered.

With there was ever a time for the president to put all of his chips on the table, it's now or never.

Environmental regulation; tax reform; Social Security and Medicare; public education; gun control; Guantanamo Bay; gay rights; all the issues that he ran on which still need attention and for which millions of Americans are still waiting for action.

For much of his presidency, Obama has had one foot on the gas and the other on the breaks, declining to embrace his role as the anti-Reagan out of fear of political backlash.

At the same time, he has never been the moderate compromise that Bill Clinton was, putting him in an awkward position as the liberal president trying to avoid stepping on too many toes.

Mr. President, now is the time to bury your head in the sand and complain about the pettiness of Washington or the toxic political climate.

The clock is ticking, and it's time to get in the game.

If fighting for your principles means shutting down the government or watching your approval rating drop into single digits, it's still a fight worth having.
**The California Conservative | Gender Politics**

**Football season should be open to all sexes**

Women should not stereotype themselves as lacking sports knowledge

Worse, most of that stereotyping comes from other women. It may be cool to pretend you know what you're saying in front of a guy but I'd much rather watch the game for real, approval or not.

I don't need to be the most well-informed fan in the room, but I'd like to be respected, not pandered to.

To add insult to injury, before the start of the 2013 NFL season, CoverGirl cosmetics announced a new line of nail polish in custom team colors.

That, plus the somewhat ridiculous clothing options out there, with rhinestones and random colors being the common themes, and it can be frustrating to be taken seriously.

You can watch football and be feminine at the same time, without having to compromise.

As someone who's interested in pursuing the sports media world after graduation, I don't want to have to prove that I'm a fan or that I know what I'm talking about just because of my gender.

I'm not alone in this either, but if you look around, the common perception is that if you are girly, football is super hard to learn about and only something you should use to get attention.

That's not accurate and frankly, it's disappointing that this is the stigma in place.

There are a number of female football reporters, and not just the well-known figures like Erin Andrews either; in fact, there are a number of women out there who are on the sidelines every day, many of whom know exactly what's going on, but don't necessarily get the respect that they deserve.

You can wear a skirt and still know what a wildcat package is, the two can coexist.

I'll admit it: I don't know everything about football. But more importantly, I don't pretend to.

There are tons of statistics and specific terms about hard-to-observe plays that even a seasoned fan might struggle with, and asking for help isn't a bad thing.

Memorizing one random fact about a certain player might get you started in a conversation but the second that something changes in the game, you're out of luck — and visibly so.

I may not know many rushing yards the Panthers offense had last year or what exactly is going on with Josh Freeman and the Tampa Bay Bucs but I know enough to have an intelligent conversation — and more importantly, it's obvious that I'm not just trying to get attention.

And yes, I may notice that the quarterback has dreamy eyes. But I'm much more likely to comment on how he has thrown seven interceptions in the first two weeks of the NFL season (I'm looking at you, Eli Manning). It is fine to watch a football game for the eye candy but don't assume that's all a girl is good for.

In short, if you are girly, football is super hard to learn about and only something you should use to get attention.

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So for those of you who still want to know the best way to watch football if you're a girl? Just watch it. Really. If you like the game enough to try and impress someone, you're probably a bigger fan than you realize; and you might find that football and females can coexist happily.

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Comeback effort falls short

ULM edges Wake Forest 21-19 after Deacons’ two-point conversion attempt fails with four seconds left

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The Demon Deacons are down by eight with four seconds left in the game. Senior quarterback Tanner Price tops of a 97-yard drive with a 23-yard pass to junior flanker Orville Reynolds. Reynolds makes the catch in the end zone to cut the ULM Warhawks’ lead to two points. BB&T Field is buzzing as the Deacs prepare to attempt a two-point conversion. Price takes the snap, looks to the end zone, sends the ball sailing toward senior flanker Michael Campanaro, and...

There is only one acceptable ending to this story. And it’s not the ending that happened.

Price’s pass to Campanaro went low, and the Warhawks walked away with the 21-19 victory. The failed two-point conversion was just the icing on the Deacons’ poorly played offensive cake, which consisted of 15 rushing yards on 15 carries, four sacks of Price and two first downs over the first six possessions of the second half.

“Our defense played a great game and gave us a number of opportunities to drive it down the field and take the lead, and it’s disappointing that we even put ourselves in that situation,” said Grobe.

The Deacons now sit at 1-2 in ACC play.

Grobe lifts long-running freshmen redshirt rule

A dip in performance forces the coaching staff to alter strategy

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Jim Grobe is in his 13th season as head coach of Wake Forest, and in the first 12 years, only 22 true freshmen stepped on the field during game time.

Consequently, it became nearly a foregone conclusion that a true freshman would be redshirted his first year at Wake Forest. The strategy, which revolves around having a team full of fourth and fifth-year seniors, helped propel the Deacons to the FedEx Orange Bowl in 2007. From a logical viewpoint, the strategy seemed practical in the past because it allows Wake Forest’s players to physically develop, gain experience and fully transition to college football and life before they are forced into a prominent role.

The Deacons are not getting the highest profile recruits regularly — their average class ranking for recruiting the past three years is 65 according to Rivals.com — and thus finding diamonds in the rough and maximizing their talent is key.

Starting defensive end Zach Thompson, a redshirt senior, is a perfect example of this strategy.

“He’s our program . . . Our plans are to redshirt you and have you go through your career and every year see improvement — and by the time you’re a fifth-year guy, you’re an ACC Football player. A real for real ACC Football player,” said Grobe.

Not all players work out the same way as Thompson though.

“If they all worked out that way, our job would be easy. Unfortunately we don’t always see the continued improvement,” Grobe said.

The Deacon coaching staff has adopted a new philosophy in order to avoid repeating last season’s disappointing 5-7 finish. The idea is to increase competition and get the best players on the field, no matter how young they may be.

“You are fighting for your spot out here every day,” said freshman defensive tackle James Looney. “Competition is good for you, it makes you a better player.”

Grobe has uncharacteristically been giving freshmen the nod.
Brandon Ng

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A junior on the men’s golf team, Brandon Ng has completed two full seasons as a Demon Deacon as he prepares for the latter part of his collegiate career. Before becoming a top-notch Division One student-athlete, Ng certainly made his mark in his home country of Canada. Besides ranking as the top amateur Canadian men’s golfer for a period of time, he finished seventh at the 2010 World Junior Championship, qualified for the 2010 U.S. Amateur and the US Junior Amateur tournaments. The Provincial High School Golf Champion in 2009 and 2010 — after he finished in the runner-up spot in 2008 — he also was a center for his varsity hockey team at his high school, Upper Canada College.

As a freshman, Ng played in four events and matched an average score of 78.9 per round while, as a sophomore, he finished the O’Brien-Jensen tournament in 16th place, his personal best. In the Donald Burns Intercollegiate, Ng shot a first-round 70 (par) while finishing in 34th place for the tournament.

A humble, talented athlete and person, Ng discusses the main reason he chose Wake Forest, his focus points for the season and the daily sacrifices he makes as a Division One athlete.

What got you interested in Wake Forest?
I always knew it was a great school with an awe­some golf program. Coach Dan [Walter] and Coach [Jerry] Haas are two of best coaches I’ve been around.

On my visit I loved the atmosphere and close­ness of the school. I knew it was a place I wanted to be around.

From which schools did you receive offers?
I got offers from Wake, Duke and Michigan. It was tough to decide between those schools but the coaching here really set Wake apart from Duke and Michigan and most influenced my decision.

What have you guys been working on in prac­tice?
We have been working on a lot of short game shots and wedge shots.

We work on them so often because they’re our scoring clubs and our short games can really pro­vide us with good scores. We all hit them well but we just need to work on gaining them down and getting them as consistent as possible.

What did you specifically work on over the summer?
I’ve been working really hard on my swing mechanics and working on my ball flight. I’ve been trying to master a fade, a shot that will help me succeed in college competition and beyond. Hopefully it continues to pan out this fall.

What’s your best club and why?
My putter. I’ve never been one of the longer hitters on the team so I’ve made up for it by working on the putter more.

What is your favorite part of being on the team?
Without a doubt, my favorite part of being on the team is how close we are and practices really are fun. Also, everyone has the same goal and we’re all working for the same thing.

We’re always behind one another, encouraging one another and working towards winning tour­naments.

What are your plans for the future?
My plan is to graduate here in four years, turn pro and hopefully make some money pretty soon. Hopefully, I can make it on the PGA Tour. I also have plans to attend Law School.

What’s the hardest part about balancing school and golf?
The time commitment of golf is a lot. Everything is long — practice is long, tournaments are long and trips are long. It’s hard to have enough time to rest, do everything you need to for school and play well at the same time. You have to use every hour of every day as efficiently as possible.

If you could be one of your teammates for a day, who would you choose?
[Junior] Cyrus Stewart. He has the best flow and best wardrobe on the team.

Who’s the best dresser on the team?
[Senior] Thomas Birdsey or Cyrus [Stewart]. They both have an unbelievable collection of Hawaiian shirts, 80’s-style button-downs and endless shoes with tassels.

What will you miss about Wake Forest the most?
Just being with team and my teammates, the late practices and all my friends I have here.

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High School: Upper Canada College
Favorite Pro Golfer: Tiger Woods
Birthdate: May 7, 1993

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Deac Notes

Despite losing, wide receiver Campanaro makes Deacon history

Senior flanker Michael Campanaro was one of the few bright spots in the Demon Deacons’ 21-19 loss to the ULM Warhawks. He tied his own ACC record with 16 catches in the game, four of them part of the Deacs’ 97-yard final drive that resulted in a touchdown.

While Campanaro is one of six players in ACC history to have 16 receptions in a game, he is the only one of them to reach the milestone twice. Campanaro’s 177 receiving yards also set a new career high.

Cory Sullivan inducted into Wake Forest Athletics Hall of Fame

Former Wake Forest baseball player, Cory Sul­livan, was inducted into the Wake Forest Hall of Fame last weekend.

Sullivan was an outfielder and was drafted by the Colorado Rockies in the seventh round of the 2001 amateur draft. Making his Major League debut on April 4, 2005, Sullivan played for the Rockies, New York Mets and Houston Astros. He compiled 365 hits, 97 RBIs and a .271 cumulative batting average in six years as a pro­fessional athlete.
Deacons keep undefeated record intact

Women’s soccer team improves to 6-0-1 after two home battles against undefeated ACC opponents

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The Wake Forest women’s soccer team emerged from the first weekend of ACC play unscathed, despite playing previously undefeated Florida State and Miami in back-to-back games.

The No. 7 Demon Deacons grabbed four points in two contests at Spry Stadium, playing No. 4 Florida State to a 0-0 tie Friday night before dismantling Miami 4-0 on Sunday afternoon.

In a matchup of top-10 opponents, the Deacs failed to muster many offensive chances against Florida State’s defense, but kept the Seminoles off the board.

“I’m not happy with the way we played, but we were competing, so I’m satisfied getting a tie out of the game,” head coach Tony da Luz said. “Defensively we played really well. We reduced the number of clear-cut Florida State chances to hardly any.”

Senior co-captain Aubrey Bledsoe anchored the backline, saving three shots to increase her school-record shutout count to 28.

“I think it was our best defensive performance of the year,” Bledsoe said. “They didn’t get too many good opportunities so I’m proud of how we played.”

Wake Forest struggled to open space for leading scorer and senior Katie Stengel, who faced double and triple teams on nearly every touch.

The inability to find the senior co-captain was due in part to the loss of fellow senior Rachel Nuzzolese, who injured her right knee trying to push the ball down the left flank early in the first half. Nuzzolese, who missed the Miami game, will have an MRI on the knee later this week. The Deacs also were without freshman Kendall Fischlein against the Hurricanes due to a sprained ankle suffered in the contest with Florida State.

Despite the loss of two starters, Wake Forest came out of the gates blazing on Sunday afternoon at Spry Stadium.

Determined to get three points, the Deacs scored on a Stengel header in the third minute to seize command of the game against the Hurricanes and never looked back.

“Our plan today was to come out early, make a statement and put them away,” junior midfielder Riley Ridgik said.

The Ventura, Calif., native was a key component to that game plan, netting two goals en route to her first multi-goal effort of her career.

The first came in the 15th minute after a through ball from Stengel put her one-on-one with Miami goalkeeper Emily Lillard.

After redshirt senior Ally Berry scored her third goal of the season to put Wake Forest ahead 3-0 at halftime, Ridgik was back at it in the second half.

A failed Hurricanes corner kick put the Deacs on the counter attack, with Stengel finding Sarah Teegarden in the center. The freshman corralled the pass and sent a through ball to Ridgik who was flying up the left flank. Ridgik finished with a beautiful chip from over 30 yards out to beat the charging keeper.

“I looked up, saw the goalie out, and decided to chip her and I got lucky and put it away,” Ridgik said.

After struggling to create offense Friday, the Deacs used Ridgik to open the field on the outside against Miami. Her success was a key component to the dominating victory and will continue to be critical moving forward.

Wake Forest will return to Spry Stadium Thursday to take on No. 15 Duke before heading to College Park, Md., to take on the Terps Sunday afternoon.

Junior Riley Ridgik and senior Katie Stengel each contributed goals to the 4-0 blowout of Miami.

Football: Grobe blames himself for tough loss

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because it really shouldn’t have to come down to that last play,” Price said. “As an offense we just need to have that drive to score every time we have the ball and understand that every drive is really important and that we have to be able to capitalize when our defense steps up and makes plays for us.”

Indeed, the Deacon defense provided the team with several opportunities to score, but the offense consistently failed to capitalize. Junior cornerback Merrill Noel intercepted ULM quarterback Kolron Browing early in the second quarter for this third-career interception, and redshirt freshman linebacker Kevin Jones stopped another pass in the second quarter on the very next drive for the first interception of his career. Senior Mike Olson led the defense with 12 tackles and two quarterback hurries, and redshirt freshman Ryan Janvion and sophomore Brandon Chubb each finished with a career high of 10 tackles.

“As a defense, our goal is to keep them to 21 [points] and under,” said senior nose guard Nikita Whitlock.

“We were told that if we keep them to 21 and under we were going to win, so we did that. That was one of our goals and we accomplished it.”

But the defense can only do so much. In key situations like the final play of Saturday’s game, the offense can’t rely on its safety net.

“We’re a very lethargic offensive football team right now,” head coach Jim Grobe said. “We have no sense of urgency. This is my fault. This is nobody’s fault but the head coach, when your offense plays like they’re asleep at the wheel. The deal is, a dropped ball is no big deal, and a bad throw is no big deal. That’s my fault. I’ve allowed that to happen. We were not playing right now offensively and the lack of intensity, it doesn’t matter what we’re doing. We’re just a very lethargic, sloppy offensive football team. That’s me. That’s the head coach. I control my assistants. The assistants coach the kids. I sit there every day in practice and watch it. We’ve got to turn the volume up, and that’s my responsibility.”

Regardless of who is at fault for Saturday’s poor offensive display, the Deacs are due for a quick about-face before hitting the road for two consecutive away games at Army and ACC rival Clemson.

“None of us are pleased or satisfied with our performance,” Price said. “We need to play a lot better and just come out this week and work as hard as we can.

“We have no sense of urgency. This is my fault. This is nobody’s fault but the head coach.”

Jim Grobe
Football head coach

We can’t let this game define us, and there’s still a lot of football left. We need to bounce back and stay together as a team and focus.”

The players and coaches alike are hopeful that the coming week of practice will light a much-needed fire under the play of the offense.

“We’ve just got to find a way to gain a sense of urgency,” Grobe said. “And that’s not pointing at any one kid, and that’s not pointing at any one coach — other than me. We’ve got to get a spark. Somewhere we’ve got to get a spark.”

The Deacons hope to find their spark before they take on Army at noon on Saturday, Sept. 21, in West Point, NY.
Men's soccer scores early to slip past UVA

After narrowly beating the Cavaliers, the Deacons fell to the Elon Phoenix at home

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Back in North Carolina after a history-making win against Boston College last week, the Demon Deacons were ready to go for round two in ACC action — this time taking on the Virginia Cavaliers. The No. 15 Deacs came home to Spry Stadium looking to keep up an undefeated record in the ACC.

Senior forward Luca Gimenez opened the action up for the Deacs as he scored on a penalty kick in the box — and his first touch of the game — and his first touch of penalty kick in the box to put Wake up 1-0. No. 15 Deacs came home to Spry Stadium looking to keep up an undefeated record in the ACC.

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Gamble's healthy status will continue to be a huge offensive threat and again came up big for this Deacon squad.

After being sidelined for the first part of the season, standout sophomore forward Alec Ferrell made an immediate impact when he came on for the Deacs in the 35th minute, having a shot on his first touch of the game — and his first touch of the season. Just nine minutes later, Gamble would find the back of the net off a cross from senior defender Chris Duval and senior forward Andy Lubahn.

Gamble's speed and tenacity on the pitch is something that brings a lot of energy to the Wake Forest squad and his presence on the field is a game-changer.

"The way he goes to goal, the way he tracks people down, runs off the ball, he's a difference maker," Coach Jay Vidovich said.

Gamble's healthy status will continue to be a huge benefit for the Deacs as his spot on the offensive line can lead to future high-scoring games.

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"I thought it was a flat performance," Vidovich said. "Our guys lacked a little bit of energy, cohesiveness, execution."

That lack of performance on the field meant that Virginia came storming back, adding two goals in the last 10 minutes and almost equalizing in the 90th minute. If not for the stellar work from redshirt freshman goalie Daniel Lovitz connecting off a cross from the left to put them up 1-0.

From there, the Deacs continued to hold defensively, and the back four did a notable job of preventing Elon from adding to their tally. The offensive line had a number of chances, particularly in the final 10 minutes, but was ultimately unable to send one home.

A 1-0 loss in a scrappy game dropped the Deacs to 3-2-0 and showed just how important it is for their forwards to make their presence known on the pitch. Without a strong showing in the attacking third, Wake struggled for results, as evidenced by the final score.

Next up, the Deacs will travel to new ACC foe Pitt for the first time in program history; they'll take on the Panthers at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21. The conference matchup will be on ESPN.

Redshirt: Freshmen make strong impact

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better person and better player," freshman defensive tackle James Looney said.

The change in plans started with the last recruiting cycle where this year's freshmen were recruited partially with the idea that they could have a chance to play as freshmen.

"Coach Grobe said if I came in here and worked hard, I would get the opportunity to get out there and take some heads off," Looney said.

Freshman slot receiver John Armstrong said, "Wake Forest seemed loyal, and they were loyal to their word. It was a boost in my recruitment."

The coaching staff did not lie when it said being in the atmosphere and acclimating to the game is something that brings a lot of energy to a game that is much faster than high school acts as a catalyst to getting freshmen ready to play their first year.

Freshman Cory Helms has started at center in all three games for the Deacs this season.

Damon Deacons in the NFL

Chris Givens

Givens left Wake Forest after the 2011 season with one year of eligibility remaining. He was selected by the St. Louis Rams in the fourth round of the 2012 NFL Draft. The speedster emerged as a vertical threat after setting a rookie record with a 50-plus yard reception in five consecutive games.

After breaking out, Givens finished his rookie campaign with 52 catches for 698 yards. He led all Rams' wide receivers in total yardage.

He currently has seven catches for 132 yards through the first two games of 2013 season. Against the Atlanta Falcons Sept. 15, he broke the century mark for the second time in his career.

Tyson Clabo

The offensive lineman is in his ninth season in the NFL. He bounced around several practice squads throughout 2004-5 before finally latching on with the Atlanta Falcons.

He went on to start all 16 sixteen games in each of the five seasons from 2008-12. This run included a Pro Bowl bid in 2010. Despite his durability and long-term success, the Falcons cut him after the 2012 season for salary cap reasons.

The Miami Dolphins quickly scooped up the former undrafted free agent and named him their starter at right tackle. So far he has played a major role in the Dolphins 2-0 start, as he been on the field for every offensive snap.

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Press Box: Olympics send jolt through Japan

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card with the 2020 games winner on the back, their immediate futures were changed. In essence, their way of life will be completely altered for the next seven years. This is due to the social actions, the positive energy in and on the outskirts of Tokyo and the optimistic economic results of hosting the Olympics.

The Sept. 9 announcement is having a domino effect on Tokyo. People from every country are already planning to make the trek to Tokyo, which increases the businesses of airlines, shuttle services, hotels, resorts, restaurants and every social attraction in Japan's impressive city of extravagant culture and dense population.

What's more, the employment rate in Japan will skyrocket because construction, architecture, tourism, advertising and environmental companies will need more employees as they prepare for the Olympics. Hotels, stadiums, roads and highways need to be built. Japan needs to advertise their city to people in foreign countries. Most importantly, people will want a full experience of Tokyo, which entails tourism companies constantly guiding people through the city on a 24-hour basis. Although it seems Tokyo couldn't be more crowded and densely populated, it will become so in 2020 — but it will be a surreal, magnificent atmosphere.

On Sept. 8, the Nikkei 225 Index, the Dow Jones Industrial Average equivalent for the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE), sat just above 14,000 points at 14,239. As the announcement (on Sept. 9) "sunk in" for a few days, the Nikkei jumped up to 14,556 points at 12:39 p.m. on Sept. 11, signifying its third-highest point in 10 years. This increase of 317 points recognizes a 2.41 percent jump in Japan's economy that is, arguably, due to the Olympic announcement. Of course, Japanese stocks and the Nikkei will fluctuate and tumble, but the projected increase of economic activity in Japan over the next seven years will boost stocks on the TSE to new levels.

This is just another sector of Japanese life that will be positively influenced by the Olympics.

The overarching theme here is that the Olympics — despite supersonic costs — is the most beneficial gathering our world has to offer — especially for the host country and host city.

Think about it ... there's no other event that gathers people from all over the world and encourages people from every country to tune in and watch the games.

The Olympics allow people to forget about all of this for a little while and focus on unbelievable athletes who devote themselves to serving as spectacles for gamesmanship, courage and optimism. These athletes train for a purpose indescribably larger than just sports.

On March 11, 2011, Japan's economy and environment suffered immensely from the nuclear disaster in Okuma, Fukushima, Japan that injured 37 citizens and sent two employees at the Fukushima powerplant to the hospital with radiation burns.

This horrid incident continues to affect Japan today, but maybe the glimmers of hope shining through the Olympic rings will aid this problem along with the uncountable extraneous issues in every corner of the globe.

By defeating Istanbul and Madrid, Tokyo earned the right to host its first Olympic games since 1964.

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The psychology of seating

How choosing the wrong seat can affect your whole semester

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Have you ever walked into a class on the first day, chosen a seat, then gotten stuck there for the rest of the semester? Even if the teacher didn't assign seating, it feels like they did. The only chance to change comes when someone comes to class late. For those students arriving late, the inevitable different seat makes them flustered.

"I hate it when I come in late and someone is sitting in my seat. It throws me off for the whole class, especially if there's a quiz that day," said senior Brian Oldham.

This discomfort is due to the deviation from routine. Changing your normal seat forces you to redirect your brain's focus. Regardless of learning style, a change of location can seriously impact your attention.

This phenomenon makes it especially important for students to pick the right seat early on. Whether the seating is assigned or not, students have a tendency not to move from their seat chosen on the first day. This is probably ingrained from our grade school days where switching was frowned upon. Plus, keeping the same seats makes it easier for professors to learn names. In many seminar classes at small colleges, the seating arrangements are similar to those in high school.

If you can choose your seat, it is helpful to be proactive and pick a seat in a location that will serve you best on the first day to ensure a good grade in that class. Here are a few tips to help you choose the perfect seat.

• Researchers at the University of Oregon found that people can retain up to three times more information about things they see in their right visual field than they do in their left. So it is in your best interest to sit with the teacher on your right, on the left side of the classroom.

• Studies also show that people who sit in the front row learn and retain more than others, partially because those in the front row are keener than others to learn and they show more attention to the speaker in order to avoid being picked on. If you know you might struggle in a class, lose the "teacher's pet" stigma. Sit up front, where distractions are minimal.

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• While you might think your seat on the side shields you from your professor's point, sitting directly in front can actually make you less likely to be called on. Many professors overcompensate by looking beyond their line of sight to include all students, occasionally neglecting those in front of them.

• Sitting with friends is often distracting. Choose a seat next to a friendly stranger or acquaintance that you won't chat with constantly. This way you will have a go-to partner for peer work and will both be more likely to focus on the lesson.

• Think of the classroom as a funnel, with the professor at the narrowest part. Those in the "funnel" tend to participate the most and have the highest ability to recall information. Those who sit in the back or to the sides tend to be negative about the class and have the worst ability to recall the information taught.

• The back seats allow students the greatest opportunity to daydream or fool around on their laptop. Location is everything, so sit where you're least likely to be distracted. These tips apply for most traditional seating styles, whether the desks are in rows or a horseshoe formation. No matter your learning style, arrive on time to be sure you always get the best seat in class.
Music Column | Fall Preview

Fall 2013 will wow with new albums

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Fall 2013 is teeming with a myriad of album releases. From Elton John to Eminem to Miley Cyrus, the upcoming music season has something to offer everyone. Here's a quick preview of what is to come.

Sept. 17: Avicii, TRUE
The 23-year-old Swedish DJ who swoops the world with tracks such as “Levels.” “Hey! Could Be the One,” and “Silhouettes” is finally releasing a full studio album. As heard in the summer hit “Wake Me Up,” which hit No. 5 on Billboard Top 100, Avicii is working on unique amalgamations of dance and country. Avicii received some criticism from fans at the 2013 Ultra music festival for this new direction. However, TRUE is sure to be a hit if the first single bears any similarity to the rest of the album.

Sept. 24: Icona Pop, This Is... Icona Pop
Icona Pop’s single “I Love It,” was arguably one of the biggest songs of the year. Now, the dynamic pop duo is finally releasing a complete album. The Swedish group formed in 2009 but did not gain popularity until recently. Although they put out a self-titled set in Sweden in 2012, “This Is... Icona Pop” marks their official debut.

Oct. 8: Miley Cyrus, Bangerz
Despite her recent scandals, Miley’s “We Can’t Stop,” is slowly becoming a classic party tune. “Wrecking Ball,” the second single from the album, reached No. 1 on iTunes, but the exposing music video has yet again surrounded the artist with controversy. Curiosity is the main sentiment surrounding this upcoming album. Miley, who went from Disney star to pop princess, has been overly blatant about her newfound fondness of the hip-hop world. It is rumored that she will rap on a track or two, which will be interesting to say the least. Britney Spears, French Montana, Nelly, and Big Sean are all featured on the album.

Oct. 29: Arcade Fire, Reflektor
This Canadian indie-rock band is finally following up their Grammy-winning 2010 album. Suburbs, Reflektor will be the band’s fourth studio album. It is rumored that the album was influenced by pop, which will be very different from the band’s past work. David Bowie is featured on the first single and has proclaimed nothing but praise for the new album.

Nov. 5: Eminem, MMLP2
The King of Rap is back. MMLP2, which stands for “Marshall Mathers LP 2,” will be the eighth studio album released by the American rapper. The album is named as a follow up to Marshall Mathers LP. Eminem’s third studio album, which was released in 2000. The first single off the album, “Berzerk,” has already reached No. 3 on the Billboard Top 100. Eminem previewed the music video for “Berzerk,” during the Notre Dame vs. University of Michigan halftime show on Sept. 7.

Nov. 11: Lady Gaga, ART POP
Gaga disappeared from the public eye in 2013. She has resurfaced into the music world with her upcoming fourth studio album that she claims is full of “Fun, dirty dance music.” The first single off the album “Applause,” has topped charts; topped charts; the accompanying music video emulates Gaga’s unique style that her fans, or “Little Monsters,” as they like to call themselves, adore. There is rumored to be an interactive, multimedia smartphone app to accompany the album release. Other albums to look out for include Katy Perry’s Prismatic, Drake’s Nothing Was The Same, Elton John’s The Diving Board and Kings of Leon’s Mechanical Bull.

Tech Column | App Review

App hides files under calculator

Private Calculator app works as a regular calculator, while disguising private file storage as well

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With phone privacy becoming increasingly important, app creators have started producing creative applications that secure your information through fun and innovative ways. One of these kinds of apps is called Private Calculator.

Like its name suggests, Private Calculator functions as a regular calculator but also acts like a virtual storage unit containing all your personal media files like music, videos and audiobooks. The creator of the app suggests that you rename it to “My Calculator,” so it blends in with the rest of your apps and maximizes security by looking like a normal calculator.

Once you open up Private Calculator, you will see a normal looking calculator. When you subtract, multiply, find square roots and pretty much do anything mathematically related that your pre-installed calculator app could do. But, the beauty of the app is revealed once you dig deeper into the layers of Private Calculator.

When you first use the application, you are required to make a numerical pass code. When you are on the regular calculator screen, all you have to do is enter the code you previously chose and a list of your hidden media files will appear.

Private Calculator can store and open up numerous amounts of widely used media formats including MP3s, videos, Microsoft Office files and pictures. And, storing these files in the app is extremely easy. You have two options: You can connect your phone to your computer with a USB cord and drag your files into the “Private Calculator” box or, you can select the Wi-Fi transfer option on the app itself and use the given IP address to wirelessly transfer your files to the app.

Another fun option that Private Calculator offers is the “Shake” feature where you are required to shake your phone vigorously after entering the numerical code in order to access your media files. Although it may seem unnecessary, this feature adds a little more fun to the useful app and also creates an extra layer of security for your private files.

I would definitely recommend this application to iOS users that are concerned about the privacy of certain files on their phone or tablet. For $1.99, this application is a steal and is something you will use all the time. Personally, I have had no problems with the software. I have had no problems with the software. I have had no problems with the software.

Creative Pit Desserts

Root Beer Floats
Root beer from soda fountain and ice cream

Ice Cream Sandwich
Two cookies heated in the panini press with ice cream

Brownie Sundae
Brownies from dessert bar and ice cream/frozen yogurt
Health Column | Stair Climbing

Taking the stairs is an easy, healthy alternative

Choosing to take the stairs helps insert small doses of exercise throughout the day

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The fitness-conscious culture at Wake Forest can be as contagious as the freshmen cold. Students squeeze physical activity into their already busy schedules, with trips to the Miller Center and Reynolds gym, by joining intramural sports teams and jogging on the cross country trails, to name a few.

But when the elliptical or your schedule is too full, there may be another option for staying in shape: cue the stairs. Even in buildings equipped with elevators, staircases receive a lot of foot traffic.

Residents in such dorm buildings choose the stairs over the ride if their rooms are on lower floors, they feel the elevator takes too long, or if the stairs are in closer proximity to their rooms; for many, the stairs are a convenience.

For others, taking the stairs feels like a “healthy” habit that comes naturally. Freshman Madison Howard takes the stairs for both of these reasons, and does not think twice about it.

“The stairs are right next to my room. I feel lazy if I take the elevator. I try to make it a habit,” Howard said.

What are the benefits of taking the stairs over the elevator? Is it worth getting a little sweaty or out of breath to get to your room after a long day? A study published in the Official Journal of the American College of Sports Medicine calculated the actual caloric benefit to a stair climbing habit. Researchers found that the 150-pound subjects expended 0.11 kcal ascending steps 15 centimeters in height and 0.05 kcal for the descent.

What does this amount to? Well, in tall buildings, opting for the stairs to reach an eighth floor apartment or office a couple of times per day could ease the guilt from a morning latte.

But with Wake’s low rise buildings, you’d be lucky to burn off the whipped cream. In a four story dorm building of 19 stairs per floor, this amounts to approximately six calories going up to the top floor and less than half of a calorie going down to the ground level. Not all buildings are even four stories high, and the number of stairs per staircase varies as well.

That being said, there are positive health benefits to taking the stairs beyond the marginal calorie burning. Stair climbing involves a collaboration of quite a few of the muscles of the lower body, including (but not limited to) the quadriceps, calf muscles, gluteus maximus and hamstrings.

All in all, choosing to take the stairs rather than the elevator where available at the Wake Forest campus might not be enough to replace a cardio workout. But this is not to discourage proponents of this “healthy” habit.

Ascending and descending a flight of stairs gets your heart pumping and can feel almost endorphin-like. After sitting in classrooms all day, it might not be such a bad idea to trek up to your room before taking an afternoon siesta.

To work your muscles a little harder, Livestrong writer Patrick Dale suggests taking two steps at time or increasing speed — but do so with caution. There is nothing healthy about falling down a flight of stairs.

For a serious stair work out, Kenner Stadium is the perfect place to run steps in the fresh air. For those of you wanting to stay inside, the Miller Fitness Center does have stepping machines which are more likely to be vacant than the more popular cardio machines.

Restaurant Review | Szechuan Palace

Chinese restaurant stands alone as best local option

Try venturing outside of the Wake bubble to experience a world of delicious flavor at Szechuan Palace

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Finding high-quality Chinese food in Winston-Salem is not the easiest of feats. After four semesters of searching for well-prepared Mongolian beef and perfectly fried egg rolls, I began to question if I would ever find a Chinese restaurant that met my standards.

I was about to swear off eating Chinese food in Winston-Salem, when a friend took me to Szechuan Palace. She promised that its food would be far superior to Great China, Peking Chinese or No. 1 Chinese Restaurant and she delivered on this promise.

At first, I was skeptical when we drove into a rundown strip mall on Healy Drive. But we walked into the restaurant, which has a nice atmosphere and for the moment, my reservations were put at ease.

We were quickly greeted by an attentive hostess and brought to our table where our server promptly got our drink orders. We placed our order and within minutes, were served our piping hot entrees. The food at Szechuan Palace is hands down the best Asian cuisine I have come in contact with during my time in Winston-Salem.

I ordered the Mongolian beef, my go-to order in a Chinese restaurant, and was thoroughly impressed. The beef was well cooked and tender and the sauce was delicious. My only issue with the dish was that I had asked for it to be prepared “spicy,” but there was little hint of pepper or spice in the beef.

The menu has a wide variety of Chinese classics like fried rice, General Tso’s chicken, and chicken lo mein as well as several dishes that you would not expect to be served at a traditional Chinese restaurant.

My friend ordered one of the dishes from the “Specialties from India” section of Szechuan Palace’s menu.

This section of the menu combines the flavors of Indian cuisine, like curries and cardamom, with the cooking methods of Chinese food. I had never heard of this “Indian Chinese” cuisine, but our server said that these are some of the most popular dishes at Szechuan Palace.

My friend decided to go with the vegetable pakora Manchurian, which is fried vegetable fritters in a curry sauce. I had a bite of her dish and the curry flavor was a bit much for me, but she enjoyed it.

We also tried their sesame chicken, which was well-seasoned and perfectly fried. This dish was served with broccoli and a nice gingery sauce.

The prices were reasonable. Each entree was about $10 to $12. The portions are definitely large enough for two people to share or for someone to take home a good amount of leftovers. Szechuan Palace is a couple of dollars more expensive than other Chinese restaurants that deliver to campus, but the difference in quality makes this money well worth spending.

While Szechuan Palace offers take out, unfortunately they do not deliver. So you will have to take a trip off campus to the Hanes Mall area to experience this delicious cuisine.

The good atmosphere, friendly service and delicious Asian food make this a trip worth taking.
Music Column | **Kiss Land**

**Kiss Land** falls flat in today’s evolved rap scene

Unlike his previous releases, The Weeknd’s new album fails to produce another unique sound

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2011 was the year that hip-hop embraced melancholy. It was the year when the likes of Drake and Frank Ocean would bring to the forefront what Kanye West had tried to introduce on *808s & Heartbreak*.

Their self-loathing ballads made for a year where the typical chest-beating ethos of rap was pushed aside in favor of tales of relationship woes. While these artists garnered the most acclaim for their impact, the undisputed auteur of this sound was The Weeknd. With three remarkable mixtapes and guest appearances throughout Drake’s *Take Care*, The Weeknd cultivated a unique sound and turned 2011 into his banner year.

But it’s 2013 now. Narratives of youthful angst and petty emotions are commonplace. The initial bafflement that greeted the morose sounds of rap two years ago are a thing of the past.

While rap music is still steeped in the gloom of that time period, it has managed to turn it on its head by merging the buoyancy of party music with the bleakness of heartbreak. Rap artists today revel in the mixture of these worlds. It is why Future is still getting the T-Pain treatment and why Chief Keef managed to have a career at all.

For this reason, *Kiss Land*, The Weeknd’s contribution to the sonic palate of 2013 seems unremarkable. It keeps up the same drug infused aura of discontent as his previous releases, but it fails to elicit the same feelings. Whereas the bleakness of *House of Balloons* and *Echoes of Silence* felt triumphant in their despair, *Kiss Land* seems too content with regurgitating their sound.

The Weeknd’s original appeal was rooted in his ability to make the most harrowing stories fantastical. Songs like “Initiation” and “Wicked Games” felt inviting despite the premises of lifeless lethargy that they hinged upon.

Lodged somewhere deep in his initial releases was a masochistic tendency to embellish his stories of destructive drug dependency with sensuality. He intertwined the two in a way that felt genuine in its attempts to explore human nature. The love he sang of was between substance and person.

Drugs became his muses and human emotions his canvases for their effects. *Kiss Land* tries to emulate this same approach, but falls short in its delivery. The spectacle of it all is lost in the mood and tone.

Quad Fashions | Career Fair Trends

**Deacs don professional attire for Career Fair**

The Fair encourages students to look sharp as they network with potential employers

Nick Schwartz
Senior
Schwartz goes for a classic professional look in his Calvin Klein suit. Because of the plain suit, he wanted to go a little funky with the pink striped tie.

Rachel Brown
Junior
Brown sports a Free People blouse with a black pencil skirt. She always tries to add a little personality to the typical business dress, like with her mary-jane style wedges.

Quentin Robert
Senior
Robert looks dapper in his Father & Son suit, clean white shirt and JM Weston shoes. He likes how the lighter colored suit helps him stand out in the crowd of darker ones.

Susie Webster
Junior
Webster spices up the usual black and white attire with a pop of color from her red blazer. She likes her oxford shoes because they have a vintage yet modern look.
Looking for love?

There's an app for that

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As I'm sure most of us know, finding romance at Wake Forest can sometimes be equivalent to finding your lost iPhone after DKE’s Heat Party (FYI, you’re not getting that back). We spend our Sundays wondering, “will that guy I met last night text me?” The answer is yes, but it will be at 1:05 a.m. the next Friday with my all-time favorite line, “wanna hang?”

If you’re looking for a hookup that you can avoid eye contact with in the daylight hours, you won’t have an issue at this school. But, if you don’t want to be defending last night’s conquest with “he/she looked better in the frat basement lighting,” Tinder is the app for you.

Tinder allows you to soberly seek out your perfect mate based on five carefully chosen pictures, and if you like what you see, drag their picture to the left and if all goes well, you get a match! After, you can start conversations with the people that you matched with.

Be sure to weed out the matches that start off with cheesy, borderline creepy pick-up lines such as “If you were DNA, I would be a helical enzyme so I could unzip your genes.” Sorry dude, you get an A+ for cleverness, but zero chance of a response.

However, once you look past the overly horny weirdos, you may be able to find someone you actually want to talk to. For fear of being forever exiled by future dating prospects, our sources spoke on the condition of anonymity.

“I started using the app as a joke, but then ended up meeting a really cool guy,” said one senior girl. “We went on a few dates and he even picked me up from the airport after I had been away for a weekend.” Free drinks and a chauffeur? What could be better than that?

Others, though, have not had such positive experiences. Another senior girl used the app while she was interning in Washington D.C. this summer and said, “I had a lot of conversations going but nothing that I really wanted to continue with. One guy asked me what movie describes my life, and I answered with How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days. Needless to say, I didn’t have much success.”

A senior guy stated, “I think it’s great for meeting girls to hook up with, but I wouldn’t use it with the intention of finding a relationship.”

In the world of Tinder, anything goes. One girl was talking to a guy she really liked, only to find out he was engaged. Another girl got sent some not so appropriate pictures of a guy below the belt ... for a week straight. The majority of Tinder users are truly only in it for the hook up, which is great if you’re not looking for anything serious.

If you’re looking for a relationship though, you may have to do some digging on the app before matching someone also seeking monogamy.

If Tinder doesn’t sound like it’s for you, it may be time to explore some other options.

One of the newest apps on the market is called Lulu, which allows girls to read and write anonymous views on guys they know. Junior Angela Christiano is the Lulu campus representative.

“Lulu helps a girl find out if her crush is the real deal or her worst nightmare — the app is usually referred to as a girl’s “dating compass,” said Christiano.

Essentially, girls rate guys they know based on different characteristics, and an overall average is calculated, giving girls insight on whether or not their crush is worth the chase.

“Lulu is a fun way for girls to rate and get to know guys on their own or with a group of friends” said Christiano.

With an endless amount of dating apps, you will never be at a loss to find someone. However, if you’re looking for a match made in heaven, you may just want to stick with the traditional way and strike up a conversation with the hot kid in your history class. But try it out, because who knows, you may just find love in a Tinder place.