Amendment One faces serious legal hurdle

Legal analysts say the controversial provision banning same-sex marriage in N.C. could be struck down next month

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In recent months, state constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriage have fallen like dominoes, struck down by federal judges in states ranging from Texas, Utah, Michigan and Virginia among others.

Next month, three judges from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit — which covers Virginia, West Virginia and both Carolinas — will meet to determine the fate of Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage. But their ruling could also upend North Carolina's Amendment One, approved by voters in 2012, which places a constitutional ban on gay marriage in the state.

"If they agree that Virginia's [amendment] is unconstitutional then I think by implication ours has to be," said Kacy Harriger, chair of the department of politics and international affairs who specializes in the study of constitutional law.

Harriger said that based on the way the U.S. Court of Appeals operates, it would be very unlikely for the Fourth Circuit to limit its ruling to Virginia if that state's ban on same-sex marriage is ruled unconstitutional.

"I don't imagine any way in which that would make sense," Harriger said. "If you strike down Virginia's, the message to the people challenging North Carolina's is you're going to win if you bring it to us, because there's nothing different between the two laws."

Amendment One was added to the state constitution by popular initiative on May 8, 2012, with 61 percent of voters supporting the proposed addition defining marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

On May 18, judges from the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals will begin hearing arguments over the fate of Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage. Many scholars think N.C.'s ban will share the same fate.

The provision gained a great deal of national attention because of its banning of civil unions and domestic partnerships, a stricter measure than most other states have embraced.

But if the three judges meeting on May 13 for the fourth circuit decide to uphold a federal judge's ruling which struck down Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage as unconstitutional, most scholars agree that this would likely also apply to N.C.'s Amendment One.

Despite dramatic changes in public opinion over the issue of same-sex marriage over the last decade — and with many federal judges beginning to strike down statewide bans — it remains a contentious and controversial issue.

A recent poll conducted by Public Policy Polling on April 10 showed that 40 percent of North Carolina voters feel gay marriage should be legal, while 53 percent think it should remain illegal.

During the tumultuous time period when Amendment One was proposed, students had largely opposed it. Té Easton, student government president at the time, proposed one was questioned.

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Prominent alumna to join university faculty

Melissa Harris-Perry, political scholar and host of an MSNBC morning television show, will join the university's faculty this summer

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Melissa Harris-Perry, political scholar and host of an MSNBC morning television show, will join the university’s faculty this summer.

Harris-Perry’s research, the Anna Julia Cooper Project, will also move to Winston.

This project is named after Anna Julia Cooper, an American female scholar.

If W. E. B. Du Bois is the African American man thinker at the turn of the 20th century, then Anna Julia Cooper is the African American, primary intellectual of her day,” Harris-Perry said. “So in many ways the project is meant to incorporate many of the things that she found valuable, which included research that focused on race and gender, and specifically race and gender with a focus on the South.”

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University continues to improve national reputation.

After its incorporation in the early 20th century, Winston-Salem has always been a city with a small town feel. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company dominated local society, and for years the city reflected the firm's tight-knit, old-fashioned culture. Those same Reynolds moved Wake Forest to its current home, and for a large part of its history, it embodied the Winston-Salem way of life.

The university was known as a small, regional college with a relatively homogenous student body. In recent years, the university has adopted the image of a top-25 national university that is constantly adapting for the better.

Under her leadership, the paper has increased its total circulation and improved its business model to increase revenue. Abramson can offer a unique perspective on the world around them. As the leader of one of the world's premiere newspapers, Abramson can offer a unique perspective on the world that exists outside of the Winston-Salem bubble.

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Deacon Profile: Brook Davis

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Since first stepping onto the Wake Forest campus as a seventh grader, Brook Davis has always considered herself a Demon Deacon. After graduating from the university with a double major in theatre and psychology ('90), she earned her Master of Fine Arts in acting from Virginia Commonwealth University ('93) and then a Ph.D in theatre history, theory and criticism from the University of Maryland, College Park ('97).

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After graduating from the university with a double major in theatre and psychology ('90), she earned her MFA in acting from Virginia Commonwealth University ('93) and then a Ph.D in theatre history, theory and criticism from the University of Maryland, College Park ('97). She didn't stay away from Winston-Salem, returning in 1997 to join the theatre department as a faculty member.

Her recent directing credits include: The Laramie Project, Angels in America, Doubt, Eurydice and The Secret Garden. She regularly teaches Introduction to Theatre, Dramatic Literature, Acting One and Theatre in Education.

Were you involved in theatre from a young age?

My mom used to do community theatre when I was little and I slept on couches backstage when she was doing shows. When I was 10, I started onstage. When I came to Wake, I wasn't actually going to do theatre, I really didn't even consider it. I was involved in theatre, but never thought of majoring in it. First I was an English major, and then I changed it to a psychology major.

I was on-stage during a rehearsal and I looked over at a friend of mine. I said, "She's so lucky, she gets to be a theatre major."

Then it just kind of hit me, like the light bulb going off in your head. I ended up double majoring in psychology and theatre. The minute I declared theatre, everything just kind of clicked.

Did you always want to be a teacher or did you want a career in theatre?

No, actually. I was studying acting for my MFA and after finishing a presentation, my professor called me into his office. He sat me down and told me that I needed to teach.

At first I was hesitant, but he insisted that I should be a teacher. I finished my MFA in acting and then took his advice and got my Ph.D. So now I have two terminal degrees, it's kind of obnoxious really.

When I was growing up, the way into theatre was to be an actor.

I think as a little kid that does theatre is an actor first.

That's kind of what you think you are. It took me a while to realize that I wasn't really an actor, but a director.

What about your undergraduate experience made you want to come back to Wake?

First of all, go Deacs! It's the perfect place and we have a great department here.

I also do a lot of tennis.

I was at graduate school at VCU and Maryland, I pulled for Wake the entire time. I always kept up with the basketball team.

I've been a Deacon since I came on the campus when I was in the seventh grade. I was accepted early decision when I applied and have been a Deacon forever. I met my husband here and we actually got married in Davis Chapel.

We didn't know that I was going to come back and teach, he was in graduate school at the time. Ultimately we said, "This is our place."

Those are always faculty directed.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I do a lot of reading with my kids, I've got a 13-year-old and a 3-year-old. So I'm constantly doing things with them, which are very different - like how the 13-year-old likes to watch and play basketball, the 3-year-old likes to watch and play football.

I also watch a lot of television. I love to play word games, and I'm a big Tony Kushner fan.

What do you prefer plays or musicals, and do you have a favorite playwright?

I am a straight play gal. I like musicals, that's just not my skill set. Also I teach dramatic literature, so I do a lot reading with plays.

The person I was presenting on when my professor told me to be a teacher was Tennessee Williams. So naturally, I'm a big fan of his. I'm also a big Tony Kushner fan.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I'm a movie fanatic, so I see a ton of them. I also watch a lot of television. I love to play with my kids. I've got a 13-year-old and a 3-year-old. So I'm constantly doing things with them, which are very different — like how the 13-year-old likes to watch and play a lot of tennis.

POLICE BEAT

Larceny

• An unknown subject removed an unsecured laptop from a classroom in Carswell. The report was filed at 9:59 a.m. on April 10.
• An unknown subject removed an unsecured backpack from Worrell. The report was filed at 4:18 p.m. on April 11.

Underage Consumption

• Two students were charged by an ABC officer for under aged consumption and aiding and abetting. The report was filed at 8:14 p.m. on April 8.

Miscellaneous

• An ABC officer charged two students with consuming alcohol under 21 and possession of a fake ID. The report was filed at 8:32 p.m. on April 8.
• A subject was charged with underage consumption after consuming alcohol and becoming ill. ERTs transported the student to Student Health. The report was filed at 2:31 a.m. on April 12.
• A subject was charged with disturbance and underage consumption after being involved in an argument and physical confrontation outside Collins. No one was injured, both subjects refused to pursue criminal charges.

The report was filed at 1:23 a.m. on April 13.

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great thing to teach during election season," Harris-Perry said. "It's really a lot about African American political behavior, which will be important in the 2016 election cycle.

Harris-Perry will not teach any classes in the fall.

"I won't be teaching in the fall, because in the fall I will be very very actively working on setting up the Anna Julia Cooper Project and kind of getting our initial programming off the ground," she said. "It just takes a lot of administrative effort to do that in the first semester. So I'll have student contact and I'll be on campus, but I won't teach until the spring.

Harris-Perry is expected to arrive in Winston-Salem in July. "I'll come sometime in the summer," Harris-Perry said. "We don't have a house yet, and all of that stuff. My daughter will start seventh grade there in the fall, so we'll get there in time for school to start.

However, Harris-Perry's husband, James Perry, told The New Orleans Advocate that he does not plan to leave the city.

Perry is a New Orleans native who currently serves as the Executive Director of the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center and has even run for mayor of the city.

"We, James and I have always had multiple cities," Harris-Perry said. "We already do two between New York and New Orleans. When we first met, he was living in New Orleans and I was living in Princeton. We were often having days off that took place in some third city. We'll work it out.

Harris-Perry will also have to manage juggling teaching in Winston and hosting her MSNBC show in New York.

"I presume that my schedule at Wake will look very much like my schedule at Tulane has for the past two years," she said.

"The move to Winston will make for a shorter commute to New York.

The flight from New Orleans to LaGuardia is about an hour and a half, which makes it a much easier trip that Harris-Perry's current commute, which involves a three hour flight from New Orleans and an hour time difference.

"If anything, I'll have more opportunities to be on campus," she said. "Basically my schedule, with some variation, is Monday through Thursday on campus and then I take the early Friday morning flight up to New York. Then Friday, Saturday, Sunday, I'm in New York.

Harris-Perry's hiring has been met with positive response.

"We are delighted that she has chosen to come home to Wake Forest and help ignite in our students the passion she has for contemporary political issues and social justice," Provost Ragan Kersh told WFU News.

Harriger shared Kersh's sentiments. "We are excited to have Dr. Perry return to her alma mater and join our department.

Students are equally excited about Harris-Perry returning to Wake Forest. Junior politics and international affairs major Tara Kohli believes that Harris-Perry will be able to bring a fresh perspective to the world of political science.

"I am extremely excited for the possibility of taking a class with Melissa Harris-Perry," Kohli said. "Her seasoned experience as a political commentator and host of her own show will give students insight into a very captivating field.

Harris-Perry is also looking forward to returning to her alma mater and says that returning to Wake Forest has been in her plan, especially after returning to campus in 2012 to speak at Convocation for new students.

"I've probably always had it somewhere in the back of my mind," she said. "There is nothing like your alma mater, especially if you've had a good experience. I think even if you didn't that you still have a place in your heart, but especially when you had as good an experience as I had."

SG GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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I. Committee Reports

The Academic Committee is hosting its second-to-last "Study Smarter, Not Harder" seminar tomorrow in the library at ZSR 476.

They have a meeting with President Hatch to talk about possibilities for Deacon Boulevard. Alex Haddock is working on getting pins for Student Government members.

The Public Relations committee is working on Public Relations for the Sit and Sip event with President Sutherland and the "Study Smarter, Not Harder," workshop.

II. New Business

Bill 32 - A bill was proposed to provide emergency funding to the WFU Fencing Club. The bill was approved.

Bill 33 - A bill was proposed to reorganize the Student Government Constitution. It addresses the need for clarification and reorganization of the Student Government Constitution so that the leaders and members of the Student Government may better understand and abide by the rules governing the organization. The bill passed.

Bill 34 - A bill was introduced that added two new articles to Article II, Section 1, Subsection A that reads: "Have representation, membership and voting rights as a part of the Council of Student Presidents and shall be among the duties charged to the office of the President in collaboration with the University's other schools." The bill was approved.

Bill 35 - A bill was introduced that recommends the Campus Life Committee to maintain a deliberate focus on mental health by working in coordination with The Campus Assessment, Response, Evaluation (CARE) Team, The University Counseling Center and any motivated organization with a similar scope. Inspired by the passing of Andrew Pillow, they held a moment of silence to pay tribute to his memory.

III. Announcements

President Sutherland is going to increase awareness of the "Talk to Me" campaign.

Next Tuesday, the campaign will host a dinner in the Magnolia Room aimed at starting meaningful conversations. Friday will be the end of the campaign. She will be having her final "Sit and Sip" this week from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in Campus Grounds.

Treasurer William Readhead is currently wrapping up the budget. He is working on planning the SG banquet.

President Elect Margaret Multikin is currently accepting Chief of Staff applications.

Fifth Annual Senior Theses and Research Projects showcase

Four exemplary seniors will be sharing their final thesis projects from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22 in room 404 of Z. Smith Reynolds Library. Seniors David Incauskis, Rachel Cumbest, Ryan Whittington and Christopher Earle will be presenting on topics ranging from Latin American Liberation Theology to the life of Austrian composer Arnold Schoenberg.
Law professor to argue case at Supreme Court

John Korzen is headed to Washington, D.C. to argue an environmental case before the nine justices of the Supreme Court

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On April 23, Wake Forest University Law School Professor John Korzen will face the ultimate test of any attorney, he will make an oral argument before the nine justices of the Supreme Court of the United States. Korzen is representing the plaintiffs in the appeal of CTS Corporation v. Waldburger.

The plaintiffs in the case claim that the defendant contaminated their property and well water by releasing dangerous wastes into the environment. The issue on appeal is whether a limitations period in the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), which allows plaintiffs to sue after they know or should know of their harm, supersedes smaller allotted periods of time such as the one contained in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 1-52(16), which can prevent plaintiffs from filing claims before they are even aware of their harm.

Korzen took on this case through the Appellate Advocacy Clinic at the Law School following the trial court’s dismissal of the case, and has worked on it continuously since then.

"The trial court dismissed the case based on a 10 year period of repose in a North Carolina statute of limitations, which period begins to run when the defendant last acted, not one year after the one contained in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 1-52(16)," Korzen said. "The clinic then appealed that decision to the Court of Appeals in 2013. The Fourth Circuit reversed the decision, in 2012. The Fourth Circuit reversed the decision, in 2013, holding that a federal statute 'preempts' the North Carolina period of repose and allows people to sue after they discover the cause of their harm. The Supreme Court agreed to hear the case in January of this year.”

Korzen is representing the plaintiffs in the appeal of CTS Corporation v. Waldburger, which is fairly typical for lawyers getting ready for a Supreme Court argument," Korzen said. "In the first one, all ten of this year's clinic students served as the justices. [Also], when I'm not thinking of possible questions or practicing, I'm reading popular fiction, including legal thrillers (a guilty pleasure), and taking long walks."

Emily Maddux ('13) also has been an intricate part of this case. She was a third year law student when the clinic took on the case and after dedicating significant time to the case, made the oral arguments in front of the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Korzen has argued cases in a number of appellate courts, but never before the U.S. Supreme Court. Nevertheless, his numerous past observations of oral arguments at the Supreme Court have given Korzen some necessary insight as to how the arguments will proceed.

"Arguments there are fast-paced, because there are nine justices firing away with questions," Korzen said. "The arguments are also really a conversation between the justices, who do not discuss the cases with each other before oral argument and who try to use oral argument to explore their concerns and influence their colleagues." The opportunity, no matter the high degree of difficulty, excites Korzen who knows that this will be a once in a lifetime experience.

"I told Clinic students back when we first began working on this case that it is my personal favorite out of all the cases I have worked on since I graduated from law school here in 1991," he said, "because it offers us an important opportunity to clarify the law in the highest court in the land and arises right here in North Carolina."

Amendment One: State's gay marriage ban could fall

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posed legislation to have SG formally condemn the amendment. Administrators also began to take sides on the controversial issue. Former Vice President of Student Life Ken Zick told the Old Gold & Black that he would vote against the amendment.

Since the issue has re-emerged, with a ruling possibly to be handed down in the fall, many students have expressed hope that Amendment One will be struck down.

Junior Grant Ferowich, co-president of College Democrats, said the organization strongly opposes the measure. "We see Amendment One as an unjust violation of the equal rights of all people. Amendment One does not respect all persons as equal before the law," Ferowich said.

Furthermore, Amendment One isn't even about making gay marriage illegal — gay marriage already is illegal under previous law in North Carolina. Amendment One harms civil unions of all kinds — it is bad for families, and it is bad for North Carolina."

Sophomore Alana Harrison, a former member of the executive board of the university’s College Republicans also opposes the state’s ban on same-sex marriage.

"Not only is North Carolina taking rights away from same-sex couples, they are weakening the protective laws for domestic violence victims," Harrison said. "No matter political views, everyone deserves equal treatment and protection."

"By the past few weeks, state Attorney General Roy Cooper has asked a judge to delay hearings for a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) challenging Amendment One. Cooper said that the ruling of the Fourth Circuit will decide the future of the amendment anyway, and it would be unwise to interfere with the proceedings."

Harriger said that regardless of Amendment One's fate, if the Fourth Circuit strikes down Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage, it will likely put more pressure on the Supreme Court to take up the issue in the near future, despite the Justices' past reluctance to issue a sweeping ruling on the issue of same-sex marriage.

"If there end up being differences among the Circuits, that's almost always a trigger for Supreme Court review," Harriger said. "I don't think they're going to be able to dodge it."
Alex Sink graduated from the university in 1970. After a successful banking career, she served as Florida’s Chief Financial Officer from 2007-2011 and was the Democratic nominee for Governor in 2010.

By Austin Cook

Alex Sink, an alumna and trustee, has run several high-profile political campaigns in Florida, but she may not be done with politics just yet.

For alumna Alex Sink (’70), politics was always an interest but never a career path. Instead, she focused on her career in banking. But politics has undoubtedly dominated Sink’s life for much of the past decade, as she has found herself at the forefront of some of Florida’s most important elections over the last eight years. Since 2006, Sink has run for statewide office twice and once for Congress.

Sink, who graduated from Wake Forest with a degree in mathematics, spent the three years following her time in Winston-Salem teaching children in Africa. When she returned to the U.S., she began her career in finance and eventually became president of Florida operations at NationsBank, now Bank of America.

Though she had no experience running for office beyond serving in Student Government her senior year at Wake Forest, Sink had stayed active in politics throughout her career, having worked with groups such as EMILY’s List, which helps elect pro-choice female candidates.

“I never saw myself as a candidate, I was just interested in politics,” she said. Much of that interest stemmed from her career in banking, having worked with groups such as EMILY’s List, which helps elect pro-choice female candidates.

“Businesses were looking to hire more women into professional positions and that’s how I got started in banking,” she said. “It was the benefit of that law being passed. It seems so natural [today], but it wasn’t back then.”

Sink decided to seek the seat, wanting to help break the barrier about the importance of policy.

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Sink lost the general election by a single percentage point, garnering 48 percent of the vote to Scott’s 49 percent.

Four years later, with Scott seeking re-election, Sink says she will do everything she can to ensure he does not win another term. She offered a blistering criticism of Scott. “He’s horrible, he’s incompetent,” she said. “Our state is headed in such a wrong direction — we don’t have a direction.”

Sink retired from her banking career in 2000, still never having run for office herself. But in 2002, her late husband Bill McFieal, a prominent attorney, ran for governor of the state, eventually losing to Jeb Bush.

“My husband decided he was going to run for governor and I got to see the inner workings of a big state campaign and what it took,” Sink said.

“It was only a few years later that Sink decided to run for a new position in the Florida state government — Chief Financial Officer, an individual responsible for the state’s finances and insurance regulation.

“It wasn’t about the politics part of it so much,” she said. “It was about the policy and the fact that I could do good things in this job and I had the right particular background and experience for this job.” Although she ran as a Democrat, Sink said she ran as a non-partisan candidate, promising to manage the state’s finances in a sustainable way, regardless of political affiliation. “I convinced the voters that the job was not about a Republican way of doing things or a Democratic way of doing things — it was about a financially sound way of doing things,” she said.

Sink said that she never planned to seek another office after being elected CFO in 2006. “In my mind, I was there for eight years — I was going to serve two consecutive terms and that would be it,” she said.

But things changed when the incumbent Republican Governor, Charlie Crist, decided to seek the state’s open seat in the U.S. Senate rather than run for re-election. The opportunity to run for governor of Florida — a position never before held by a woman — then presented itself.

“I started thinking in the back of my mind, ‘if he’s not going to be there, what do I want to run for,’” Sink said. “Do I want to run for re-election as CFO, or do I just want to go for governor?”

That decision, she said, was “easy.” She easily claimed the Donnelly nomination for governor, but faced an unexpected Republican challenger in the general election.

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The president got very unlucky with the rollout of the healthcare plan. “If there’s one thing you learn in politics, it’s never say ‘never’,” Sink said.

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Sink was hammered with attack ads criticizing people. “Within two weeks I’m running on what are we going to do about Obamacare?”

Turnout was low — around 40 percent — and the district had continuously elected Young, a Republican, to represent it for four decades. But despite the loss, Sink says she has no regrets. She considered running for the seat again in November, when a new election will be held for a full two-year term. Officials from the Democratic Party had lobbied Sink to run again and, they saw her as the strongest candidate to potentially win the seat, but on April 15, she announced she will not be a candidate again this year.

“Tm not running in 2016, I will say that,” Sink said, calling the decision “definitive.” While she won’t be on the ballot this fall, she also declined to close the door on her political career altogether. “If there’s one thing you learn in politics,” Sink said, “it’s never say ‘never.’”
SG Speaker Elect apologizes to student body

Student Government Speaker of the House Elect requests forgiveness from student body

My name is Ryan Cleland and I need to apologize. Last year, I offended the student body with actions that were ignorant and hurt the feelings of administrators, faculty and students alike.

In the immediate time following my actions last year I met with members of Wake Forest’s administration and students and I said the words “I’m sorry.”

I truly meant that I was sorry for hurting peoples’ feelings, Student Government and myself, but I didn’t understand my own apology. I was saying it automatically. Although it was honest, I felt like it came with no conviction because I knew that I did not fully understand what I needed to in order to truly be apologetic.

That is to say, of course I knew what I did was inherently wrong, but I did not understand the perspective of those I hurt enough to feel just in providing an apology.

This past year has been the most important one of my life. I have learned so much about ignorance, the forms that it takes and how people can be in denial about it like I was.

It took me a year of deep personal reflection and questioning to come to realize who I was, who I wanted to be and how I could make that happen. I honestly asked myself in a constant internal dialogue.

“Why did you do that?” “What did you actually mean by it?” “Does what you meant even matter?” “Am I a bad person?”

And learning from my past actions is helping me to accomplish that ... I understand myself more. And I am so thankful for what I have learned. I am also thankful that I can finally apologize to you with conviction.

An action I could not have committed a year ago. Every time I would say those words I felt inside of myself, something missing in the phrase, something that I needed to realize. Today, I understand more the extent of my actions. I know more completely why I need to be sorry.

And I can finally be satisfied when I say it.

Wake Forest, thank you for providing me with a life changing experience.

And for what you had to endure for me to go through it, I am sorry.

Sincerely,
Ryan Cleland
SG Speaker of the House Elect
Class of 2014

Restaurant employees deserve better treatment

The manner by which some Wake students interact with servers is a disrespectful

I try to stay calm when you ignore me at the table, when you blatantly interrupt me when I’m talking to other customers, when you demand item after item without a simple please or a thank you, when you yell at me when your food doesn’t come out in 10 minutes, when you make fun of and laugh at me when I walk away from your table and when you have me split checks ten different ways and then leave no tip.

I am a graduate student at Wake Forest and have worked at a local restaurant for over a year. As I approach graduation, I am compelled to bring to light a recurring issue that I have experienced as a waitress in this area and that many other co-workers and servers I know go through every day. I can understand a tight student budget (because I’m there too) and sometimes can tolerate lousy tips, but I am appalled and embarrassed by the level of disrespect and inhuman treatment that I receive from my own peers.

I have seen servers emotionally break down because of students’ harassment and stiffed bills.

Sometimes it takes all of my energy to not quit my job because I often leave feeling belittled and dehumanized. I have worked in the restaurant industry for almost ten years now and know I am not giving you shoddy service. I rely on my customers’ tips, rather than a trust fund, to finance my education.

When my co-workers ask me what school I go to, I am embarrassed to say I attend Wake Forest. I know not every student is disrespectful, and there are pockets of Wake that are bursting with humility, creativity and uniqueness.

I have waited on many Wake students who are courteous, grateful and conscientious people, and many students are some of my favorite customers. Yet, there are some who create this unfortunate image of Wake Forest as snobby, disrespectful and superior. Even when you’re off campus at a restaurant, you’re still representing Wake Forest.

I know not everyone acts like this, but it just happens too often to be quiet about it. I hope this culture of disrespect changes one day.

But, what I really hope is that the next time you go out to eat, you will look your server in the eyes and remind yourself she or he is not your servant or a second-class citizen — we are human beings.

Respectfully,
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Budget cuts affect the quality of student life

Many groups on campus face losing significant funding with little to no explanation.

This past week, many clubs on campus were sent an email from the Student Budgetary Advisory Committee informing them of severe budget cuts. As the outgoing co-President of the Volunteer Service Corps, this greatly affects me and I was stunned to learn that they cut more than 65 percent of our budget.

I want to know where this money went. Wake Forest prides itself on its motto of “Pro Humanitate,” and we in the Volunteer Service Corps fully embody that motto. We are attempting to appeal our budget but without more money, our club will take severe hits.

We will no longer be able to provide scholarships for Wake Alternative Break Trips and will have to charge students more to participate. The now 26 year tradition of Project Pumpkin will not occur as we are taking it over for this year. Pro Humanitate day, a celebration of our motto and a way to get our student body involved with the community will not happen. Is SBAC simply prioritizing different things? Maybe they have a smaller pool of money to work with? I want them to know that these cuts will greatly affect the campus next year. Some of our biggest service events will no longer happen without this money. If we as a student body truly care about Wake’s motto of “Pro Humanitate,” you’d think they would allocate the funds appropriately.

More importantly, we are one of a long list of groups who saw cuts for the upcoming year. Both OLAS and Habitat for Humanity saw cuts of around 50 percent of their budget. Students Helping Honduras had about 20 percent of their budget cut. Hillel, Health Occupations Student Association and Gospel Choir are among the groups that saw cuts as well. I have been attempting to get in contact with SBAC for over a week now and am greatly concerned that I have yet to hear a response.

As the semester is coming to an end and new members have been elected, the outgoing student government members may not be prioritizing our budget concerns. However, much of the planning of our events will occur over the summer. We need answers now.

Respectfully, 
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A Ho' Lot of Knowledge | Potential Presidential Pick

Bush may be the best Republican presidential candidate

Jeb has the qualities that the Republican party needs in a presidential candidate

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Even with the 2016 elections far away, both parties are using the 2014 Midterm elections as a springboard for 2016. While the Democrats clearly have a frontrunner in Hillary Clinton, the Republican field is more scattered.

With Chris Christie possibly permanently crippled by scandal, moderate establishment Republicans, as of now, are left without a standard bearer. Recent buzz however has speculated that Jeb Bush can fill that void.

At first glance, Mr. Bush brings many credentials to the table that can help the Republicans. He was a successful two term governor of Florida from 2001-2007, he has a Hispanic wife who has helped his standing with the Hispanic community, and of course, his last name will help build a donor base needed to fund a presidential campaign.

Although his credentials on the surface instantly make Mr. Bush a credible candidate, one only needs to look deeper to see why Mr. Bush has the appeal to be successful in a presidential run.

For instance, Mr. Bush’s recent comments that “illegal immigration is an act of love” could help appeal to a Hispanic community that is becoming increasingly aligned with the Democratic Party. Although it is hard to say what his substantive positions on immigration are, when looking at everything in context, one must compare his tone on illegal immigration with the House Republicans.

The House Republicans are hardening their tone on illegal immigration and have not shown a willingness to pass immigration reform.

With Hispanic Americans poised to become the majority demographic in America, Mr. Bush may be the only candidate who can stop Republicans from going down the demographic death trap.

Mr. Bush’s more moderate tone is one of the reasons why he has cross-over appeal.

Respected political scientist Mark Halperin recently wrote on Twitter “[Jeb] is not a perfect candidate but he has some rare traits: fearless, Democrats who meet him like him, Hispanic appeal, tough.”

Nowhere has this been demonstrated more than in my own family. Though my dad and my aunt are lifetime Democrats, both have recently worked with him in his position as an advisor to Barclays Capital.

Both came away impressed that he not only had a firm grasp of financial and political issues, but also because he was willing to criticize Tea Party Republicans for hurting the party’s ability to appeal to different demographics.

Mr. Bush also told my dad that Mitt Romney failed to attract a broader demographic spectrum to support his bid for president. Unlike Mr. Romney, Mr. Bush would have the gravitas to appeal to the demographics necessary to win the presidency, given his family background.

These are among the reasons that both my dad and aunt would be open to voting for Mr. Bush in 2016.

Although Mr. Bush has many strengths, he also has many liabilities. For example, many of the Tea Party Republicans would be hesitant to nominate a person they see as a moderate. That — along with the Bush last name — will alienate many far right conservatives and liberals as well.

However, given the splintered Republican field, Mr. Bush appears to be someone who could unite the moderate and Tea party faction of the party.

I expect to see the so called “Bush” fatigue dissipate to the point where the country is open to electing another Bush.

This could be seen by President George W. Bush’s approval ratings. When he left office, they were decidedly underwater; however, Bush’s ratings have recovered to the point where he has stronger approval ratings than President Obama.

Even though it will be hard for Mr. Bush to get elected, he would have a better chance than any of the other Republican candidates, given their weaknesses.

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Leadership is a trait that can be personified

Sometimes life requires us to take up the role of a leader—sometimes we must follow

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When we think of leadership, we often think of descriptors such as initiative, trustworthiness and ability to make a tough decision. Often times we believe that seeming good judgment, revealing empathy and focusing on the objectives and not the obstacles describes leadership as well. Additionally, most feel that leadership needs to be continually positive, enthusiastic and optimistic.

All of this is true. However, leadership takes its truest form not in definition and the world of ideas but in display.

Leadership becomes real when it is lived out in the lives of people. When we see it embodied, then we will truly understand and recognize leadership when we see it again.

A young man was on a commercial fishing vessel in Bristol Bay east of the Bering Sea, just off the Alaskan coast. After a grueling day of pilchard fishing for sockeye salmon, he found himself assigned to handle the tie-up line as they pulled up to deliver their catch. In order to deliver the salmon, one man had to go to the front of the boat and one man had to go to the back.

The young man's turn for the bow was up so he moved quickly to the front not knowing what he was about to experience that day. He had to be careful not only because of the wind and sea but because there were thousands of steel from the large freighter looming within feet of his head. It was in the middle of the night so any mistake in the darkness could prove fatal.

The young man moved to the front of the vessel and held on tight for the sea was rough and he was facing extremely high winds.

He waited as the large vessel's crewman threw him the large tie-up line. He had to be careful not only because of the wind and sea but because there were tons of steel from the large freighter looming within feet of his head. It was in the middle of the night so any mistake in the darkness could prove fatal.

Even though what was to happen next only lasted a few minutes, it would seem like any eternity to this young man. The crewman from the large vessel threw the line and in one quick sweeping motion, the young man caught the line, and then like a cowboy tying a rodeo steers legs, he quickly did two figure eights around the cleat and ending with a half-hitch to secure the line.

His job was over. He now needed to move to his next assignment and move quickly.

Time was ticking away.

They were fishing in some of the most lucrative fishing grounds in the world and they had to be fast. The more time they spent delivering fish, the less time their nets were in the water catching fish.

Time was money. The young man had to move but as he found out later, he didn't have to move so fast. In fact, he shouldn't have moved at all. His day was about to change and if it were not for a leader on board he would not be alive today.

This leader took the form of a quiet, soft-spoken man named John. If it weren't for John, the young fisherman would not be doing what he is doing today.

Two rope tosses were made that night. One rope was tossed perfectly and one rope was not.

The good toss hit the young man in the middle of the night so any mistake in the darkness could prove fatal.

The bad toss was thrown in the middle of the night so any mistake in the darkness could prove fatal.

The good toss hit the young man in the middle of the night so any mistake in the darkness could prove fatal.

He grabbed for the next one.

The current was too strong. The young man was now only three feet from the end of the vessel. He was feet away from open water, with his buoyancy slipping away, in extreme cold and with the dangerous ocean water awaiting. He was in green colored rain gear. The Sabotage was tied fast to the vessel.

As he prepared to hit open water by himself he felt something.

It was a hand. It was a strong hand. It was the strong hand attached to a man that said later something like, "I had to do something.

If we were going to get him, it was going to be up to me.

There was no choice in the matter." It was John. John heard the splash and went to the side of the boat.

Before the young man slipped by the end of the boat, he reached over as far as he could and slammed his hand into the middle of the young man's back.

He grabbed with all of his might for a chunk of his rain gear.

He landed his hand squarely but because the young man was so far down at the water level John's stomach curled over the side rail of the boat.

With both legs going up into the air and tilting towards going overboard himself, the captain, seeing the pair's situation, jumped down from the flying bridge and grabbed both calves before they both ended up in the Bering Sea.

With all of their might, and with John never relinquishing his grip on his fellow deckhand, the young man was pulled over the side of the boat and back onto the deck of the Sabotage.

Are you a leader like John? Have you been a leader like John? Are you willing to become a leader like John?

We all need those who think, "If it is going to be, it will be up to me." We all need John's in our lives.

Every family, every organization, every business, every university needs a John. I need John that day.

I will never forget him. You see, I was that young fisherman.

John was a leader who saw a need, stepped out and did something about it. Are you a John?

I think I just heard a splash.

Got to go.
State education funding cut significantly

N.C. politicians are limiting the options for future generations by cutting

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Most people would agree that getting the best possible education is one of the most important goals in life. We would not invest over $225,000 for 4 years if we could not agree on at least that much. Such a priority requires more than just investments by students at private universities; it requires a commitment by everyone.

So, how is it acceptable for us to be making massive cuts to education budgets? The economy is still in recovery, N.C. politicians are limiting the amount of aid towards development. Then there is the United Nations acceptance of South Sudan, the state now has 5,000 less teachers but thousands more students than it did four years ago. If South Sudan ranks a dismal 46th in average teacher salaries nationally. The state point is, great politicians are making decisions that have a lasting impact on the future of our society.

Society needs more high-skilled graduates for the future, not less. 20 years ago the U.S. was considered a global leader in education. Today, we are barely considered average and we are falling behind quickly. Only 42 percent of adults our age (ages 25-34) receive a higher education. Dropout rates have skyrocketed to over 54 percent and of those who do graduate high school 60 percent are not adequately prepared for college or the high-skilled labor force. These statistics only scratch the surface of deeper issues faced by schools dealing with the complications of race, class, gender, and student disabilities.

What is Congress doing about it? Well, House Republicans announced last year’s budget proposal a few weeks ago, it will cut $145 billion over the next 10 years from education, $90 billion of that will come from college Pell grants and students will now be charged interest on federal loans while still in school. More than 56 percent of Wake students receive financial aid. Maybe you do not but at least half of your friends probably do. I myself would not be able walk across the stage this May without these federal aid programs. The proposed cuts by Congress are not just red ink on a bottom line, but play a massive role in whether or not over 1 million students across the country are able to afford to go to college. This is unacceptable.

What can you possibly do about it? Vote in this year’s upcoming midterm elections. Turnout among college students represents a massive percentage of the population. Yet, it is often underrepresented at the polls.

If you think state governments are picking up the slack, think again. North Carolina is among the 38 states currently spending less than pre-2009 recession levels. In fact, we are spending nearly 10 percent less and more cuts are being proposed. Last summer, North Carolina made large budget cuts that targeted teacher salaries and forced many teachers out of the classroom. Our votes matter and these issues are too important to let other generations decide for us.

International Affairs | South Sudan

Religion may play a large role in South Sudan

Economic issues cross paths with religious factions and ethnic crises in South Sudan

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In January 2011, an overwhelming majority of South Sudanese voted to become Africa’s newest independent nation. With over 60 indigenous groups, this young state is grappling with a variety of conflicts embedded in a complex history of ethnic tension. Land disputes between ethnic groups have already led to over 10,000 deaths, and more than 900,000 displaced persons. With the threat of greater regional conflict and instability, it is imperative upon the international community to find innovative ways of successfully transforming the conflict in South Sudan.

A number of stakeholders are already vested in resolving the ongoing violence. Not only did the United Nations accept South Sudan as a member state, it also sent peacekeeping troops and invested a considerable amount of aid towards development. Then there is the United States who played a major role in supporting South Sudanese independence as its leading international donor. However, the spread of ethnic violence in the country will complicate any future U.S. support. Even the more than 200 national and international NGOs in South Sudan are burdened with putting out short term fires like the lack of basic necessities. Also on the list are the South Sudanese state and international oil companies who have grave concerns regarding their respective economic and financial interests due to the country’s drastically underutilized oil reserves.

If the international community intends on maximizing their tremendous efforts, a long term approach that builds on their accumulated social capital is the most effective way to move towards a sustainable future for the country. In an environment of serious state corruption coupled with local leaders who perpetuate a cycle of retributive violence, religious leaders are perhaps the only remaining actors with local influence and social legitimacy. They have been remarkable in their consistent calls for non-violent resolution across ethnic boundaries.

A majority of these religious leaders draw upon their vocational responsibility as Christians to challenge violent retribution and have opened their homes to those at risk regardless of ethnicity.

In the past, clergy members were absolutely instrumental in solidifying temporary unity between the local Dinka and Nuer peoples during periods of conflict. To further this productive impact of religion, NGOs and oil companies can partner to enhance current efforts. Of these religious leaders with faith-based conflict transformation training that empowers them to mediate between local ethnic communities and hold their leaders accountable. Despite the fact that oil companies in South Sudan may not deem it their responsibility to get involved in ethnic conflicts, funding this collaborative approach is an opportunity for them to move beyond a pursuit of devotional interests due to the country’s drastically underutilized oil reserves.

Their security spending can be drastically reduced in the absence of recurring violence, paving the way for a productive petroleum sector.

A boosted economy also provides the impetus for the South Sudanese state to get involved in fostering these partnerships and continue building upon their success. Although building effective partnerships between NGOs, oil companies and religious leaders will take time, the immediate gains of implementing such faith-based trainings can be measured in terms of their effectiveness in diffusing ongoing communal violence. The longevity of this approach rests in its ability to create local buy-in and develop long-term relationships between stakeholders who have an immediate interest in ending the bloodshed.

As witnesses to the daily devastation in their local communities, religious leaders are at the nexus of any path towards an enduring process of stability and reconciliation in South Sudan.
Deacs suffer setback in Chapel Hill

The Wake Forest baseball team dropped two out of three to North Carolina

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The Wake Forest baseball team got off to a strong start in ACC play this season, winning four of its first five conference series. Last weekend, however, the Deacs hit a bump in the road — or rather, on the road — as the North Carolina Tar Heels handed them their second conference series loss of the season in Chapel Hill, N.C.

The Demon Deacons snapped a five-game road ACC winning streak with a 9-0 loss to the Tar Heels on Friday in the first game of the series at Boshamer Stadium. Senior Jack Fischer, who had gone at least 7.0 innings in all of his previous ACC starts this season, recorded the 100th strikeout of his career but lasted only 4.0 innings against the Tar Heels, giving up six hits and five runs.

Wake Forest and North Carolina played three scoreless innings before the Tar Heels plated two runs in the bottom of the fourth. The Deacs had a walk and a hit-by-pitch to put runners on first and second in the fifth inning but couldn’t bring them home. A grand slam by North Carolina’s Tyler Ramirez gave the Tar Heels a 7-0 lead and effectively sealed the win in the bottom of the fifth, but North Carolina plated two more runs in the seventh and eighth innings for good measure.

The Deacs appeared to have a chance to avenge Friday’s loss in game two of the series on Saturday, but the Tar Heels eked out a 4-3 win to clinch the series.

North Carolina jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the first inning off a sacrifice fly before adding two more runs due to fielding errors in the third inning.

The Wake Forest bats began to come alive in the fourth inning when a leadoff walk by senior Charlie Morgan gave way to singles by freshmen Will Craig and Nate Mondou, scoring Morgan to put the Deacs on the board.

Seniors Jack Carey and Evan Stephens got on base to start off the fifth inning, and a sacrifice bunt from sophomore Joey Rodriguez moved both runners into scoring position.

Morgan then grounded out to score Carey, and senior Matt Conway doubled in the next at-bat to score Stephens and tie the game at 3-3. The double was the 60th of Conway’s career, moving him into fourth place in school history for career doubles.

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Women's tennis falls in final home matches

The No. 74 Demon Deacons suffered losses to conference rivals Maryland and No. 4 Virginia

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Following two straight weeks on the road, the then-No. 66 Wake Forest women's tennis team returned home last weekend for two ACC matches against Maryland and No. 4 Virginia. These were the final two home matches for the Demon Deacons.

On Friday, the Demon Deacons and Terrapins engaged in a marathon match that would have even impressed active tennis legend John Isner. In doubles, the Demon Deacons started off strong with a win at second doubles by freshmen Samantha Asch and Luisa Fernandez 8-4.

At first doubles, sophomores Xue Zhang and Kasey Gardner were even with Maryland most the match, but the Terrapins capitalized on a late break to take the match 8-6. Now the opening point was on the shoulders of the third doubles tandem of freshman Kimmy Guerin and junior Karen Forman. The Deacs clawed their way into a decisive tiebreaker, but the Terrapins persevered with an 8-7 victory.

Maryland quickly doubled its 1-0 edge with a win over sophomores Andrea Rotoloza 6-2, 6-2, but the Deacs refused to give up. At sixth singles, Zhang put Wake Forest on the board with an overpowering 6-1, 6-4 victory.

This win was corralled with a routine 6-3, 6-3 win by Fernandez at third singles. Moments later, Gardner completely turned the tables with a powerful 6-0, 6-4 victory at fifth singles. Her aggressive style of play forced her opponent to stand way behind the baseline, resulting in many forced errors.

With the momentum churning after three consecutive victories, the Deacs needed one of the remaining two matches for the key conference win. Guerin, at second singles, and Asch, playing fourth singles, both dropped the first set giving the Terrapins hope. But with their teammates cheering them on, the impassioned freshmen squared up the match by eking out hard-fought second sets. Asch continued to fight on, but her opponent elevated her level and used the crowd noise in her favor. She broke Asch's serve and took the match 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. With the match tied 3-3, the match was riding on Guerin's shoulders.

The 5-foot-8 Guerin worked her opponent on every point and battled. Tied at five games, the Terrapins came up with several monstrous returns for the critical break of serve. Maryland served out the match for the 6-3, 5-7, 7-5 victory. After four hours of play, Maryland took the match 4-3.

"It definitely hurts," said head coach Jeff Wyshner. "But our girls fought hard and learning from this defeat is what counts."

Two days later, the Demon Deacons faced a loaded Virginia team. Before the match, Wake honored Brigitta Berge, the team's lone senior for her contributions to Wake Forest and the tennis team. The Demon Deacons battled against the No. 5 Cavaliers, but Virginia won the match 6-1. However, Fernandez pulled off the best victory of her young career, defeating the No. 59-ranked player in the country 6-4, 1-6, 10-4.

Wake Forest (11-11) will finish up the ACC regular season this Friday at Syracuse. The Lady Deacs will compete in the ACC Championship in Cary, N.C., the following week.

Press Box: Yankees, Braves face challenges in 2014

Who will fill the void in the Braves' pitching rotation?

Alex Wood is making a compelling case to stay in the Braves' rotation. Before the season began, the Braves planned for Wood to be available out of the bullpen as a left-handed long reliever.

Season-ending injuries to Kris Medlen and Brandon Beachy in spring training forced Wood into the rotation. The initial plan was for Wood to move back to the bullpen once Mike Minor and Gavin Floyd return from injuries. However, the way Wood has pitched so far will make that decision a tough one for manager Fredi Gonzalez. My guess would be that David Hale will either go to the bullpen or Triple-A once Minor returns (which should be soon). After that, Floyd could join the rotation by the end of May, leaving either Wood or Aaron Harang as the odd man out. One of these two will almost certainly go to the bullpen while the other stays in the rotation.

The Braves are hoping they can still say that at the end of May. The next month-and-a-half will essentially be an audition for the last spot in the rotation. Regardless of who gets it, the end result will benefit the Braves either way.

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Danny Manning

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Long before he was the No. 1 pick in the 1988 NBA Draft, Danny Manning knew Wake Forest. Manning grew up only thirty minutes away in Greensboro, NC.

Well aware of the basketball tradition at Wake Forest, Manning believes that the university and his values mesh well. Moreover, Manning has a vision for the program, partly drawing upon the vast array of experiences he has accumulated as a player and coach.

Despite Manning only being at the university for a week, the camaraderie of the campus community has already impressed him.

What were your initial impressions of Wake Forest?

Going into it you know its an ACC school, you know its a very prestigious academic institution and you know its a very unique and intimate campus, students body and faculty.

I grew up in Greensboro for the most part and the Demon Deacons played in the Greensboro Coliseum when I was growing up here. We were kind of the ACC team of Greensboro so to speak. I was pretty well educated on Wake Forest and the thing that has blown me away has been the camaraderie, not only amongst the coaches but among the student body.

I had the chance to go to a couple of functions and I had a visit with some seniors that were leaving and preparing to leave after they finish this year. They all talked about the impact this university had on their lives and how prepared they feel to step out into the real world. That was something that struck a cord.

How will you market the university to recruits?

We have a great product. A few years back, Wake Forest was ranked No. 1 in the country. Honestly, that's where we want to get back too. We want to get back to the days of Coach Odom when he went to multiple NCAA tournaments and we won ACC Championships.

We want to get back to this being one of the programs that you always talk about and mention when you talk about the ACC. We have some work to do and we are not naive of the fact that we do, but we are embracing the challenge.

We know that we are up against great, great coaches in the ACC.

There are four Hall of Fame coaches in the league. We understand that, that's part of the challenge, its part of our journey. I'm looking forward to leading the charge of getting Wake Forest basketball back to where we think it belongs.

You were an assistant coach under Bill Self at Kansas. What have you taken away from his coaching style?

There are a couple of things. His people skills were something that impressed me and that continue to impress me. How he relates to his players, how he relates to the different alumni groups that he speaks with, and his relentlessness in coaching and teaching guys while challenging them.

Coach Brown, my college coach, and Coach Self, along with my father, probably had the biggest impact on my philosophy and how we are going to run our program. Coach Brown was probably the best coach I have ever played for. [I want to] do what he did for me in terms of how he made me a better person [and a] better player. If I can make those three things happen for every individual who comes through our program's doors, we are going to be pretty successful.

How are you going to implement your philosophy at Wake Forest?

Everybody has their own recruiting pitch, everybody is unique in their own sense. I have been very fortunate throughout my playing career. I've been a starter, I've been a guy who is depended on to score points, I've been a guy who has been a facilitator in the starting lineup. I've been a six man, I've been a role player, I've been in the rotation, I've been out of the rotation and I've been hurt. I've experienced every role on a team that anybody on our team is going to have.

Now I may not know exactly how each individual is feeling but I have a pretty good idea because I have been there. And then I look at our staff, everyone on our staff has played basketball. We have two players that played at the University of Kansas, some of us went the Junior College route, we've got Randolph [Childress], one of the best and most beloved players here. So we will be able to relate to the guys and its about helping them along their journey.

We are able to pull experiences because we have been there and we can share them with them. It might be saying 'Hey, I can see what you're going through and us having a conversation and he is like 'Coach, this is what is happening. I don't know what to do' and I can say 'Well, when I was in that situation, this is what worked for me. Or this is what didn't work for me.' Being able to give them some different ideas, help them think outside the box on how they are going to attack certain situations and certain problems: that's the biggest deal for us as a staff. We're teachers. We're labeled as coaches but we are teachers and we teach life through the game of basketball. We have to win games and we have to be successful on the basketball court but that's not over in life too. We have to make sure that when our guys leave here, they are prepared for life. They're prepared to go out and attack the world and make a positive contribution.

What kind of player do you want to recruit to the university?

The player that we want to recruit to the school is one that has a winning mentality. After that, it depends on the personnel on our team. You obviously want to go out and get the best players that you can, that fit your system, but you are going to need players who are facilitators and can get other guys involved. You are going to need players that are defensive minded. You are going to need players that are shooters. You are going to need all of these pieces. We have to make sure that we continue to go out and get pieces that fit what we are trying to do and its on me to make sure that they mesh and come together.

What is your message to the Wake Forest community?

We are going to be a program that works extremely hard everyday to get better. We are going to be a program that gets out and is visible on campus, in the community and we want people to see us and appreciate the amount of effort and intensity we are going to play with. That's something we can control each and everyday. We can't control whether we make shots, and we can't control some of the other things that are going to happen out on the court. You are going to make good decisions and you are going to make bad decisions as a player. Hopefully we make more good decisions than bad decisions but as long as people understand that we are going to play with a great deal of effort and high level of intensity, people are going to be proud of how we carry ourselves.

At the end of the day, wins and losses are very important but also how we go about your business everyday is important as well. I know this university understands and respects hard work.
**Men’s tennis drops two on Virginia trip**

Losses to Virginia Tech and Virginia drops the Deacs’ record to 14-10 overall as the ACC tournament looms

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Virginia may be for lovers as the old saying goes, but for the men’s tennis team, a recent trip left the Demon Deacons heartbroken. Taking on No. 42 Virginia Tech and No. 5 University of Virginia on the road was far from an easy task and, despite strong showings at both singles and doubles, Wake walked away from the weekend with plenty of disappointment.

The first test of the weekend came on Friday, April 11, as the No. 32 Deacs took on No. 42 Virginia Tech with the hopes of securing their first road win since March 7. Despite a loss from the No. 57 pairing of sophomores Pedro Dumont and Jon Ho in number one doubles, the other two pairings, sophomore Romain Bogaerts and freshman Maykin Kan and sophomore Anthony Delcore and senior Adam Lee made easy work of their Hokie opponents, going 8-1 and 8-2 respectively to pick up the doubles point.

From there it was onto singles, where things were looking good as Ho and Lee picked up early wins in straight sets to give Wake a 3-1 lead. “We played well in a couple spots — Adam did a great job, Jonny did a great job to win his match in straight sets,” head coach Tony Bresky said.

After that, the Deacons’ luck seemed to run out as Virginia Tech started to mount a comeback and force the final matchup on number one singles all the way to the deciding point. No. 35 Bogaerts dropped the first set 4-6 but picked up the second 7-5, ensuring that he and the Deacs would have one last set to fight for a win. As he battled his way to a 5-5 score in the third, Bogaerts lost the break and, with his opponent serving out the match, fell 5-7 as Wake was handed the loss. That 4-3 final is one that the Deacs know all too well, as this was their sixth down-to-the-wire loss this season. “We just haven’t had a lot of success in those kinds of matches this year, obviously, we’ve struggled in 4-3 matches,” Bresky said. “It’s something that obviously a little luck involved and you have to give Virginia Tech credit for playing well in that moment.”

Feeling defeated after that tough 4-3 loss, the Deacons headed to Charlottesville to take on the No. 5 University of Virginia on April 13. No easy task against the reigning champions, Virginia just went on to win each of the seven matches on their home courts, including the seventh match just before they’d swept Wake in 2014.

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For the second straight year, Wake dropped the doubles point for the season. “We have to be able to rebound and play our best matches of the year as we head into the ACC tournament.”

On April 18, they’ll host No. 14 Duke at 4 p.m. and on April 19 they’ll take on No. 32 N.C. State for their final regular season match of 2014. Rankings aside, these in-state matchups are sure to be dramatic. “It’s not that we hate [Duke or N.C. State], but it’s going to be a fight,” Bogaerts said. “It’s going to be a fight and it’s going to be competitive. I’m sure it’s going to be close.”

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**NBA Blurb: Nicknames on jerseys are unprofessional**

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When I see a nickname on the back of a jersey, I think, “Man, is this kid still wearing his rec jersey from high school?” or, “Oh, that must be an inside joke from your sorority sisters.”

Yes, basketball is a game. But the NBA is a profession, which means it should be professional.

We expect players to be classy on and off the court and if we take the professionalism on the court away, then what will become of off-court behavior? Honestly, I think allowing nicknames to be printed on the back of jerseys is unacceptable.

Nicknames should not be represented on the uniforms of any professional sports teams. When a player is in his uniform, he is working, and a jersey with a nickname is like wearing something inappropriate to work. When a player is on the court and on the job, he or she should be respecting that jersey and the team by wearing a garment that isn’t supposed to represent some sort of joke.

Having a nickname on a name tag at work or a place card on a desk would be quite juvenile, wouldn’t it? Even many colleges have taken away players’ last names from the backs of jerseys because they want players to play for the name on the front of their jersey, not the one on the back.

Now, don’t get me wrong, nicknames are fun and memorable. They keep people grounded, especially when those nicknames come from old friends or new friends that help deepen the chemistry on a team. They are, however, not professional. Allowing NBA players and players from other professional sports teams to put their nicknames on the back of their jerseys takes away from the respect they should receive as professionals.

Nicknames should not replace the real names of the players who signed up for the job. Nicknames do not define professional sports teams; their rosters should be proud of the accomplishments of every player on the roster, not just picking a certain player that maybe has a computerized PR resource and has even been known to become a household name, but is still LeBron James, a real person, with a real name that should be recognized.

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**Deac Notes**

**Wake Forest holds first spring football scrimmage**

The Demon Deacons played their first scrimmage of the spring under first-year head coach Dave Clawson on Saturday afternoon at BB&T Field. The Deacs scrimmaged for 1:45, with the offense scoring 22 points on five field goals and one touchdown. Junior quarterback Hailieon “Cam” Cameron and redshirt junior Kevin Sousa split most of the time at quarterback and finished with a combined 163 yards. Redshirt sophomore defensive end Sheldon Lewis led the Deacs on defense with seven tackles, a sack and two tackles for loss.
Baseball: Deacs stumble through early April

In his first Master's tournament, 20-year-old Spieth saw his early lead crushed by Bubba Watson

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Little emotion was shown for much of the tournament, and then all of a sudden, for the second time in three years, it all poured out for the Georgia boy. Bubba Watson was crowned another green jacket by winning the Master's. He carried his adopted son off into the clubhouse (while his son picked his nose on national television) and it seemed all too perfect with his emotional outpouring on the 18th green.

But what if Bubba did not win? Say 20-year-old Jordan Spieth was crowned, making him the youngest player to ever win a major tournament? He would have surpassed Tiger Woods, who was 21 when he won his first Master's.

That would be a pretty cool story. And, despite everyone's love for Bubba Watson, Spieth was tagging at people's hearts. The kid epitomizes what everyone looks for in a golfer. He respects his elders, he's well-spoken and, most of all, he's an incredible golfer.

Spieth, however, simply missed too many putts down the stretch and it appeared as though his head and inexperience got the most out of him. When Spieth missed a putt, he crumbled. When he sliced the ball, he would shake his head and get down on himself.

Meanwhile, Bubba Watson, up until the last putt was sunk, never winced or showed any distress. Bubba was cool, and level-headed throughout the Master's — and he won because of it.

Was Spieth being punished for his heavy head, or was there something more that the golf gods had in store for him?

Maybe the golf gods don't want Spieth to be labeled as the next Tiger Woods. Last time this comparison surfaced was when Rory McIlroy won the U.S. Open. He inked a huge contract with Nike but has been pretty much irrelevant ever since.

Whatever the reasoning beyond Spieth and his lack of a green jacket, the young Texas native was humbled, and the best thing he can do next is learn from his experience and become an even better golfer.

In 2015, it could be Woods, Phil Mickelson, Watson or someone else. For all we know, it could very well be Spieth. With improvement putting and a quarterback's memory, Spieth could very well be rocking a green jacket next April.
AJ Sanders
King of the Four Cylinders

Behind the WFU Facilities Management shirt is a man devoted to the race track and a nine time championship winner.

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Archie Sanders, Jr., AJ for short, does not carry an immediately recognizable personality. He wears a grey shirt with WFU Facilities Management embroidered across the chest pocket and work pants. The black dirt underneath his fingers and his calloused hands tell a story — and it’s not just a story of eight years of service to Wake Forest.

What his humble demeanor and candid spirit might not tell you is his success on the racetrack. His nickname, "King of the Four Cylinders," is nothing short of the truth: this man lives for speed.

How did you get into racing?

My dad got me into racing. It was around the 1950s when he started. He raced till he was 70 years old and raced alongside guys like Ralph Earnhardt. He raced everything just like I have.

So your dad has had a big influence on your race career?

He was everything. He is the backbone of racing. He is why I race. We’ve been together all my life. I won a race recently in his old car and dedicated the win in his honor. It was really cool. I miss him.

Did your dad teach you everything on the mechanical side too?

He taught me most of it. I worked for a Nascar motor company and learned how to fit bearings properly — the dos and don’ts and the rights and wrongs of engine tuning. I went to Forsyth Tech and took a couple classes in a racing program. I actually had to teach the teachers how to use some of the machinery.

How many championships have you won and which one has been the sweetest?

I’ve won nine championships. I won ACE (mini stock four cylinders) two years ago. The sweetest win was probably the one this past year. It was the first win since my heart attack in June. On top of everything I won it in my dad’s car before he passed away.

What’s your secret to winning so many races?

The experience pays off. A fast motor won’t do you any good if you’re wiggling in the corner. I’ve won every race this year. Racing is a lot in the mind.

What is one of the biggest things you’ve learned about racing?

Don’t matter how many championships you win you’re still the same person. People will carry you a long way. My dad always emphasized friends and stressed the importance of the race family. I’ve got an incredible race family. I’ve got friends from here all the way to Florida.

And how does your real family fit into the picture?

I’ve got three sons: Andrew (27), Stephen (25), and Blaze (4), and they all race. Blaze loves riding in the car with me with the checkered flag. Andrew and Stephen race my cars and have both won several races.

My wife loves it too. She told me she’d still be at Bowman Gray Stadium racetrack if I ever decided to leave her.

I think it runs in the family. My mother used to win the powder puff races back in the day.

Basically all the driver’s wives got to race every once in a while.

You got in a really horrible car accident a few years ago that took place off the track when a speeding car hit you. What was it like recovering from that?

Yeah, the doctors tell me I have nine lives. It’s a miracle I’m even alive. Fortunately the kid scraped the car before hitting me and launching me 90 feet. Before I had double bypass surgery I had a stint in. Apparently that didn’t do the trick.

Every race fan knows that a successful driver has rivals. Are there any particularly heated rivalries out there?

I try not to get caught up in the rivalries. They’re not mad at me; they’re just trying to figure out why I win all the time. They know if they hit me, I’ll hit back. No bad blood or anything though. You can’t get caught up in that in the race track. You won’t win races that way.

When’s the next race and are you going to take the checkered flag?

April 26 at Bowman Grey and yes!
Tech Column | Electric Cars

Tesla revolutionizes cars

The electric car company has created a new car which is fast, sleek, electric and expensive.

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Remember when the iPhone came out? Everybody was so shocked that you could make a touchscreen phone. It changed the way we think about phones. Now imagine if something like this happened to cars.

That's what Elon Musk is hoping to accomplish with its electric car company, Tesla. The company's most recent model, called Model S, can go 0 to 60 mph in 5.4 seconds, which fits in with the fastest sedans in the world.

There is no engine, so there's zero reliance on oil. The electricity could come from any source: coal, wind power, hydropower or solar power. The added benefit of an electric engine? It's more efficient than a gas engine.

The Model S can go 265 miles on a single charge, which is much more than any other electric car. This is because the bottom of the car is just a large, flat battery.

Where can you charge this car, besides your home? At any one of Tesla’s Superchargers, which are free and largely powered by sunlight. These charging stations are located throughout the country, and there are more being added. You'll never pay at these stations because they're free.

The Model S car, developed by Tesla, features a 17-inch touchscreen dashboard and an electric engine, but is costly at almost $70,000.

The Model S also has a 17-inch touchscreen dashboard that is always connected to the Internet. Besides the usual navigation, the screen lets you use a web browser, change the colors of the headlight or adjust the suspension. Tesla is actually capable of issuing updates to the car, without you having to bring the car to a Tesla dealership. In addition, the car has such new machinery that a typical mechanic doesn't know how to fix the car. You also won't need to do any oil changes on the Model S.

So what's not to love about the Model S? It's expensive. The base price is $69,900 and the performance model costs $89,900. Even with the high price, the batteries still don't have the range of gasoline cars.

What about those Superchargers? They are not located in enough places and it will be a while before they are covering the whole country. If you go to sleep and forget to plug the car, good luck driving to campus.

Another issue is that car dealers despite the fact that Tesla sells directly to customers, effectively taking away all profits from the dealerships. The car dealers successfully banned the direct sale of cars in North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington and New Jersey. Elon Musk is trying to change cars, the way Steve Jobs changed phones. The stock price of Tesla has already sky rocketed 500 percent in the last year. But this isn't because of the expensive current model. Tesla is planning on releasing a mainstream car in 2017 that could sell for $35,000.

Regardless of the hurdles, electric cars are the future. It will only be a matter of time before they go mainstream, with Tesla leading the way.

Movie Review | Noah

New biblical movie did not float

The new movie Noah, starring Russel Crowe, tanked in spite of the actors’ best efforts.

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Following the aftermath of the History Channel's "The Bible" and their failed attempt at a spin-off movie, Son of God, comes Noah, where for two hours you get to sit through a movie full of computer-generated animals you wish you were one of the unlucky people who did not get a spot on the ark.

From the creative team of Darren Aronofsky and Ari Handel who brought us Black Swan, it seemed logical to only go uphill from their slow-earned success. While reprimising a biblical narrative cinematically appeared to be a good idea, saying it disappointed would be an understatement.

To begin with, they attempted to prolong three short chapters of the book of Genesis into two hours of entertainment. Naturally, the Bible leaves out significant details and so the writers found it necessary to fill in the gaps however they seemed fit. I don't recall Genesis discussing the magical snake skin of the serpent in the Garden of Eden, the terrifyingly industrial cities build by barbarians or angels depicted as rocky trolls.

The CGI for each of these exotic creative decisions proved faulty. The Garden of Eden scenes looked like they were a puppet-show. And the angels? They spent the entire movie stealing Noah's thunder and literally burft the entire ark for him while Russell Crowe stomped around. Now these angels aren't the traditional kind you'd expect. Having fallen from Heaven and God's favor, they were condemned to forced to live their lives as awkward, lumbering pieces of rock. In fact, by the end of the movie, I was convinced that the Transformers helped build the ark.

Russell Crowe's performance was mediocre at best. The only possible saving graces of the entire movie proved to be the incandescent Emma Watson and wonderfully-talented (and adorable!) Logan Lerman.

We have to suffer through 139 minutes of angst-ridden Noah sulking like some teenage girl, and then halfway through the movie decide to make it his mission to stalk the newly pregnant Emma Watson around the ark, throwing her shade while openly planning to kill her babies. In fact, you don’t even have to be a Christian to be offended by Noah. It insults audiences of all faiths!

While bringing ancient biblical narratives into the twenty-first century on the silver screen seems like a good idea, we can't all be Mel Gibson and create the glory that is The Passion of the Christ. Much like the world during the Great Flood: Noah tanked.

The Passion of the Christ
Humor Column | Netflix

Netflix can be a time warp for any student

With the recent addition of new movies and TV shows to Netflix, many students' eyes never wander away from the computer.

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My week, like that of almost every other student at Wake Forest University, can only be described using strongly negative words. It has been decided that all of my exams will take place on the same day and all my papers due simultaneously, and even worse: I got "Hodor" for the "Which 'Game of Thrones' character are you?" quiz on Buzzfeed. Yes, yes, Hodor is amazing and everything, but I should start studying or finish your homework, will coax you into curling up in bed and watching a whole season of "House" and "Mean Girls" were officially introduced to Netflix. For those of you who live under a rock or are currently stuck in the quasar of a black hole, Netflix is the devil on your shoulder that, when you ask yourself whether you should start studying or finish your homework, will coax you into curling up in bed and watching a whole season of that strange TV show you wanted to try out during your freshman year. My history with Netflix is ... complicated. We found true love and great company in one another at the least convenient times — before exams, before crunch times during the semester, and regularly at 1:00 a.m. when my body told me to sleep but my mind told me another episode of "Grey's Anatomy" couldn't possibly hurt.

Netflix decided to introduce "House" during the first week of April. It was a bright, sunny day when I discovered all eight seasons of that twisted and insurmountably genius medical drama was available to view on the main page of Netflix — and while most of our campus decided to set up hammocks on Davis field or lie out on the upper quad, nothing seemed more enticing than eating freshly popped popcorn in bed while watching episode after episode of the famous Dr. House screw up his life repeatedly and diagnose patients only once they were on the edge of death. The internal monologue of a serial Netflix binger is quite amusing. Here's a sample:

"I remember (insert name here) telling me about this cool new show ... maybe I should start watching it? Oh hang on, I have that lab report due this Friday and a five-page paper analysis due tonight. Netflix can wait, my work can't. But ... I do deserve a break, right? I've worked so hard this week, and watching just one episode of this show wouldn't hurt at all!"

One hour later:

"That was certainly interesting. Wow, I wonder how the plot will progress for the rest of the season! Maybe I should keep watching! How considerate, Netflix is telling me that the next episode starts in eight seconds! Hmm, it's probably more appropriate for me to study and get my work done; oh never mind, the episode is already starting, might as well!"

(Ten hours later)

"YES, THIS IS AMAZING, ON TO THE NEXT SEASON!"

Similarly, Netflix also made the clever decision to add "Mean Girls" to their repertoire of movies, and needless to say, people all over the country have rejoiced so hard that even our moon heard about the momentous occasion and turned red with excitement. Various sources confirm that there are more and more cases being reported of people insuring their hair for $10,000, enjoying being punched in the face, sporting coiffed hair full of secrets, predicting the chance that it's already raining and making out with hot dogs. In the Pit, one can witness many friendships teeter on the edge of dysfunction because "you can't sit with us."

If I were religious, I would pray for the soul of everyone who, like me, is unable to fight the allure of spending every waking moment procrastinating by watching "House" and "Mean Girls" on Netflix, or for that matter, any TV show or movie on the Internet. In the true spirit of Wake Forest, we too shall find a way to get our work done and study effectively — right after this next episode.

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The procrastination level has now become an all-time high for students with Netflix.

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Trend Alert | Festival Attire

Rock the hipster style at summer concerts

With summer music festivals upon us, get ready for bold fashion choices and statements

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Summer is a time for relaxing by the beach, catching up with friends and more importantly: attending music festivals. This can mean only one thing: ladies—break out your beach, catching up with friends and more importantly: attending music festivals. This

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...with a layer of fresh platinum colored paint. It's like summertime, but the glowing letters above the bar that spell "HNY POT." The great benefit of eating at Honey Pot is that you can never get bored with the food options. The menu changes with every season so you can get the best of both worlds. The restaurant currently serves dinner Tuesday through Saturday, but will soon add lunch and a Sunday brunch to its agenda.

Now, if you are more of a rocker chick—go for the graphic tee and bandeau. Add some classic jean shorts and top it off with black slipper boots.

Though, don't forget the most important thing: accessorizing.

Whether it is wearing statement jewelry or making a scarf a headband, accessorizing is key. This is your time to get creative. Put twenty bracelets on one hand and break out the fun sunglasses. A large hat is also a nice touch—it protects you from the sun, which can be an added benefit.

Here's your time to get creative too: take out those fanny packs. They are perfect for storing stuff and you will never lose it because it's attached to your body. Want some face accessories? Add some glitter to round out your look.

Whether you want to bare it all or cover it up, there are many ways you can look the part at these music festivals. Just one side note: Take a risk. This is the only time you really can so why not rock those short shorts and crop top—and throw your hands up and enjoy the tunes.

One style that was evident at Coachella this year: Bohemian chic. Vanessa Hudgens does this look perfectly. In order to really master it, wear a flowey Free People inspired dress with ankle boots or cute sandals. If you are not feeling a dress, you can always opt for a maxi skirt—just make sure it has a fun pattern to it. Add a crop top or loose fitting shirt to top it off. Then to finish the look—a fedora or go for a flower-patterned headband. You are now ready for a good time.

Now, if you are feeling bold and adventurous, music festivals are one of the only places where less is more. If you do so, make a statement with a bandeau or a bikini top.

You can always top it off with a fun vest (maybe fringe) to not feel too bare. Sheer is another common style. Throw a see-through dress over your bandeau and shorts like Selena Gomez recently did. This creates a whole new style but just remember one thing—confidence is key.

If you want a more laid-back look: crop tops are key. This item is a must-have—especially in the scorching heat. Add a pair of high waisted shorts or skirt to complement the top and you will be sure to turn heads. Color is also important. Whether the crop top is bright or the shorts make sure there's a nice balance.

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For college students, a three-month long summer has the potential to be a time of self-exploration, personal development and acquisition of professional experience. It’s that time of the semester where you’ve sent out internship and job applications and are nervously awaiting a reply. The reality of the situation is that many employers and companies may be searching for individuals with more experience than you might have. The majority of candidates are freshmen and sophomores who have only just decided on or are still deciding on their majors, don’t have prior work experience in the field, and are looking to get their toes in the door. Unfortunately, it can be hard for underclassmen to get interviews in the first place, no matter how exceptional they are. From the company’s perspective, they don’t want to spend money or resources on underclassmen that might make less of the position than more experienced individuals. On the bright side, there are plenty of other ways for you to spend your summer and still achieve professional and personal goals!

Volunteer

Community service offers you a chance to not only help the community by utilizing your talents and skills, but it is also an excellent opportunity for personal development. It is an amazing opportunity to acquire experience that you can reflect on in your resume — not only to show your civic leadership and community service, but to show how you have leveraged your skills and intellect to make a difference for an organization. Gaining perspective and helping those in need will also allow you to become personally invested in the cause of an organization and help you network with individuals you can rely on for professional advice and assistance. There are a thousand and one ways to serve the community; for example, if you are a pre-med student, becoming an EMT or volunteering at a hospital may be a way for you to further your medical knowledge and channel your professional goals to affect the community in a positive way. Education majors will most certainly benefit from an opportunity to teach underprivileged individuals in the community. Last but not least, volunteering in the community will allow you to gain perspective and insight to the needs and issues of a specific demographic — the frustration of 8 a.m. classes, multiple exams within the same week and horrendously complicated papers can remove you from the reality of other people's issues and community service is an excellent mode to get in touch with them.

Research

The Richter scholarship and Wake Forest Research Fellowship, among many others, provide students with the opportunity to conduct research in their respective areas of interest. Most research fellowships provide stipends for students to work with mentors or by themselves and answer the higher order questions on might have about the material they learn in class. Research is not only restricted to the sciences — one can study virtually any specific issue or question pertaining to their academic interests, be it anthropology, bioethics, political sciences, economics, English literature or religion. Professors at Wake in any department are accustomed to the culture of research and are more than willing to talk to potentially interested students!

Take Classes

Summer school provides students with the opportunity to acquire more credits and utilize their summer months to further their academic pursuits. The lower student-to-instructor ratios during the summer months offer more opportunities to get to know your professors and make it more likely to get some extra assistance when you need it. There will also be fewer students in your classes and more opportunities for you to get to know your classmates and study with them. Perhaps the biggest selling point of summer classes is that one can usually take a maximum of two per summer session, therefore allowing you to dedicate all your mental energy and resources to doing well in your class. A breath of fresh air compared to a regular semester where students are usually juggling five or so courses, labs and extracurricular commitments. You have the freedom to take courses at any university based on price and proximity (as long as the credits transfer over to Wake). You can also have the option to register for and take online courses through virtually any university that offers them, which poses the advantages of studying and learning new material at your leisure. Lastly, you can also study ahead for the courses you will be taking during the coming semester or start studying ahead for important exams like the LSAT, MCAT and GRE.

Build Skills

Many people often yearn to explore a certain hobby or build certain skills that they cannot find time for during the average college semester — be it getting involved with organic farming, learning a new language, or starting one's own business. The summer is an opportunity for you to reevaluate your interests and hobbies and take your time to explore them through many platforms; Wake Forest offers opportunities for students to study abroad over the summer in a myriad of countries, an opportunity which allows one to immerse themselves in various cultures and also acquire something of academic benefit out of them. Even something simple like becoming an expert at Do-It-Yourself projects on Pinterest or becoming a competent calligrapher can prove to be an opportunity for personal development. Pre-med students can shadow doctors at clinics and hospitals to gain a greater understanding of their intended profession, for example, just as a religion major could go on a pilgrimage to immerse themselves in the social aspects of their academic and personal interests. Moreover, one can always become involved with typically "working class" jobs in retail, fast food outlets, supermarkets, etc. — really, any kind of job or opportunity to earn money is preferable to not earning any money at all.

Travel

Let's get real — the semester provides limited opportunities for students to go on vacations and travel to exotic locations free from the burden of exams, papers, tests and academic commitments. Take out some time to go to a part of the world you’ve always wanted to visit, backpack through the mountains or immerse yourself in a culture that has always fascinated you!

Relax!

The level of stress you experience over the course of a regular semester is practically toxic — the pent up frustration of clashing commitments, doing well/poorly in classes and managing a health social life as well as getting little sleep can take a toll on you. Why not use your summer to catch up mountains or at the beach, home, exercise and learn to

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