Faculty benefits cut due to budget deficit

Discussions are ongoing between faculty and administrators to determine a reduction in benefits

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Faculty tuition concession and healthcare benefits will face significant cuts taking effect July 1 due to a growing deficit in the University's fringe benefit budget, according to faculty members familiar with the situation.

After the discovery of the budget deficit — estimated to be $700,000 this year — administrators met to compile different ways in which the university could scale back faculty employment benefits to make up for the deficit. Several options were then presented to the Faculty Senate, which was given instructions to select a package of cuts, according to members of the body.

"Without a doubt, healthcare premiums are going to increase, benefits are likely to be cut," said Peter Stavels, professor of politics and international affairs and chairman of the faculty senate fringe benefits committee.

"We've had increases in healthcare costs in previous years. But the point is, the magnitude of those [cuts] right now — I think they're going to be much more significant," Stavels said. Administrators have attributed the deficit to naturally increasing healthcare costs, expanded coverage mandated by the Affordable Care Act and an unexpected uptick in benefit usage among the faculty. Possible benefit reductions could include cuts to retirement contributions matched with higher healthcare premiums and co-pays as well as a diminished dental healthcare plan, according to professors involved in the discussions with administrators.

Carmen Canales, chief human resources officer, said that the deficit for faculty benefits could surpass $2 million next year without changes to the current system.

"It is important that the rate of growth in fringe benefits not outpace the growth rate of tuition," Canales said.

"Even though the benefits budget for next year will be increased by 2.5 percent, changes will need to be made to our benefit plans to avoid exceeding budget again next year ... [t]he biggest cost driver of the budget overrun is the health plan."

Initial Response & Rumors

Thus far, there has been a great deal of frustration with the administration's handling of the situation, as many faculty members believe the cuts had already been decided without sufficient consultation with bodies such as the faculty senate and the senate's fringe benefits committee.

Many professors had hoped the discussion over the cuts would come as part of a larger dialogue of the university's financial priorities, according to one member of the faculty closely involved in the discussions.

"I think this was an attempt to use the faculty committee as a tool," said one member of the faculty senate who spoke on the condition of anonymity to avoid potential backlash. "They knew those cuts were going to be painful and cause an explosion on the campus ... it's sort of just saying 'here's some bad choices — pick one of them.'"

Jacqueline Fetrow, dean of the college, said that the first meeting in which the shortfall was presented to the fringe benefits committee by Canales and chief financial officer Hof Milam took place several weeks ago.

"Carmen and [Hof] went to the fringe benefits committee of the senate ... [the shortfall] was big enough that we wanted to go to the governance structure — the committee that represents faculty and staff — and say 'give us some input,'" Fetrow said.

"There was a fair bit of misunderstanding at that meeting, and so that's why there's a lot of rumor floating around."

Stavels said that many members of the fringe benefits committee felt that it had been prematurely determined that the cuts would come from the faculty benefits budget.

"What the senate objected to was that the fringe benefits committee was told that certain cuts needed to be made and those would all be in the area of fringe benefits," said Stavels. "So some people on the committee saw this as constraining the terms of the debate just to those benefits as opposed to looking at wider areas where the university is spending.

Jane Albrecht, associate professor of

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Stomach virus spreads through campus

As flu season continues, a large number of students are being treated for a viral infection, according to an email from Student Health

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On Feb. 19 the Office of Communications and External Relations sent an email to the Wake Forest community from Cecil Price, director of Student Health Services, stating that an illness was spreading rapidly across campus.

According to student health between Feb. 13 and Feb. 19, 66 students had been treated for symptoms of the illness, as seven students were diagnosed after the mass email was sent.

"The cause of the illness is not definitively known, but Price, said that the illness is likely being caused by the norovirus. "The numbers of students that we are seeing with this, and the quick recovery, this is consistent with a norovirus," Price said. "We have not done specific testing for this virus since the students we are seeing have classic symptoms."

According to the email, the norovirus, commonly referred to as the stomach flu, causes symptoms of nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and fever. Students with the illness have exhibited these symptoms, but in most cases they have cleared up within 24 hours.

"Typically the symptoms are mild and resolve after about six to eight hours," Price said. "Some students, as the email pointed out, need intravenous (IV) fluids because of dehydration."

This virus is not unique to Wake Forest's campus, as the Forsyth County Health Department has reported cases in other parts of Winston-Salem. "The Health Department told me that there were nursing homes in Forsyth County where this was occurring," Price said. "I also heard an elementary school in Winston-Salem has had cases, but this was from a friend and it has not been confirmed by the Health Department."

Students have been pleased with Student Health's handling of the outbreak. Freshman Anna Lanier Fischer fell ill with the virus over the weekend. "My nurse, specifically, was one of the best nurses I could have gotten," Fischer said.

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"Covers the campus like the magnolias"
Administration should rethink its financial budget

On July 1 of this year, faculty members will see significant cuts to their employee benefits including possible cuts to healthcare benefits, the tuition concession and retirement funding. As reported in this week's *Old Gold & Black*, discussions between the faculty senate and administrators have been going on for several weeks, and no specific cuts have yet been determined.

The decision to cut benefits comes after the discovery of a deficit in the funds allotted for faculty fringe benefits. The office of human resources estimates that this shortfall will come in at $700,000 this year, but it could surpass $2 million by the end of the next fiscal year if no changes are made.

Many faculty members who have been interviewed for the OGB's report on this issue have expressed frustration with the way this situation has been handled thus far by administrators involved. Many of the members of the faculty have stated that their stagnating salaries, reported in the Sept. 5 issue of the OGB — matched with benefit cuts of this size — is highlighting a lack of commitment to the university's academic core.

The editorial board of the OGB feels that at a time of expansion for the university, the faculty have been largely overlooked by the administration. In the wake of so many new construction projects, steadily rising tuition and an unprecedented fundraising campaign, it seems that many projects have been given greater priority than faculty compensation.

But documents and reports shedding light on the state of faculty compensation have shown that, for years, the faculty have barely seen their salaries keep up with the rate of inflation. A report compiled by Hank Kennedy, professor of politics and international affairs, showed that professors at Wake Forest earn significantly less than many of the schools that the administration tries to compare us to.

But what is most disappointing about this situation is not that faculty salaries have been forgotten, but rather that administrators, who outnumber faculty by approximately two-to-one as of 2011, have seen their annual salaries rise dramatically in recent years.

According to another report from Kennedy, the size of the administration has grown between 1998 and 2011 by 300 percent. Salaries for top administrators have risen at a much higher rate than those of the faculty, all while the number of administrators is continuing to grow.

Instead of simply cutting the budget for faculty benefits after years of stagnant salaries, the administration needs to re-prioritize its finances. Instead of spending such large amounts of money on athletics and already large salaries for a bloated administration, more funds should be allotted to ensure that compensation for faculty remain competitive.

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The faculty are, by far, the most important part of the education of the university's students. Our success is a testament to the dedication and commitment of the faculty, not to mention the nearly 1,000 administrators who work here — most of whom go days, if not weeks, without a single student interaction.

We firmly believe that the university's finances should reflect that important reality.
Deacon Profile: Ken Bechtel

Ken Bechtel, associate professor of sociology, joined the university faculty in the fall of 1982. He received his undergraduate degree in 1972 and his master's degree in 1974 from North Dakota State University. Bechtel then went on to get his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Bechtel is currently teaching the Sociology of Deviant Behavior, Juvenile Delinquency and Advanced Topics Seminar in Criminology. He has researched and been published in the areas of police history, professional deviance among scientists, the historical presence of minorities in science, the role of women in the legal profession and the impact of regional culture on homicide.

What was it like growing up in North Dakota and then moving to North Carolina?

It was a change. I had gone to graduate school in Illinois so I had gotten out of the cold and the snow for a while. I was there for about 20 to 23 years. But coming to the south was different because you kind of have your stereotypes about the south but once I was down here, I really liked it. I enjoyed the weather, but when it does snow it can actually be a lot worse. Down here they are not really that prepared to deal with it. The concept of a snow day didn’t exist when I grew up.

Why did you choose to study sociology?

I originally started my undergraduate work in architecture. My father was an architect. I was the only son. He owned a business, obviously I was going to take over, but I really didn’t enjoy it that much. I left school and traveled around and did some interesting things. I worked construction jobs and then decided this wasn’t so fun either. So I went back to school. I just took some introductory courses in economics, psychology and sociology.

My first sociology professor was an older professor. I came out of the University of Chicago. The University of Chicago back in the early 1920s and ’30s had a long history within the field of sociology. He was very dynamic, very charismatic and he made the field of sociology really interesting and intriguing.

After that class I took another one and had another great professor. He grew up in Boston. He was different. He had red hair and an Irish accent. But he was also a very dynamic and interesting professor as well. He taught courses in crime, and deviants and delinquency and that is what really hooked me into sociology and that particular area.

Those professors made a big difference. Had I not had them, I really don’t know where I would have been. Maybe I would have been a weatherman.

Why did you choose to become a professor?

I have to go back to that one professor from Boston. I had originally thought I might actually go into the Air Force. I took all the tests, but I took a couple more classes with this professor and he was encouraging. He said if you really want to do something and really find this interesting, you need to go get a masters degree. I thought I would give that a try so I finished my masters degree. By that time I had gotten more knowledge about what the research and teaching aspects were like so then I thought I needed to get a Ph.D. So I applied to various programs and got accepted to Southern Illinois and went there for seven years. My dissertation took a little longer than expected. You don’t really make that decision. It is the little choices you make along the way and you end up there.

You joined the Wake Forest faculty in 1981/1982, how has Wake changed since you arrived here?

It is bigger. I think from a teaching standpoint one of the biggest changes occurred years ago when the university decided to become more than just a regional university, but a national university. When I first arrived, a majority of the students came from North Carolina. That is not the case anymore. We have students from every state in the US and from foreign countries. I think that was a smart decision because it really changed the dynamics in classrooms. You get different perspectives. People from different parts of the country. I just makes for a better room environment to have that diversity.

What is your favorite about teaching at Wake?

Probably the students and the close interaction we have. The class sizes here are small. We work to make sure we have good contact with students. I think that students and faculty relationship is what I enjoy the most. I have friends who teach at bigger universities. Often times they only teach one class to graduate students and TAs do all the other stuff. They lose a bit of that contact with the undergraduate student. It is the teaching and the students that I really enjoy about Wake Forest.

Why should students study sociology?

It gives you an understanding of how the larger world works. It connects you between individuals, organizations and the larger society which will help you in anything you do.

Your personal life, your work life, everything is connected. If you have an understanding of that, you will be able to be successful no matter what you do whether it is law, medicine or business because it is all about people interacting with other people within organizations.

POLICE BEAT

Larceny

• A subject was charged with larceny for taking a small metal table from Reynolds Library. The report was filed at 11:24 a.m. on Feb. 10.
• An unknown subject entered an unlocked room in Collins and took money, a bank card and jewelry. The report was filed at 4:17 p.m.

Miscellaneous

• University police responded to a verbal argument in Davis, but no assault was found. The report was filed at 8:28 p.m. on Feb. 12.
• WSPD charged one subject with possession of drug paraphernalia and another for possession of marijuana during a traffic stop for speeding on Reynolda Road. The report was filed at 2:51 a.m. on Feb. 13.
• A former student was charged with financial fraud after defrauding a student group out of funds. The report was filed at 3:05 p.m. on Feb. 13.
• Students threw snowballs at a Domino's driver's car, but no damage was discovered by officers. The report was filed at 5:01 p.m. on Feb. 13.
• During an argument, the offender grabbed the victim by the throat. The victim does not wish to press criminal charges. The report was filed at 12:16 a.m. on Feb. 14.
• WFUPD responded to a call in reference to a fight. Upon arrival, the offenders were not fighting, but items had been misplaced in the lobby. Both offenders admitted to having consumed alcohol. The third party was trying to stop the fight and also admitted to consuming alcohol. The report was filed at 4:30 a.m. on Feb. 14.
• The Theta Chi Fraternity was charged with hosting an unauthorized party in their Davis lounge. The report was filed at 1:11 a.m. on Feb. 15.
• A subject was charged with hit and run on Brookwood Drive after a vehicle slid on ice and snow and collided with the curb. The driver secured the vehicle and left the area. The report was filed at 4:04 a.m. on Feb. 14.
• An unknown subject used a victim's lost bank card and made purchases off campus. The report was filed at 2:32 a.m. on Feb. 15.
• An offender was charged with urinating in public after WSPD responded to a noise complaint at Wake Place Court. The report was filed at 5:04 a.m. on Feb. 15.
Cuts: Shortfall spurs faculty benefit scale-back

Spanish and president of the university chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), said that faculty benefits are already modest, and that cuts to them — however small — impacts teachers and their lifestyle.

"We are not talking about extraordinarily great benefits anyway. We get 'normal' benefits, so that is okay but it's not extraordinarily generous," Albrecht said. "So any cut that's pretty big is going to hurt the faculty and the staff a lot.

Albrecht said that initially, rumors of various dramatic cuts had circulated via email. Rogan Kersh, university provost, addressed the issue at a college faculty meeting Feb. 10 to confirm that there would be cuts and to clear up any misinformation that had spread.

Frustration over stagnant salaries

Faculty members have expressed frustration at the severity of the proposed cuts, believing that this issue should be part of a larger discussion of funding for various priorities including athletics and growing administrator salaries.

A chart compiled by Hank Kennedy, professor of political and international affairs and president of the faculty senate, obtained by the Old Gold & Black shows that in recent years, salaries for administrators — including the president, provost and vice presidents — have grown at a much higher rate than those of the university's undergraduate faculty.

The chart was distributed to members of the faculty senate and has been a frequently cited document by faculty members who are frustrated with stagnating salaries.

Albrecht noted that the university receives a steady stream of income — $17.1 million — from selling the television rights of football and basketball games through the ACC, money she believes could be used to make up for the benefits shortfall.

Fetrow said that the university pays all of its employees, both administrators and faculty, at market value, but she also acknowledged that faculty earnings have lagged in recent years compared to similar institutions.

"We hold a value at this institution that people should be paid at market [value]. It's a value that we pay people fairly," Fetrow said. "Most of the administrators, if you look at market [value], while the salaries may seem high, they are being paid fairly to market [value]."

Fetrow also noted that raising faculty salaries is a priority for the administration.

"I understand there's a faculty 'crub' here because they weren't paid at market for a very long time. But we have caught that up — largely, not totally," she said. "We're still working on it. It's a priority of the administration. I plug every extra dollar that I have into faculty salaries every year."

Ongoing deliberations

Discussions between administrators and the faculty senate are ongoing, and no cuts have yet been finalized. A meeting between Kersh, Fetrow and the faculty senate took place Feb.

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**SG GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**FEBRUARY 18**

**I. Committee Reports**

The appropriations and charter committee has charters for club volleyball funding and Girl Up Club. They approved Wolf Forest and Nyanya Project to become chartered organizations.

The byzocracy committee has completed official response on not having two majors on the diploma.

The campus life committee met with moving forward with Zick's artwork. Mike Odom for Sports Marketing is meeting with the Women's Center for the mental health initiative.

The physical planning committee has set up a meeting with administrators about Polo Road safety and North Campus safety. They have rescheduled the meeting about moving forward with potential Reynolda Village projects. President Hatch is also interested in Deacon tailgate property and has been working with the real estate manager for the past few months. They will send out a survey to gage student interest whether they want restaurants, shops or bars.

**II. New Business**

**Bill 24** - A bill was proposed for the Student Life Committee to grant a charter to the Girl Up Club, an extension of the United Nations Foundation, which would be dedicated for women to "become educated, healthy, safe, counted and positioned to be the next generation of leaders." The bill passed.

**Bill 25** - A bill was proposed to ask money from the school for more funding for the Club Volleyball team and their competitions. The bill was approved.

**Bill 26** - A bill was proposed to better the night-time visibility on the seven parts of the Reynolda campus. The bill passed.

**III. Announcements**

President Jacqueline Sutherland announced that the Committee of Diversity and Inclusion are hosting a symposium on intercultural communication. She also announced that applications for President's Aides are due March 3. Convocation will be this Thursday for student and faculty awards and to honor this senior class. Currently, they are working on the "Pro Humanitate" rebranding.

William Readhead announced that if any organizations need funding to contact him and TEDx is this Saturday.

PREPARE is having their annual "Tie a Yellow Ribbon" week.

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**TEDx WakeForestU to host annual conference**

The university will host the third annual TEDx conference Saturday, Feb. 22 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The conference will feature nine speakers including Robin Emmons, founder and executive producer at Sow Much Good, Vic Howie, founder of the US Whitewater Center in Charlotte, N.C. and Ben Kamens, lead developer at Khan Academy.

TEDx is an independently organized event that spreads motivation and creative ideas by noteworthy people. This conference will follow the "Daring to Endeavor" theme.

**Artwork of Mieke Gelle on display in Hanes Art Gallery**

Mieke Gelle: Seeing What I Did Not Know will be on display in the Charlotte and Phillip Hanes Art Gallery through March 31.

The exhibit will show the unique artwork of Netherlands artist Mieke Gelle. Gelle received a degree in painting from the Royal Academy of Fine Arts, The Hague before receiving a MFA in printmaking from the University of California, Irvine.

The artwork is meant to "coalesce into an organism that inhibits space based on its internal logic."

**WFU alumnus to speak about contemporary art**

1995 graduate Jenny Moore will speak on Feb. 24 about contemporary art in West Texas.

Moore is the Executive Director at The Chinati Foundation in Marfa, Texas. Before working for the Chinati Foundation, Moore was Associate Curator at the New Museum in New York City.

She was project curator for the Andy Warhol Foundation for Visual Arts in New York City.

Moore received a B.A. in cultural anthropology at Wake Forest University.
Coal-ash spill comes under national spotlight

An underground pipe leak led to a massive spill of coal ash from a Duke Energy Plant in Eden, N.C., into the Dan River on Feb. 2. The company is now facing a federal investigation and financial penalties.

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After a coal-ash spill on Feb. 2 in Eden, N.C., evolved into one of the worst in United States history, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) launched criminal investigations against Duke Energy, the nation's largest electric energy provider.

A pipe located in one of Duke Energy's retired Dan River steam stations broke open, releasing as much as 82,000 tons of toxic coal-ash waste along the North Carolina-Virginia border, the company announced.

The waste combined with as much as 27 million gallons of water and formed putrid sludge. The spill, which contains enough waste to fill over 70 Olympic sized pools, comes after repeated attempts by local environmental agencies to use the federal Clean Water Act to regulate the quality of the company's coal systems. However, state interventions have produced a number of settlements decidedly in favor of Duke Energy, leading to little improvement to their system's infrastructure.

Duke Energy has announced its intention of cooperating fully with federal and state investigations, but declined to release copies of the subpoenas filed against the company. The site of the spill has been permanently blocked, as of Feb. 8; but the Dan River, a supplier of drinking water for a number of nearby towns in Virginia and North Carolina, has been contaminated with traces of arsenic.

Duke Energy has begun dredging the Dan River in hopes of removing harmful toxic remnants, but in the mean time the public has been told not to use the river for recreational activities.

In some of the closest towns, such as Danville, Va., the citizens have been told to avoid tap water until safety checks have been completed.

Wake Forest University released a statement on Feb. 12 assuring that "the (city of Winston-Salem's) water supply, which services Wake Forest University, comes from the Yadkin River and is not impacted by the spill."

Miles Silman, professor of biology, said that although the spill won't affect Winston-Salem's water supply, people should still be concerned over the environmental damage these spills cause.

"Coal ash ponds are toxic waste dumps, holding heavy metals and other contaminants that are harmful to people and to aquatic ecosystems," Silman said. "The coal ash ponds are, for the most part, perched above some of the state's most important water bodies, and ones that supply water for large numbers of North Carolinians."

Silman pointed out that many of the states vital water bodies, including Lake Norman among others, have all experienced similar exposure to coal ash sludge, all of which have had environmental consequences.

In addition to the threat the spill poses to North Carolina and Virginia wildlife, there are accusations of corrupt state and company relations stemming from Gov. Pat McCrory's long-term employment with Duke Energy.

McCrory retired from the company in 2007 after working there for 28 years, a relationship that is now spurring troubling accusations.

Environmentalist groups have attempted numerous times to enforce stricter regulations on the energy company, but these efforts have repeatedly been struck down by the McCrory administration.

Thus far, the governor has claimed to have had no involvement with Duke Energy's government proceedings.

The proposed state settlement with the company called for fines of up to $99,111, an insignificant figure compared to fines the company could face under the Clean Water Act.

Health & Exercise Science department moves to Worrell

With plans to renovate the Reynolds Gym on hold, the HES Department will move to the basement of Worrell

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With new housing, dining options and Farrell hall, it is no secret that north campus is surely developing.

The next new addition to the other side of the campus will not include a new building, but rather the relocation of an entire department. The health and exercise sciences department will move to the new space left by the school of business after its move to Farrell Hall.

The department was previously located in Reynolds Gym, but did not have much lab or lecture space because it was not in a designated academic building.

"The move will allow us to have dedicated teaching and research labs," said Michael Berry, chair of the health and exercise science department. "This is something we have not had up to this point.

"I think it will be good for the program to have a defined spot on campus rather than shared space with other programs, like campus recreation," said junior Stephanie Campbell, a health and exercise science major. "Although the two are related, it will be good to separate the academic side of the health and exercise science department."

The move will come in the wake of the renovations to Reynolds Gym this summer.

The department will begin holding classes in Worrell Center next fall. But Berry did raise some concerns that the move may disrupt ongoing research being conducted in Reynolds.

"The biggest challenge will be the physical move itself," said Berry. "We have a number of research studies that utilize a number of research labs. Coordinating the move of these labs so that there is a little down time as possible will be challenging.

Previous housing the school of business and school of law, Worrell Professional Center was not a place where undergraduates spent much time.

But, with the HES Department moving there, the building will be yet another new space for undergraduates to study and spend time on north campus. But some students are concerned about the building's proximity.

"I think Worrell will be a lot nicer than Reynolds and will probably have more space for studying," said junior Maggie Anzalone, who is majoring in health and exercise science.

But, since it is a bit out of the way from main campus, it will probably be a bit of a longer walk. This could be inconvenient.

It might be a longer walk, but the new, renovated space in Worrell Center will house the same technology and equipment in a larger and newer area.

"It is going to be a great feeling walking into a nicer and newer building," said junior Kelsey Donovan who is also majoring in health and exercise science. "We have been crammed into small classrooms with large amounts of students for too long."
Flu: Doctors warn students as virus spreads

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said. "She went above and beyond to figure out what was wrong with me and the best way to treat my symptoms. I haven't had many good experiences with Student Health in the past, but this one has changed my perspective on just how much the nurses do care for the students."

While reactions to the care have been positive, some students feel that the email caused undue unrest on campus.

"I think student health shouldn't have just sent an email saying everyone should be extra cautious and cleanly," senior Carrie Dajani said.

"The email was extreme, especially since [the virus only effects] like one percent of the student body."

Others feel that the email broadcast was a reassuring update on the virus affecting a significant number of students.

"It's good that kids are being alerted as to what is going on so that they can stay safe," said junior Stephen Steehler. "I finally know what is going on with some of my friends who have been really sick lately."

Although Student Health is working to contain the virus and prevent it from spreading, Student Health has asked students with the illness to avoid contact with others and stay away from places where they would be at risk of infecting others.

Price reminded students that viruses of this type can continue to cause new cases for seven to ten days.

The email stated that all members of the Wake Forest community should use "common sense hygiene measures" to avoid further spreading the virus throughout the campus.

"Any student with symptoms should avoid contact with other students and, more importantly, should not prepare or serve food to other individuals," Price said.

The email was extreme, especially since [the virus only effects] like one percent of the student body." Carrie Dajani Senior

Students without symptoms of the illness are also strongly encouraged to be extra cautious during this time and practice good hygiene.

"All students, regardless of having symptoms, should wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water before eating, after using the toilet and if they have close contact with an individual who is sick with gastrointestinal symptoms," Price added.

Price also wrote that anti-bacterial wipes and hand sanitizer will not sufficiently kill the virus's germs.

"Note that hand sanitizers are not effective in preventing the spread of this type of virus," Price said. "Soap and water must be used."

In the email, Student Health promised to update students as more information becomes available.

"In the meantime, please be assured that the University is taking all possible preventive measures," Student Health said.

Norovirus attacks stomach

Norovirus causes acute gastroenteritis and is often detected on cruise ships, in hospitals and nursing homes.

**Virus type**
- Previously called Norwalk-like virus, named after a 1968 outbreak in Norwalk, Ohio.

**Symptoms**
- Nausea
- Diarrhea
- Heavy vomiting
- Stomach cramps

Symptoms may persist for several days and may become life-threatening in the young, the elderly and persons with weakened immune systems

**How it spreads**
- Through feces
- Infected food, water
- Person to person

Currently there is no effective treatment available

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For several weeks, the norovirus has spread through campus, infecting at least 60 students and even sending some to the hospital for treatment.
Letter to the Editor | aWake All Night

aWake All Night is definitely not “meh”

This campus tradition has been a great alternative for students seeking clean fun.

To whom it may concern:

In the latest issue of the Old Gold & Black, we noticed one of our most cherished traditions was listed under “The Meh List.”

Indeed, the column named aWake All Night as “meh,” additionally asking: “What is that, again?” Let us tell you.

Since 2003, the Benson University Center has remained open from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. one Saturday each semester. This campus tradition has one of our most cherished traditions listed as “meh” without any substantial evidence is a bit unreasonable.

Sincerely,

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Secret societies should serve a purpose

Notoriety should not be the sole aim of members of hidden groups on campus

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While everyone else was enjoying the lingering snow and never-ending frat parties this weekend, my friend and I descended into the hidden staircases, forgotten floors and other dark depths of Wake Forest to uncover the secret location of the ambiguous Order of the Twenty-three.

Needless to say, despite getting breathtakingly close, we did not succeed.

However, I reflected on the purpose of secret societies on campus. For those who don’t know, there are at least three active societies here at Wake Forest: the alluring Order of the Twenty-three, the illusive Rosicrucian and Guildenstern Club and the ominous Brotherhood of Nevermore.

While the latter two do little more than provide us with attractive literary allusions, leaving us only more intrigued, the Order is the most active on campus (or perhaps the Club and Brotherhood only want us to think that).

The Twenty-three — which is supposedly a group of twenty-two seniors and a faculty advisor working in absolute secret — welcomed the incoming freshman each year during orientation by sprinkling confetti in Wait Chapel, much to the censure of the janitors, I imagine. Secondly, they hang a flag bearing their number over BB&ST Field during certain football games. Other than that, however, they do little on campus, yet blankly declare themselves the acolytes of Wake Forest’s timeless tradition of Pro Humanitate.

Because of the university policy enacted a few years ago forbidding students from adorning any hair during graduation, none of the secret societies even reveal their membership, keeping absolute secrecy, leaving spectators to wonder if they’re less interested in the glory or if they’re working behind the scenes.

Nonetheless, the purpose of these “secret” societies remains disputed. Many collegiate orders, such as the prestigious Skull and Bones Society of Yale, have gained an acclaimed reputation, yet all seem to do little more than attract intrigue from the student body. Wake Forest surely knows about the existence of these groups, but do they oversee these groups or are they secret to keep themselves safe from the administration? And who decides who gets “rapped” and inducted? What is the making of a great member of a secret society?

Societies on campus are in it for the glory and the buzzing whispers of who is in where and what they do, then there is no place for them here on campus. After all, no secret can be kept forever.

Many have decried the Order of the Twenty-three for its self-appointed elevated place in campus life, which used to be made blindingly clear during graduation, but what do they do that makes them so wonderful?

While all of the suspicious twenty-threes that show up around the University throughout the years are obviously doing, I can’t imagine the RGC secretly control the theatre department and the Brotherhood of Nevermore maintains the unsettlingly large population of ravens on campus. If these organizations are in fact upholding Pro Humanitate in their own shady kind of way, then by all means, they are an impertinent asset to our campus.

They are our guides and keep us reminded of why we came to Wake Forest in the first place — to change the world.

Our paths are too precious to tread lightly

We must view our lives as precious cargo so we don’t navigate them passively

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Looking through the rear view mirror on a long car ride home the other day, I saw a wonderful site. I saw my oldest son, youngest son and youngest daughter with their eyes closed. They were fast asleep. Gazing to my right I looked over into the passenger seat and viewed my beautiful wife of twenty-five years asleep as well.

The car was quiet, the road was smooth and there I was behind the wheel with my wife and children fast asleep. I was at the wheel and for a moment thought about who I was carrying down the road towards our destination. In my care were precious and priceless cargo. I was tired from the day’s adventures, but the weariness did not punch through my gaze, which was intensely fixed on the road.

Like my family members, who were enjoying rest, I, too, was up until 1 a.m. in the morning watching a movie the night before. Like those lost in dreamland, I, too, was up early at an indoor water park giving on ride after ride and climbing multiple flights of stairs. Like those cozy and comfortable, I, too, had been walking around an outlet mall for nearly four hours watching and giving nods of approval for needed acquisitions.

I was tired, but something much greater than my physical state helped me to stay awake at the wheel. You see, I love those individuals beyond words. I was going to do whatever it took to look after such precious cargo.

At the wheel of the car, I had to be alert. I had to be watchful. I could not, for one moment, lose my focus on the road. Not for one moment could I let my physical tiredness, my mental focus or my total commitment to their safety drift. For the entire drive home, I had to be awake at the wheel. Their very lives and their futures were in my hands at that moment. It was up to me not to fall asleep. I was tired but a greater strength supported me. It was a strength that is rooted in a desire to care for them beyond my personal desires for rest. I wanted to be there for them. I had to be there. Others, many others, were depending on me as well to be awake at the wheel.

When we are at the wheel of our lives, we must stay alert.
IOC ignores duty of selecting worthy host nations

Countries with histories of corruption should be banned from hosting the Olympics

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Since the opening ceremony on Feb. 7, a cloud of corruption, danger and uncertainty has hung over the Sochi Olympics. The Russian government's human rights violations, recent anti-gay crackdowns and overall corruption — matched with severe and numerous terrorist threats — have garnered more media attention and led to more discussion than the actual Olympics.

In the case of Rio de Janeiro, the committee's desire to make history with the selection of the first South American host city took precedence over the city's preparedness to host such a significant event. This body, made up of representatives from around the world, should come together with a desire to award hosting rights to cities and countries that have demonstrated their worthiness through existing facilities but more importantly through a dedication to the protection of human dignity.

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Sensitivity is not necessarily a bad thing

People should change their misconceptions about how people deal with life

Zoe 101 | An Argument for Sensitivity

Sensitivity is not necessarily a bad thing

How you treat people matters, and how you deal with your inner world directly affects how you treat others.

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You're too sensitive.

"Don't take it personally."
"You really need to grow a thicker skin."

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Word on the Quad | Campus Parking

What are your thoughts on the university's parking policies and the implementation of those policies?

"I currently have to park at the UCC for freshman parking, but the real problem is that the parking schedule isn't really that clear for when and where I can park on campus."
Louis Lopez ('17)

"There is not enough priority parking for students. They should provide transportation from sophomore parking so students can be safe."
Megan Gruber ('16)

"I would say there is some miscommunication of the rules sometimes. They haven't reached the gold standard for transparency, but they are reasonable."
Austin Brown ('15)

"When I was a freshman, I didn't know the rules until I got my first citation. You don't really learn about the rules until you've experienced a citation issue."
Amber Waakee ('14)
College Democrats  | Environmental Policy

N.C. govt. must change hands-off policy

Divine intervention will not be enough to protect the future of N.C's environment

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Governor Pat McCrory rewound the clock this weekend stating the environmental policy should be left in God's hands. Governor McCrory claims that climate change has always been happening, implying man is not responsible for the current state of our environment. Invoking divine powers is apparently par for the course in the North Carolina GOP.

The leader of North Carolina should not be relying on divine right as a replacement for policy, an idea that should have been left in the Dark Ages. As young people who bear the burden of the future, this type of standard is unacceptable.

First, sustainable economic growth over time requires a significant amount of natural resources that must be protected for future generations. Governor McCrory expresses concern about the economic cost of solving the climate problem. However, in reality the economic cost of not preserving the environment are potentially irrecoverable.

The environment possesses key resources future generations will need to have their own successful economic activity.

Further, leaving policy in God's hands may become disturbing when rising sea levels eat away at North Carolina's coast. Cities like Charleston, SC and Virginia Beach, VA are already expected to wash away in the next century if nothing is done to combat the forces causing rising sea levels. If the hands-off approach is taken as sacred, let's agree not to be upset when great North Carolina cities become submerged.

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Instead, ensuring the viability of the environment for future generations will require leaders who are open-minded and ruthlessly pragmatic. North Carolina must put ideology aside and confront the possibility that our current trajectory is limited. Pragmatism requires that those in power leave our generation with the same ability to succeed as previous generations left for them.

Third, the topic of God does not belong in a conversation about what the North Carolina State Government should and should not do concerning real policy that affects real people. That the environment is marginalized so quickly in this way borders on disturbing.

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This includes protecting the environment vital for our own lives.

Let's put theology and ideology aside, and fix issues that matter to the people of North Carolina.

By the Numbers  | Global Warming

Of Americans polled in April, 2013...

- 58 percent worry a great deal about global warming.
- 54 percent believe it has already begun, 27 percent believe it will begin at a later time and 15 percent believe it will never happen.
- 41 percent believe news reports about global warming are exaggerated, 33 percent believe they’re underestimated and 24 percent believe they’re accurate.
- 57 percent believe the primary cause of global warming is human activities, while 39 percent believe it is of natural causes.
- 64 percent believe global warming will be a threat during their lifetime.
- 6 percent believe that what scientists argue about global warming is not true.

Statistics taken from gallup.com

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January joys give way to February funk

After six consecutive losses, the men's basketball team tries to stay positive about the rest of the season

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When Wake Forest defeated Virginia Tech Jan. 22, ending a two-year ACC losing streak on the road, the future of the 2013-14 season was looking bright.

But just as quickly as one losing streak ended for the Demon Deacons, another one began. With losses to Florida State Feb. 15 and Maryland Feb. 18, the Deacs have now lost six straight, falling to 14-12 overall and 4-9 in ACC play.

The Deacons blew a 16-point first-half lead over the Seminoles, who had lost five of their last six games. At one point down 24-8, the Noles pulled to 29-23 by halftime and proceeded to outscore the Deacs 16-8 in the first eight minutes of the second half to take the 39-37 lead.

"I can't tell you what happened, and it has happened a few times," said fifth-year guard Coron Williams, who came off the bench and tied a season-high 18 points to lead the Demon Deacons in scoring against the Seminoles. "We get up in the first half by 10, and then something happens where our energy decreases."

The Deacs never regained the lead, but they did tie the score on three occasions in the second half, at 39, 41 and 55. The last of these ties came on a 6-0 Wake Forest run with 3:38 remaining, but the Seminoles answered with an 8-0 run of their own to seal the win with a final score of 67-60.

"It's a 40-minute game," Williams said. "You can't do it for 36, you can't do it for 38, or 39. You've got to do it for all 40. We played well in the first half, I thought with our energy and effort they made their run. They made a bigger run than us."

Three days later, the Demon Deacons played a different team in a different state, but the story was very much the same. In their final ACC regular season matchup against the Maryland Terrapins Feb. 18, the Deacs once again botched an early lead and allowed the Terps to run away with it in the second half.

"It's been very similar to our last outing against Florida State," said head coach Jeff Bzdelik after Wake Forest lost to Maryland, 71-60. "The preparation, the motivation and the desire to do well were awesome in the last two games. You can't ask for better start than what we had, but then we hit a stretch where we just sputtered."

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Homophobia may or may not affect Michael Sam's future in NFL remains uncertain

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As if the firestorm surrounding Missouri defensive end and NFL hopeful Michael Sam couldn't have gotten any bigger, the story got taken up a notch — with a little help from one of the league's most troubled players.

After months of waiting, the Wells Report, which investigated the controversy involving Miami Dolphins players Richie Incognito and Jonathan Martin, was released earlier this week.

In addition to the expected harassment from an overly testosterone-fueled locker room, the report revealed repeated gay slurs made to both Martin and a Player A — and the insults came as high up as from an assistant coach.

It's safe to say there's at least one locker room in the NFL that's homophobic on some level.

For those not keeping up with the timeline, the big name organizations like ESPN and Sports Illustrated were not the first to get the scoop — that would be Cyd Ziegler of OutSports — but they are some of the most widely read outlets.

The problem? Some of their statistics came from less than reputable sources. Sports Illustrated's Peter King wrote a piece that was cited in a number of other outlets, in which he quoted several NFL "executives," all of whom were off the record.

All seven of these sources, including one who is no longer working for the league, said that Sam would absolutely drop in the draft, or not get picked at all.

Yet none of these men are in positions to have much, if any, say in a team's draft decisions — and their responses were immediately followed up with a significant number of head coaches, general managers and owners who stated on the record that their teams would not evaluate Sam based on his sexuality but on his talent.

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Press Box: Sam's future in NFL remains uncertain

Rich Sugg/Kansas City Star/MCT

Sam received a standing ovation when the Missouri football team was honored at a basketball game last week. But just as quickly as one losing streak ended for the Missouri football team against Florida State, another one began. With the Deacs once again botched an early lead and allowed the Terps to run away with it in the second half.

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BASEBALL

Junior John McLeod struck out a career-high 10 batters and led Wake Forest to a 3-2 victory over Georgia Tech Feb. 16 at Wake Forest Baseball Park.

After starting most of his college career in the bullpen, the lefty missed the entire 2013 season due to injury. He went six innings and gave up only two hits and two walks on 91 pitches in his first start for the Demon Deacons.

McLeod's 10 strikeouts were the most since Austin Stadler struck out 11 at Georgia Tech last season.

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Dwayne Peterkin, a freshman on the cheerleading team, turned down collegiate football scholarships in order to attend Wake Forest and take advantage of what the university has to offer.

As a freshman, Peterkin joined the cheerleading squad to remain physically and intangibly connected to athletics.

Peterkin discusses the daily routine of being on the cheerleading team, his long-term plans in college and beyond and his sincere love for Wake Forest.

What brought you to Wake Forest?
When I visited everything about the school caught my interest. I realized that this is where I wanted to be. I also had heard good things from older friends who had enrolled at Wake. I wanted a place that fit me and what I was trying to do with my future. Wake was honestly all that and more.

Describe a day in the life of a member of the cheerleading squad.
I wake up and go about my day like everyone else on campus, but in addition I have make sure I’m balancing academics, practice, workouts, cheering at games and still making sure that I have time to myself. It can be a little bit hectic at certain points during the year, but I can’t complain because it is always a lot of fun.

What’s the hardest part about it? The most fun?
The hardest part about cheerleading for me personally is making sure that I am focused, but at the same time not so focused that I get inside my own head. Someone else is trusting you to toss them in the air and catch them you have to be aware, but not afraid.

What are the workouts and training sessions like?
Workouts are the same as any other sport. You have to put in hard work and take care of yourself. You have to approach each practice the same because there is no a lot of room for error when you’re actually doing the stunts in front of the crowd.

What are your plans after graduation?
After I graduation I am hoping to work toward becoming a criminal profiler or to work as a Department of Defense linguist.

How much time per day is spent with the squad?
A good example would be during football season. We had lifting twice a week, practice twice a week and games on Saturdays. There were also days where we got together to work outside of practices. We are a pretty tight knit group so you also spend countless hours with each other outside of actual cheer related obligations.

What is, in your opinion, the key to balancing everything?
Syllabi are my best friends. I make sure to be aware of any tests or papers I may have. I also try and work ahead when I can. I also make a point to communicate with my professors about any help I may need.

Another big part is that I always make sure I leave time to relax just a little bit just so I never get too overwhelmed.

What sparked your interest in cheerleading?
Since middle school I have always been athletics-oriented. I’ve played and attempted to play a lot sports like football, basketball, rowing, hockey and lacrosse. So coming into college I turned down football scholarships because Wake was a better opportunity for me. I heard that the cheerleading squad need male cheerleaders from someone who was already on the squad and I have always been one to take on a new challenge. So since my first practice I’ve been loving it.

What have you enjoyed most about Wake Forest so far? What would you change about it?
I enjoy the fact that even though Wake has such a wide variety of people both in interest and personality types everyone is still very respectful and the people get along well. It is a very refreshing thing to see. And as far as what I would change I would probably try to get a little quicker pace in the Benson food lines, but that is about it.

Personal Profile

Hometown: Baltimore, Md.
High School: St. Paul’s
Projected Major: Psychology
Birthdate: Nov. 16, 1994

Deac Notes

Men’s golf receives commitment from top-ranked player

Cameron Young, considered the nation’s best player in the class of 2015, committed to Wake Forest last week. The Scarsborough, N.Y., native was recruited by head coach Jerry Haas and assistant coach Dan Walters, who are prohibited by NCAA rules from commenting on their recruits until they have signed national letters of intent.

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Women's tennis signs two Top-100 recruits

Head coach Jeff Wyshner signs a national Top-25 recruiting class for the third year in a row

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The good times keep on rolling for the Wake Forest women's tennis team. Wake Forest's freshman class this season was ranked as the eighth-best in the country while its 2012 class was ranked 25th.

The Demon Deacons' lineup this year consists of freshmen and sophomores from those two classes, who have helped lead the Demon Deacons to a 7-0 start for the first time in program history.

Meanwhile, Wake Forest continues to add talent, signing two more Top-100 recruits in the recruiting class of 2014, which is ranked 19th in the nation by the Tennis Recruiting Network.

This marks the third straight season that head coach Jeff Wyshner and his staff have brought in a Top-25 recruiting class, which is ranked 19th in the nation by the Tennis Recruiting Network.

The Birmingham, Ala., native Courtney Meredith is ranked No. 21 in her class while Sara Swift, from Vero Beach, Fla., is listed as the nation's 76th best recruit.

"We are very excited to be adding Courtney and Sara to the team next fall," said Wyshner.

"Besides being outstanding players, they will definitely continue to add to the outstanding culture I feel our current team has, both are passionate about their tennis and capable of and committed to getting better, both are excellent students who will thrive in the classroom at Wake Forest and both will fit in with the very close knit team that we have right now." A five-star recruit, Meredith is the top ranked player in Alabama and seventh in the Southeast. With a 23-7 record in USTA play, including a 6-1 record against five-stars and a winning record against blue chip recruits Meredith has had success against top competition.

While attending Westminster Academy in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the 5-foot-6 righty won the 2013 Florida 1A state singles championship and was named the Player of the Year by the Miami Herald and the Sun-Sentinel.

"Courtney has really impressed with her solid play and abilities in both singles and doubles," said Wyshner.

"She is working with a great coach in Martin Blackman who has helped her game a great deal over the past year ... Courtney is very intelligent in how she practices and how she plays, and that will definitely help her during her time at Wake Forest."

Meanwhile, Swift is praised for her work ethic and improvement over her high school years. Once a two-star recruit ranked 231st in the nation, Swift now is a four-star recruit and a staple in the Top 100.

The 5-foot-10 righty played first singles for three seasons at Saint Edward's School in Vero Beach, Fla., and was the individual state runner-up in 2013.

She was named the 2012 and 2013 Scripps Treasure Coast Player of the Year.

"Sara has impressed me with her commitment to playing an assertive game, and I am confident that she will be ready to go in both singles and doubles next fall."

After their match at Illinois was cancelled last weekend due to inclement weather, the Demon Deacons will open ACC play versus Florida State at the Wake Forest Tennis Complex on Feb. 21.

With the momentum from another successful recruiting class, the Deacs will look to take down ACC opponents as they aim their sights on the ACC tournament and more.

Basketball: Despite losses, team remains confident

The Deacs won the rebounding battle 38-35, but turned the ball over a disconcerting 18 times — over 25 percent of their possessions. The Terps had 12 turnovers of their own in the sloppily played game, but the Deacs' inability to convert ultimately cost them the lead.

"They were just making shots," said senior forward Travis McKie, who led Wake Forest with 16 points. "I mean they kept switching up defenses and I think a lot of our turnovers gave them easy transition points. Where you do that, you give a team energy, especially at home, and we didn't make shots so we've got to get better."

Led by sophomore Nick Faust with a career-high 20 points, five Terrapins in total scored in double figures. For Bzdelik, however, this is not what kept the win out of Wake Forest's reach.

"I don't worry about our opponent," Bzdelik said. "What I do worry about is us. We had some open looks that were right there for us. We had some free throws that we didn't make. We also turned the ball over a little bit too much. Those types of things gave them the separation that they needed."

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As the Demon Deacons slide deeper into their late season spiral, questions are understandably beginning to circulate about their fate for the remainder of the season. Though public confidence may be low, however, the team isn't worried.

"We are playing well," McKie said. "We are fine; we are just going to continue to take it one game at a time and go from there."

"We were right there, and put us in a position to win, but we just didn't capitalize. Confidence is not an issue," Bzdelik echoed McKie's confidence in the team's ability to bounce back. "I told our team that they're trying to do the right thing, but we just all have to get a little bit better," Bzdelik said. "This includes everyone on the team. I have to get a little better, and they do as well. Every single person from me down to our walk-ons has to get a little better.

The Demon Deacons will travel to Chapel Hill, N.C. to take on the UNC Tarheels Feb. 22 at noon. The Deacs beat the Heels at home in January, and they hope they will be able to come out of their February funk and once again start adding to the win column.

"If that happens, we will be a whole lot better," Bzdelik said. "The game plans are right."
Press Box: Yankees load up in offseason

As the MLB players report to spring training, the Yankees welcome new high-profile studs to the Bronx

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It's almost that time of year again. In another two months, ballpark franks will be served, homerooms will be slammed, and pitchers will see the bottom fall out of their curveballs. The start of the 2014 Major League Baseball season is right around the corner.

Last season, the Boston Red Sox made a historic turnaround from 2012. The "Beantown Boys" rode through October past a stingy Detroit Tigers team before eliminating the experienced St. Louis Cardinals in a six-game series. Their World Series victory was filled with late-inning heroics, lumberjack beards and an unparallel level of team chemistry only high-caliber, winning teams have.

However, last year is over, and even the Red Sox know that. Since Oct. 30, MLB clubs have made adjustments with the hope that they will be the next crowned champion of the baseball world.

Players have traded, free agents have been signed and there have been changes in managers in anticipation for the 2014 season. With the hopes of putting together the perfect formula to bring home a World Series ring in 2014, the MLB offseason has certainly been a loud one thus far, with many shake-ups and moves. Perhaps not surprisingly, no team has been more active than the New York Yankees in doling out dollars this winter. The team has spent nearly half a billion dollars on free agents, and their team will be unflinchingly come this spring.

The Bronx Bombers added Masahiro Tanaka, who joins the team after pitching professionally in Japan. Also joining the team will be Jacoby Ellsbury from arch-rival Boston, Carlos Beltran from the St. Louis Cardinals and Brian McCann from the Atlanta Braves along with other minor signings. The Yankees, however, did lose second baseman Robinson Cano, who signed with the Seattle Mariners for $240 million. Yet the addition of muscle and talent to their lineup will help the Yankees enter the 2014 season as a pennant contender.

The biggest and probably most surprising trade of the offseason, though, sent former Detroit Tigers star slugger Prince Fielder to the Texas Rangers in exchange for second baseman Ian Kinsler.

With the departure of Nelson Cruz from Texas, this gives the Rangers a much-needed power but in the middle of the lineup, while giving Detroit a more secure defense and financial freedom, of which they used to sign closer Joe Nathan. Fielder left Detroit in sour taste after failing to drive in a single run during the 2013 post season, which caused many fans to question his paycheck. Fortunately for the son of Cecil Fielder, he has a new slate in Texas.

If the 2013-14 offseason in Major League Baseball taught us anything, it showed the vast amount of money involved and the game and how much clubs are willing to pay for top talent. However, as baseball fans and experts know all too well, the team who spends the most amount of money does not always win.

When you can buy players like Ellsbury, Tanaka, and McCann, though, it certainly does not hurt your odds. Ellsbury will complement a slick, speedy New York outfield. Not to mention, Ellsbury and Jeter at the top of the order could be extremely dangerous for pitchers. Tanaka is a much-needed acquisition for a depleted New York bullpen and will be a tremendous help — arguably, the Tanaka deal compares to Boston's deal with Daisuke Matsuzaka. Finally, McCann may help solve the Yankees' effort to find a stable catcher since the legendary Jorge Posada retired in 2012.

Soon enough, the smell of freshly-cut grass and painted baselines will signal the dawn of another highly-anticipated season of Major League baseball.

Internship event an outlet for Deacon athletes

Athletic department successfully links athletes with employers to in effort to encourage athlete internship search

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For senior soccer star Katie Stengel, the plan was to get a full scholarship to a top university to play the sport she loved. But that chapter is coming to an end.

So what now?

That was the question on the minds of most of the junior and senior student-athletes who attended the Student-Athlete Career Development Night on Feb. 5. All athletes were invited to dress to impress and attend the event held at the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, vice president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Rusk said.

"The purpose of the event was to allow athletes to talk to a group with 10 different companies for five minutes each. After the five minutes were up, the company's representative would go talk to a new set of athletes to tell them about their company. After the group talks were over, the juniors and seniors were allowed to go talk one-on-one with any company that they found interesting.

"I did not want to come to this event at all. I did not even have a resume to hand out," said junior linebacker Britt Cherry.

"But once I started talking to the different representatives I realized getting an internship this summer is a good idea. I actually have an interview with BB&T Banking next week," Cherry said.

"I do not know what I want to do after college, all I have ever known is soccer," Stengel said.

"I always assumed companies would not want to hire me because of my lack of experience," she said.

"This self-doubt seemed to be the biggest problem circulating through the room that night.

With the impeccable resumes that most students at Wake Forest have, where do the student-athletes fit in?

"That is where the different companies stepped in to remind the athletes they have something most college students could never put on their resumes.

"These companies all want to hire us because we have so many skills that we developed as athletes here at Wake," said senior baseball player and outfielder Grant Shambly from Cary, N.C.

"Not many people can say that they played a college sport that requires serious time commitment and being able to work on a team.

"This event offered our athletes to talk to ten excellent companies that love to work with athletes specifically," said Dwight Lewis, associate athletic director for Wake Forest.

"We want our athletes to have confidence when they graduate from here. We just want what is best for all of them.

Lewis was one of the many members in the athletic department who helped make the career night possible. The vice president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, junior volleyball player Ashlee Ruik, was another big contributor in this first ever career night.

"We wanted it to go well so this could happen every year," Ruik said.
In highly-anticipated gold medal match, expect high tensions and displays of talent that have been overlooked

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It’s the most bitter rivalry at the Winter Olympics — and the one most likely to end in an all-out brawl — and yet it’s one most fans have never heard of. The last time these two squads met in an exhibition competition, it ended with gloves dropping and fists flying — and that was just in a friendly.

Their matchup in the preliminary round of Sochi was a hard-fought 3-2 battle that was the closest game so far. It’s not the US-Russia men’s hockey teams. The nastiest competition in Sochi is instead the Canadian-American women’s hockey rivalry — and it’s far from friendly.

Since women’s hockey was added to the Winter Olympics lineup in 1998, and the International Ice Hockey Federation started hosting competitions in 1990, these two teams have battled back and forth for gold and silver in every year except 2006, when Sweden beat out the United States for a spot in the finals, giving the Americans the bronze. To say this feud is bitter would be an understatement.

Unlike their respective male counterparts, these women don’t have lavish contracts to support themselves once the international competition ends.

Most of these players are drawn from collegiate programs because there simply isn’t a big enough organization after graduation.

There’s also a significant lack of opportunity for them — of 30 NHL teams, only two have any sort of program for female hockey players. Their equivalent league is the Canadian Women’s Hockey League, which, while prestigious, is much smaller, less funded and really only encompasses North American talent.

That gap between the good teams and the great teams has been evident this year as the only two teams that have given each other any sort of competition have been the USA and Canada.

While some of the other countries have been historically strong on the men’s side, no other nation has put up much of a fight, setting up an expected gold medal match between the USA and Canada.

There’s no shortage of talent here, but even the biggest names pale in comparison to some fourth-liners on the men’s side. The most prolific female player, Amanda Kessel, can’t go a single game without commentators mentioning her brother, Phil, who has been fantastic for the United States’ men’s side.

Even players like Hilary Knight and the Lamoureux twins, Monique and Jocelyne, barely crack the headlines despite being some of the top players in the world.

Whether that’s due to the lack of parity beyond these two teams, or an outdated viewpoint that hockey is too rough and masculine for women, it’s clear that there is a definite attention and media gap between the men’s and women’s competitions.

And there doesn’t have to be. Although women’s hockey was put in danger as an Olympic sport after Vancouver, these games have confirmed to the IOC that this sport is here to stay — and with four years until the next cycle, other nations have the time and the incentive to devote more resources to promoting and cultivating young female players to prepare for Pyeongchang, South Korea.

No matter what happens when the puck drops, a mirror image of the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver will ensue as a gold medal is on the line.

The United States is looking to reverse the 2-0 score from last time and walk away with the victory that matters most — this time, without sending the whole team to the penalty box.

Sam: Gay or straight, players deserve respect

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his skill alone. That’s a pretty sharp contrast.

What’s being lost in this conversation is that Sam is not a fit for every team. That has nothing to do with his sexuality, but the fact that his style of play and skill set won’t work for every single team. Every defense runs different plays, and Sam is suited for some plays more than others. No team is going to throw away its entire playbook and completely change its identity for the sake of one defensive end, no matter how good he might be.

So when mock drafts start to come out and Sam isn’t on every team’s projected board, that doesn’t mean that they don’t want him because he’s gay — although that could be a factor — but maybe he doesn’t fit their team.

A locker room that Richie Incognito is in, for example, might not be a good place for Sam. But no matter where he ends up, even if Sam never ends up playing a game in the NFL, he will have to fight through intolerance. That’s just part of being the first at anything.

Until the NFL Draft comes around, all that can be said about Michael Sam is speculation. What is for certain is that wherever he ends up, there will be a media circus that follows.

It’s up to the NFL to show that their talk isn’t cheap and that when they claim to promote tolerance and root out homophobia, that they mean it. There will be detractors at all levels — players, fans, executives — that will not support Sam. But if those people can be revealed as the minority, the NFL could come out a winner in this situation and that is a moral victory they desperately need.

All that can be done for now is to work on ensuring that when Sam does, or does not, step foot on an NFL field, he’s treated with the respect that he, and every other player in the league, deserves.
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Darius Rucker  
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Tech Column | Streaming Player

Roku provides TV portal

Device provides one place through which you can stream all of your television and video

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I would consider myself pretty tech-savvy, but until this Christmas, I had never heard of Roku. Founded in 2002, the company competes with Google and Apple. The Roku, a streaming device, is designed to easily have all of your TV and movies, along with some other entertainment, in the same place.

It offers over 1,000 different channels that encompass nearly every provider: Roku has Netflix, Hulu Plus, Amazon Prime services, Redbox Instant, Spotify, Pandora, etc. You can even watch TED Talks on it. It can also stream cable television channels. While both other companies have similar devices — Chromecast and the Apple TV — they don’t have as many channels as the Roku does. The newest version, the Roku 3, has a USB port and SD card slot as well.

The Roku 3 has a faster service than the previous versions, and an updated interface, which features a simpler design and an easier way to search. The company is pushing the new interface onto the other editions of the Roku, though, so even if you buy a Roku 1 or Roku 2, you should still get the more user-friendly version. Roku 3 does have a special feature above and beyond its younger counterparts. The remote has a private listening mode that mutes your television when you plug headphones into the remote. The remote lets you control the volume of the headphones and ensures you don’t bother any other people who might happen to be in the room.

Although many gaming consoles can now stream Netflix, they are not quite as portable as the Roku. Additionally, it is extremely easy to connect to your television. If you have movies on an external hard drive you can watch those through the Roku’s USB port. Although most critics agree that the cable channels available cannot completely beat a traditional cable box, the pure functionality of the Roku may end up having a stronger pull, especially for the younger generations. Students might decide to not bring their Xbox or PlayStation to school, but might bring their Roku to still be able to watch Netflix and HBO Go on television instead of a small computer screen.

It’s also a viable option for people who don’t necessarily want or need all of the channels that a cable box would provide. So many of us have pre-existing Netflix subscriptions, and wouldn’t it be nice to be able to watch shows on our televisions without having to have a gaming console or getting out of bed to connect our laptop to the TV? While Roku does not include the subscription to Netflix, Hulu Plus or any of the other outside services, the channels are present on the Roku and you just have to log into your account.

The flexibility of the services that Roku offers is admirable. If you have a TiVo or Warner Cable subscription already, you can also stream that on Roku. If not, you can purchase individual cable channels based on exactly what you want, not on bundles. Even if you don’t want to buy any cable channels, or if you don’t have a Netflix account, the Roku does come with a good amount of free material.

Television Review | House of Cards

Political thriller delivers again

We’ve been waiting for months, and it’s finally here: Season 2 of “House of Cards,” no spoilers

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On Feb. 14, “House of Cards” returned to Netflix for a second season with all the treachery, backstabbing and manipulation that got fans of the show hooked in the first season.

Like they did with season one of the hit television show, Netflix released all 13 new episodes of the hit original series at once. This, along with the snow day, effectively ended my productivity for the weekend.

I started watching the Friday morning and after a shocking twist in the first episode, I had to practically tear myself away from my computer to stop binge-watching.

Wright is equally excellent in the role of political wife Claire Underwood, for which she recently won a Golden Globe. Season two begins with Underwood taking over the second highest office in the land. Even though he now is just offices away from the president, he doesn’t give up his quest to run Washington from the scenes with an iron fist. This season focuses mainly on the tension between Frank and Raymond Tusk, the ruthless businessman who serves as a trusted advisor to the president.

Watch these two power-hungry individuals compete for the ear and trust of President Garret Walker. Walker is entertaining and serves as the main source of drama this season.

Overall, “House of Cards” is a must see. Even if you are not interested in political thrillers, the intelligent script, quality performances and top-tier direction will draw you in.

For fans of the show who have yet to watch season two, I recommend watching it sooner rather than later to avoid the spoilers, which have run rampant in the blogosphere and on social media.

With only 13 episodes per season, it is not the most time-consuming of shows to binge watch, and trust me it’s worth it.
Unfortunately-named band gives good show

Although you might be turned off by their name, Diarrhea Planet has great stage presence and original music

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Diarrhea Planet: great music from a band with an unfortunate name.

When you hear the name Diarrhea Planet, you'd probably turn away. What a ridiculous name for a band. Why would you even listen to them?

I'm sure that is the first thought of many people. However, if you read their album reviews online, the consensus says not to miss them live. Well lucky for me, I took the chance, read, listened and loved the music, which led me to Raleigh on Valentine's Day to see them live.

A few friends and I ventured to King's Barcade located in downtown Raleigh. Pretty small venue with a good vibe to it. When Diarrhea Planet took the stage, anyone could tell the night was going to be a blast.

Diarrhea Planet played many fan favorites such as "Separations," "Kids" and "Warm Ridin' ." The band made sure to bring energy and the crowd only responded with their own, shouting back at the band every word they played.

Onstage, members played back-to-back songs and dropped to their knees, adding a very entertaining element to their stage-presence. This only made me chuckle. Plus, they played two new songs they had never played before. Diarrhea Planet played many requests from their most recent album.

After each song, many demanded they play their song, "fauxer" and when they did, the crowd went wild. But what made the show great was not the music, it was their interaction with the crowd. With such a small venue, Diarrhea Planet was able to have some fun with the fans. At one point, after explaining how they are often wrongly labeled as a punk band, Diarrhea Planet brought an audience member on stage to play an impromptu, aggressive punk song with said audience member on vocals. It's not often a band will bring someone random on stage to help out, but with a name like Diarrhea Planet, this isn't the most ordinary of bands.

Something else unique of Diarrhea Planet is their lineup — four guitars, a bass and drums. Anyone would question the need for having that many guitarists, when most bands only need two. To answer this, one needs to realize the musical side of their songs are of significant importance to their sound.

Not to say other bands write terrible music, but not many other bands write the same kind of music as Diarrhea Planet.

When no one is singing, you know they're doing something wild with guitars. Always coming in with two- or three-part harmonies, something most bands don't do very often. A couple of examples being in their songs "Field of Dreams" and "Emmett's Vision." Each layer of sound makes the song that much better. Further, it allowed each member to take center stage for a short time and really highlighted the talent of the band.

But the night didn't end just then. After they finished their set, they came into the audience to hang out with everyone.

I was lucky enough to meet a couple of them and, like one would hope, they were pretty cool. Just some average guys playing music and following their dreams.

All in all, this show ranks towards the top of my all-time favorites. The music, the atmosphere, the energy, everything made this Valentine's Day memorable.

So, before you shrug off this band because of their name, just take a listen to the music and then make the decision. And if they're playing anywhere near wherever you are, you should go because you'll never go to a show quite like Diarrhea Planet's again.

Health Column | Stress Relievers

Keep calm and carry on — in spite of stress

With midterms rapidly approaching, it's important to keep yourself relaxed and healthy. Here are some tips to help.

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We've all had it, we all hate it, but we all need to deal with it. As midterms roll around one thing will be sure to hit every student on this campus: stress. You may feel it creep into the back of your neck, you may feel so unsteady and anxious that sleeping becomes impossible, or perhaps you just pretend it's not there at all. Well folks, there's a big purple elephant in the room — Mr. Stress.

Perhaps you plan to launch your way through this wave of stress with chocolate chip cookies. Maybe you will clean your room until it shines. Some of you may make endless to-do lists. Well, Wake Forest, worry no more, stress less this winter with these five helpful tips.

Breathe

Deep breathing will help relax your mind and allow you to become more focused. You don't need to go to a meditation class to practice breathing — you can do it anywhere. When you wake up in the morning take some deep breaths to start your day off calmly. Before an exam, take a few moments to re-center and try some breathing techniques.

Breathe in through your nose for seven seconds, hold your breath for five seconds, and then slowly breathe out your nose for seven seconds. Repeat this as many times as you deem necessary.

Laugh

Take a break and laugh with friends. As a famous Irish Proverb states: "A good laugh and a good sleep are the two best cures for anything!" Secluding yourself while you're stressed will make you even more upset about having to get things done. Carve out time in your stressful schedule to get a good laugh in with friends.

If you feel happy, your stress will become secondary and not seem like such a burden.

Exercise

Yes, exercise seems to make the list for just about everything that encourages healthy living. Why is exercise good for stress? Well, exercise allows the brain to release endorphins — aka happy feelings!

Exercise also helps people sleep better, which will allow for clear eyes when dealing with a stressful time. Keep in mind that high intensity exercise, like a spin class or boot camp, will make your brain release a hormone known as cortisol. Cortisol will actually contribute to stress. Instead, do yoga or go for a brisk walk.

Eat (Chocolate)

Usually, experts say to eat healthy when dealing with life's stressors. Though this is true, dark chocolate will actually help combat stress. It is full of antioxidants, and similar to exercise, it will aid your brain in releasing endorphins.

Instead of downsing milkshakes from Cookout before midterms, have a few squares of dark chocolate — it will taste delicious and be a little cure to your stress.

Listen

Listen to music. Music can play with our emotions, so use its emotional strength to your benefit. Create a playlist that contains songs you love but are also peaceful. Listening to rap or pop will amp up your brain — possibly making your stress feel more exaggerated.

Make your playlist familiar and calming. Jack Johnson or John Mayer, for example, are both great options for creating a soothing mood.

Stress is a part of life, and certainly a part of college. But it can be very dangerous if we let it consume us. In fact, stress can decrease a person's life span. This winter and this exam season don't have to be brain- or body-depressing. Just remember to breathe, laugh, exercise, eat (chocolate) and listen.
Humor Column | "The Bachelor"

Juan Pablo, one of television's biggest hunks, may not find love this season

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Juan Pablo is sexy beyond belief. He also has never had an intelligent thought in his entire life.

So naturally, I've been very conflicted about this season of "The Bachelor."

I have never been one for reality television, and I've always thought the concept of "The Bachelor" was completely ridiculous. Twenty-some people competing for the affections of one person! Sounds like a nightmare!

Plus, can you really call it love — they barely even know each other and what they do know is the product of this contrived fantasy world they're all living in.

Needless to say, I never had any interest in watching this show. My roommate, however, has been an avid follower of the Bachelor since its initial season aired back in 2002.

This year she finally convinced me to watch the first episode with her, and despite my disapproval of the whole ridiculous shenanigan, I was instantly hooked.

Iquickly grew attached to the girls and picked my favorites, all the while drooling over Juan Pablo's impeccably chiseled bod and dreamy Venezuelan accent.

As the season progressed, however, I began to notice a potentially problematic issue — Juan Pablo actually sucks!

Once I was able to look past his gorgeous physical appearance, I couldn't help but be concerned about his IQ level.

I mean, the dude literally has like five catch-phrases that he uses repeatedly. If I hear him say, "Look at me," "I don't know what to say," or "She is a great girl" one more time, I'm going to die.

And, of course, when none of these handy little phrases apply to the situation at hand, he always has his trusty back up of leaning in for a little make out our sex.

He can't make out with everyone, though, because in case you haven't heard, he has a daughter named Camila. Juan is constantly referencing Camila and how passionate, for example, he is with her. This was the excuse he gave Lauren when she tried to kiss him. He then proceeded to make out with basically every other girl on the show.

Nice try, Juan. You didn't want to lose that potential pick for the next season, so you were going to make sure that Lauren was bored and forgettable — we get it. But you can't use Camila as an excuse for everything!

Camila was also his reasoning for telling Claire that their little late-night swimming session in the oceans of Vietnam was inappropriate, and that he didn't want his daughter to see that and think poorly of her father.

Ok, first of all, can someone please just specify what actually went down that night?! Did they have full-on sex in the ocean, or just engage in some steamy kissing and heavy petting? It's pretty unclear, but I really hope it's the latter because ocean sex seems pretty unsanitary.

And secondly, Camila is only seven years old, so she probably shouldn't be watching a show like "The Bachelor" in the first place!

And then there is the whole issue of the Sharleen drama. I have always questioned why she was on it in the first place — she was always cold and awkward, and constantly mentioning how weird the whole situation was.

Duh, Sharleen, you probably should have thought about that before you went and signed up for a dating-themed reality show! Anyway, although I never saw Sharleen as a good match for Juan Pablo in the first place, I gained a new respect for her when she chose to leave the show this week. She said that, although she and Juan Pablo had great "chemistry" — aka he's freakin' gorgeous — she didn't feel that they had a good "cerebral connection."

To put this in more blatant terms, once she managed to pull herself away from his delicious embrace long enough to gather her senses, she realized that he was actually pretty stupid and completely unable to carry on an intelligent conversation.

Blame it on the language barrier if you will, but personally I think the guy is just not the sharpest tool in the shed. I was impressed with Sharleen for wanting more than just an impercetable physique in a man. And, judging by the preview for next week, it seems like the other ladies might be about to finally come to similar realizations as well.

Will this be the first ever season of "The Bachelor" where all the girls drop out because they realize the hunk-y stud-muffin of a Bachelor is actually just a washed-up jock and a huge player?

Only time will tell, but if that ends up being the case, I won't hate it.

Theatre Review | "Embers and Stars"

Holocaust play provides powerful message

The newest show tells the story of a Czechoslovakian boy living in Nazi-occupied Prague

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Petr Ginz was, by all accounts, a fairly remarkable boy.

By the age of 16, he had penned five novels, a diary that detailed the Nazi occupation of Prague, where Ginz lived, created over 170 drawings and paintings, written many short stories and edited an underground magazine. Such accomplishments before the age of 20 are equal to what many can only hope to achieve in a lifetime; and for Petr Ginz, "The Last Flight of PetGinz and The Diary of Petr Ginz, the play written was as a collaboration between Professor Cindy Gendrich, a theatre professor at Wake Forest, and Andrew White, a director at Lookingslass theatre in Chicago.

Gendrich also directed the play, which presented new challenges for her. "I'm usually just the director," said Gendrich.

"This was challenging because it requires oscillating between my writer and director self."

Much of the strength of "Embers and Stars" is due to the ensemble as a whole, White is full of actors who give a convincing sense of the bond that comes from so much hardship.

Clint Blumenberg is strong as the title character, Petr Ginz, capturing the transition of Petr's youthful naïveté to a more somber, mature wisdom. Another standout is senior Sarah Davis as Eva, Petr's younger sister. Davis is very convincing in her portrayal of a much younger character, and also excelled showing the shift from child to adult.

While there, it served as an inspiration to others by starting an underground magazine, Vodoun. The magazine helped Petr and his fellow residents focus on maintaining their humanity — a subtle way to fight the harsh conditions of Terezin by focusing on sharing stories and information with one another rather than descending into the darkness of malnutrition and cruelty they faced at Terezin.

"Embers and Stars" is unique in that it is incorporating its world premiere on the Wake Forest Ring Theatre stage.

Based on the documentary "Embers and Stars?" Gendrich says that she doesn't believe in specific messages, but if there is one thing she would like the audience to consider, it's to learn something from real, serious issues.

This attention to detail also carries through to the props. Shadow puppets, designed by Wake theatre professor Mary Wayne-Thomas and senior Madeline Ormond, are used when Ginz reads his stories aloud and adds a wonderful layer of depth to the play.

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Is there a single message to take away from "Embers and Stars"? Gendrich says that she doesn't believe in specific messages, but if there is one thing she would like the audience to consider, it's to learn something from a brilliant teenager who died too soon.

"Keep color and imagination in your life while you are alive, and refuse to give up in the face of real, serious issues."
What happened to Wake Wednesdays?

Wake Wednesdays were a big deal a few years back, but this year they have been practically nonexistent. Where did they go?

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Fraternity basements. Dancing in the lounge. Hanging with friends.
This used to be the scene on Wednesday nights but over the years, Wake Wednesday has disappeared and Last Resort has become increasingly popular.

Wednesday night partying on campus used to be a big deal, but with the University's tighter restrictions and the heavy course load during the week, students have not ventured out of the library or their rooms.

"Going out on a Wednesday was basically the same as going out on a Friday or Saturday," senior Lauren Bernstein said. "Almost every fraternity used to have either lounge parties or off campus parties."
"People would plan their class schedule around the fact that they knew they'd be going out Wednesday night," senior Ryan Dougherty said. "It seemed to me that the majority of fraternities hosted some form of a party almost every Wednesday night."

For the seniors, Wednesday nights this year are quite different from what they were during their freshmen year. For the first-year students, they don't know what they are missing.

"Some seniors are saying that Thursday nights are a big deal. For the seniors, Wednesday nights this year are definitely not the same," Bernstein said. "It started to die down my sophomore year and now as a senior I would say it is basically dead."

There were at least some parties last year but now, pregame for Last Resort are becoming more common than Wake Wednesday outings.

"The reason for this change over the years could be due to multiple things. With some fraternities losing their lounges and tighter restrictions on weekday lounge use, most parties now would have to happen off campus. During the week, most students prefer to stay on-campus because there are classes the next day, Wednesday nights used to be filled with on campus parties but now with barely any fraternities having on campus lounges, parties have vanished. In addition, the school has played a role in the decrease of Wake Wednesdays."

"A lot of the parties on Wednesdays were on-campus, but the school has placed extra restrictions on when lounges can be open so it's harder to do on-campus parties during the week," senior Brian Cook said.

Tighter control by the University on partying has been echoed by many seniors around campus as having an effect on the number of parties.
"I think the school has played a large role in decreasing peoples willingness to go out on Wednesday," Dougherty said.

"On campus parties have to be shut down by midnight." Midnight is quite early considering most people don't start going to parties until after 11 p.m. There is then no use in even going and for that matter - even having a party.

As a result, Thursday night at Last Resort has now become the new Wake Wednesday. With the demise of Wednesday night partying, Thursday night has taken on a whole new meaning.

The reason for Last Resort's rise in popularity could in large part be due to the fact that Last Resort is open to students of all ages. It used to be that an under-age student had to arrive by 11 p.m. to get in, but Last Resort recently changed that to now having to pay a cover charge. This means that underclassmen can arrive whenever they want.

Last Resort boasts a fun scene with music, drinks and a way for everyone from the community to socialize. It is also a far cry from a fraternity basement, which for most, is a nice change.

Consequently, Last Resort now hosts students of all ages. This appears to be a recent change because several years ago, not many freshmen ventured out to Last Resort.
"I know the seniors when they were freshmen never went out to Last Resort," junior Andrea Clark said.

Though this year, many freshmen are saying that Thursday nights are a big deal.
"My friends always wanted to go to Last Resort last semesters," freshman Alia Salam said. "I think people go out more on Thursday than on Wednesday," freshman Zanny Dow said.

This could be also largely due to the fact that people are scheduling their classes so that they do not have Friday courses.
"Every year I feel there are an increased number of students who do not have classes on Friday, so they'd rather go out Thursday night," Dougherty said.

Also, with the installation of the shuttle system that now goes from campus to Last Resort, people have easy and free transportation. Its convenience and rise in popularity has really put an end to a tradition that was once big at Wake Forest University.
"I think it's safe to say most people consider Thursday the start of the weekend now," Bernstein said.

While no one but the seniors really understood the full extent of Wake Wednesdays, more and more people are becoming familiar with Last Resort.

Though, with the recent $10 cover charge, it will be interesting to see if underclassmen are going to pay to hang out with their friends.
Either way, goodbye Wake Wednesday.