Gillespie named dean of college

The Wake Forest history professor will assume her new role as dean of the college on July 1.

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Michele Gillespie, presidential endowed professor of southern history, will become the new dean of Wake Forest College on July 1, the university announced on March 25. Gillespie joined the university in 1999 and was named a Kahle Family Professor of History in 2003. In 2013, she was the first university faculty member to be honored with an endowed Presidential Chair.

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As dean of the college, Gillespie will be in charge of the undergraduate academic operations of the university, reporting to Provost Kersh and President Nathan Hatch. Since July 1, 2014, when Fenrow's tenure ended, Rebecca Thomas and Randall Ragan have served as co-interim deans of the college.

Throughout the summer, Kersh moderated forums with student and faculty to hear ideas on what attributes an ideal candidate would have. The search for a new dean for the university's law school is nearing its end, as well. Blake Morant left the university in September to become dean of the George Washington University Law School. One senior administrator told the Old Gold & Black that Morant's successor would be announced in a matter of weeks.

In the meantime, Suzanne Reynolds, professor of law (JD '77), has served as interim dean of the law school.
Editorial Board endorses SG candidates

On March 24, the members of the Old Gold & Black Editorial Board met with the various candidates running for executive positions within Student Government for the next academic year.

Based on our interviews with the candidates, we have voted to make the following endorsements:

In the race for president, we were disappointed that only two candidates were willing to put their names forward for consideration. With a student body as diverse as ours, we believe students and the Wake Forest community are best served when there is a wide range of individuals with different backgrounds, experiences and goals are competing with each other. With only two candidates this year, it was very difficult for us to come to a decision. Additionally, due to personal relationships with one of the candidates, three members of the Editorial Board recused themselves from voting in this category.

We felt that Phillip Weinstein assembled a strong platform of feasible goals, but we harbor doubts about his ability to interact in a relatable manner with Wake Forest students. Conversely, we believe Adam Hammer certainly has the communication skills needed to lead Student Government. However, we were very disappointed with his platform, which was lacking in depth and detail. We also worry that both candidates lack an ability to connect with the entirety of the student body.

We very seriously discussed the possibility of not endorsing any candidate for president this year, but, in the end, we found it our responsibility to choose between the two. Because Phillip Weinstein presented the more sophisticated platform, we tacitly endorse him for Student Government president.

For speaker, we endorse sophomore Thomas Martino. However, this decision was not reached easily. We believe that both Mimi Bair and Martino would be excellent in this role; in the end, we decided by a close margin that Martinos plans are slightly more in sync with the changes students want to see on campus.

As the only candidate running, we support Hannah Dobie for secretary. We thought Hannahs proposals were both beneficial and feasible to the Wake Forest community as a whole.

We hope that in the future, more student leaders will feel confident enough to stand for these positions so that the student body can choose from a large(r) group.
Deacon Profile: Nia Evans

Senior Nia Evans has spent much of her four years at Wake Forest addressing the need for equality and diversity on campus.

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On a campus that often looks like a J. Crew catalog, senior Nia Evans wants to develop equality of a different sort. The social activist, event manager, avid protestor and well-traveled researcher is working to increase diversity and inclusion at a school that prides itself — ironically, some say — on liberal arts, diversity and service.

Last year, Evans was instrumental in the movement against what she believes was discriminatory police presence on campus. In a recent interview, Evans denounced the university’s “activist tactic” at events with predominantly black student attendance, noting that other social events on campus lack the same strict police oversight.

Evans worked on the Large Event Venue Committee that was formed to eliminate police presence at social events. Now, she is employed as an event manager “to create more equity when it comes to policing events on campus.”

“Social and civic engagement,” is how Evans described the university’s “activist tactic” at events with predominantly black student attendance, noting that other social events on campus lack the same strict police oversight.

Evans continues to collaborate with groups on campus in the hopes of exposing the raw data that undermines what she considers to be a highly suspicious Developmental Associates Report released last year.

An outside company concluded in the document that there had been no racially biased behavior committed by Wake Forest police officers.

At Campus Grounds one morning after a job interview, the Delaware native and communication major radiated passion and confidence. She stood tall in a dark pantsuit, peppered her explanation of campus issues with sassy comments and side-eye looks. “I like fighting,” Evans said when asked if she considers herself an activist.

After transferring from Sarah Lawrence College her sophomore year, Evans has accomplished a great deal in her short time at Wake Forest. After studying abroad in Italy, Evans returned as a Richter Scholar the following summer of 2014 to research African immigration and marginalization in Italy.

“It’s important to research the subjects you’re interested in,” Evans said.

Along with ending what some students see as racially biased police behavior, Evans believes in "pushing the campus to evaluate diversity," whether that be through increased scholarships or working harder to foster a safe and inclusive environment that will attract more diverse students.

Junior Victoria Washington attributes Evans’s "need for change and equality" as the source of the activist’s tenacious drive.

“She inspires other people to be honest with themselves and calls people to become engaged,” senior Diana Halloran said. Halloran praised Evans’s honesty, confidence and abilities, describing her as "a leader both in activism and on a personal level."

This drive also shows in her studies. Evans expressed a desire to explore every discipline available, though communication truly seems to be her forte. Evans excels at being heard. "She’s not afraid to speak her mind, but she’s very approachable," Washington said, recalling how impressed she was the first time she heard Evans speak in a communication class they had together.

"She just walked in, and laid down some knowledge on us," Washington said. Halloran also admired Evans’s ability to speak up, especially because women often face the added social pressure to appear humble or passive.

This semester, Evans is also a research fellow for the Anna Julia Cooper Center, directed by Melissa Harris-Perry.

For her project, which deals with an "intersection of education and engagement," Evans is exploring the way black history curricula affect mental health and perceptions of race and gender by examining local high schools, mental health programs and African-American narratives.

Despite being a second-semester senior, Evans’s activities and interests don’t stop there.

She has campaigned for local politicians, is considering a career in public policy and is a mentor for the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

She has paired her communication major with Italian and film studies minors. When Evans isn’t advocating for social justice, she spends her time volunteering with Woof Forest.

She strongly believes in an interdisciplinary approach to activism and education.

“Wake could do better with cross-listing courses,” she added.

Although she’s already planning for life after graduation, Evans enthusiastically hopes she will be leaving an impact on this campus.

“If not, I’m leaving an impact to come,” she said. “Someone is going to pick up the baton.”
Trust Talk: Individuals voice concerns

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lying in the corner on the floor and we are just trying to prevent a death. The bigger concern is that we don’t lose someone.”

The concern about excessive drinking came up again when attendees broke into small groups to talk about campus climate.

In groups of roughly five to eight, people discussed everything from stereotypes to safety on campus.

One of the first topics these small groups dealt with was students’ perception of the police force.

“Quite often, you don’t want the rules to apply to you, as students,” said Corporal Latrina Leak of the WSU Police Department. “When there are consequences, and a person is implementing those consequences, he or she is the bad guy.”

Other topics dealt with racial profiling and the stereotyping of certain students.

Some groups agreed that in order to combat stereotypes, police officers needed to deal with people individually.

This was one of the ways the police force talked about combating racial profiling, which attendees determined to be a legitimate issue. Students were also asked if they believe that the campus is safe.

“It depends on what you mean by safe,” senior Emma Northcott said. “There are different definitions — the likelihood of [non-sexual] bodily harm is very low, but the possibility of sexual assault is very high.”

After about 40 minutes of small group discussions, everyone reconvened and each group shared three takeaway points.

One of the groups mentioned that there was a desire to humanize the police force so that students were more comfortable with the officers when they responded to a situation.

People gathered in the Magnolia Room to discuss how the community can foster better relationships between students and the university police. This is the second Trust Talk in the past six months.

One group thought of adding a class where students got to experience the type of training that police officers go through.

Some concerns were also brought up about campus life, specifically racial profiling, sexual assault and drinking.

Students unanimously agreed that there is a significant drinking problem on campus, because many students drink excessively.

One group suggested that they should recruit and retain a diverse police force.

After the groups shared, four people talked about what would be done after the Trust Talk in order to continue the conversation.

“We need to continue to have these talks in the community and we are going to see more people involved,” said Nora Baker, chairperson of the Human Relations Committee. “We see a sprinkling of affected groups, and it would be wonderful to have more students here to engage in the dialogue.” Fewer than 20 students were present at this talk.

Chaplain Tim Auman talked about steps for moving forward from a police perspective.

“The city police and university police know our community in ways that [faculty and staff] don’t,” Auman said. “I would want us to explore ways to make use of [officers’] knowledge and expertise.”

Sophomore Chizoba Ukairo said that students need to get to know police officers on a personal level to build trust.

“You would be able to get to see how they work and also know them personally, not just how they are portrayed by some of their stereotypes,” Ukairo said.

WFU PD Chief Regina Lawson closed the talk with high hopes of a better relationship between the community and police officers.

“I look at this as the end of the beginning,” Lawson said. “The end of tonight, but the beginning of a continuous conversation. We are committed to being and staying in the conversation.”

SG ASSEMBLY

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I. Executive Reports

The President had a meeting to discuss airport shuttles this week, and she announced that the Student Trustee referendum is coming.

The Speaker is working on creating a list of issues that students can subscribe to stay up to date with Student Government initiatives.

He is also working on making sure co-chairs of different committees create transition binders for their predecessors. The Speaker announced that loading and unloading zones were put up over spring break.

The Treasurer has been in meetings about clubs’ budgets. He will propose the entire budget to the Senate in mid-April.

The Chief of Staff is working on elections and planning the Last Day of Classes celebration.

II. Committee Reports

Academic Committee had a meeting about printing to allow students more money to print and to possibly get printers in some dorms.

Judiciary Committee had a meeting about the future of the honor code.

Physical Planning is working on fixing a bug problem in Babcock. They are also trying to figure out why the grass outside the Business School has been closed for so long.

The Committee is hoping to allow students to use Deacon Dollars at basketball and football games.

Dining Commission listened to concerns regarding dining. Issues including offering Greek Yogurt and the selection of bagels were discussed.

III. New Business

Bill 29 — Supporting Student Advocacy Against Police Brutality — This bill confirms Student Government’s support for student activism regarding police brutality in response to events at the University of Virginia. The bill was passed.

Campus Life — New SG Position — 2-5 members of SG would serve as Student Engagement Advisors to reach out to student activists, provide support, protect rights and reach out to activists.

IV. Constituent Concerns

A senator raised a new Old Gold option at Starbucks. The senator mentioned the possibility of including iced coffee as an Old Gold option.
Psychologist discusses police and black lives

Jennifer Eberhardt examines the effects of racial bias on protecting and policing black lives

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Jennifer Eberhardt, a social psychologist at Stanford University, spoke in Brendle Recital Hall on March 24 on how racial stereotyping in the U.S. affects the relationship between black lives and the criminal justice system.

Tensions nationwide in recent months have focused on racial justice and the way in which black citizens are treated by the local police forces in particular.

Protests in Ferguson, Mo. have been the most notable of many examples. Most recently, unarmed black teen Tony Robinson was shot and killed by a police officer in Madison, Wis. on March 7.

"Cultural stereotypes lead blacks to be the subject of gaze, but at the same time those stereotypes prevent blacks from being totally seen," said Eberhardt.

Eberhardt specializes in the association between race and crime, having received the 2014 McCarthur Genius award for her work. She drew on that background and a variety of psychological experiments she has conducted recently to illuminate what may be the cause of unequal targeting of blacks in the justice system.

Her findings: association of blacks and racial imagery with crime has become so psychologically engrained that discrimination occurs subconsciously.

That concept is materialized in highly disproportionate incarceration rates of blacks. Forty percent of the imprisoned population is currently black.

For law enforcement officials, this discrimination can occur in a variety of ways, including weapon detection and subject identification.

The discriminatory behaviors revealed by Eberhardt's research translate to much higher rates of stops and searches for black citizens.

In New York City, 85 percent of stops citywide targeted black and Hispanic suspects, generally for displaying "furtive movement." Less than 1 percent of those stopped in 2010 were armed.

"People can look at body motions and make an assumption of the racial identity of that person," said Eberhardt.

For audience members, Eberhardt's findings quantified sentiments with which they already were very familiar.

"It was nice to have someone put into numbers what we all feel and experience every day. It's also helpful and illuminating to see the ways in which we all succumb to bias," said divinity student Lisa Page.

"It brings understanding to what we already know," echoed Bennett College junior Bria Worsham.

Eberhardt has faced countless examples of implicit bias herself in everyday life. She shared with the audience a story of her own 5-year-old son on a plane, seeing a black man beside them and noting he "'hoped he didn't rob the plane.'" Eberhardt asked her son why he would make such an assumption, and he himself couldn't understand why, illustrating perfectly the implicit bias Eberhardt has spent years studying.

"We are living with such severe racial stratification that even a 5-year-old can tell us what is supposed to happen next," said Eberhardt.

Another factor Eberhardt explored was the American phenomenon of viewing blacks as "hardened towards pain," largely due to a history of suffering among blacks in the U.S. from slavery, segregation and beyond.

Eberhardt was troubled by the phenomenon. "This means those who have endured the most hardship, concern us the least," she said.

Still, Eberhardt maintains hope for overturning the presence and effects of such stereotyping. One line of action for which she sees great potential is the use of body cameras for police, to offer the community accountability and officers protection from unfair accusations.

"We've been bombarded with images that take us back in time, that encourage us to believe that nothing has changed and nothing will change," said Eberhardt, linking Ferguson with Selma. "But suddenly, now I'm filled with hope."

Correction to Greek investigation board article from March 19 issue

An article on the front page of the March 19 issue of the Old Gold & Black entitled "Greek investigation board created" contained two errors.

The first sentence of the article originally stated that three fraternities had their charters rescinded due to conduct violations. However, this is only the case for two of the three fraternities; the circumstances leading to Sigma Phi Epsilon's loss of recognition were not conduct-related.

Additionally, the associate dean of students and the associate dean of conduct were listed as two different positions, although they are in actuality just different titles for the same position.

Jennifer Eberhardt, a psychologist from Stanford University, discussed racial stereotyping and the criminal justice system in the United States.

"Great Teachers and Lectures"

series hosts Lisa Flores

On Monday, March 30, Lisa Flores will be speaking as the second person in a two-part series hosted by the Department of Communication titled the "Great Teachers and lectures" series.

Her speech will be titled "Laboring to Belong: Dis/Identification, Spatial Relocation, and the Politics of Visibility in the United Farm Workers' 'Take Our Job Campaign.'"

Lisa Flores is a professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Colorado, Boulder. She focuses on rhetorical studies and looks at topics dealing with race, gender and queer studies.

The talk will take place at 4:30 p.m. in Annenberg Forum in Carswell Hall.

Germanwings Jetliner crashes in French Alps, killing 150 people

A German airplane crashed into the French Alps on Tuesday, March 24, killing all 150 passengers on board.

The plane was traveling from Barcelona, Spain to Dusseldorf, Germany when it crashed around 11 a.m. Official and executives of the airline had no immediate explanation for the cause of the crash. The vice president of Lufthansa, the owner of the airline, later said that they consider the crash to be an accident.

"The plane crashed into the mountain after an eight-minute descent from 38,000 feet. The cockpit voice recorder, which recorded two hours of the pilots' conversations, was found, but questions still remain about the cause of the crash."
MEET THE CANDIDATES:

Adam Hammer
President

Adam Hammer is a junior who has been a part of Student Government for three years. His freshman year, he was placed in the Academic Committee, where he led the Printing Initiative Sub-Committee. His sophomore year, he was involved in the Judiciary Committee. He spent the past year as co-chair of the Academic Committee. Hammer's platform focuses on three main things. First, he would create two advisory roles. One would be an advisor to the cabinet on campus social climate and the other would augment the relationship between Student Government, faculty, and the administration. Second, Hammer would donate his salary back to a create an innovation fund in order for students to get capital for creative ideas. All students would be able to apply for this fund, whether they are part of an organization with an idea or just an individual. Lastly, Hammer hopes to change the culture diversity requirement to better prepare students to leave Wake Forest with the ability to engage in tough dialogue.

Meredith Gay
Treasurer

Meredith Gay is a sophomore who is currently part of the Student Budget Advisory Committee (SBAC). She has spent time on both sides of the budgeting process, allowing her to better understand its strengths and weaknesses. Her platform focuses on accountability and accessibility. To improve accountability, Gay would enhance SBAC member training and standardize submission deadlines to SBAC members. She would also hold training sessions for organization treasurers once a semester and update information in the SBAC handbook to update information on approved subsidies and provide examples of budget proposals. To improve accessibility, Gay would hold office hours for at least four hours per week to allow time for any and all questions from organization treasurers. She would also use the time to keep club treasurers updated on the amount of money they have left in their budget, as this information is often hard to come by currently, and keep treasurers more aware of any additional funds available.

Phillip Weinstein
President

Phillip Weinstein is a junior who has been part of Student Government for three years and is currently Treasurer. He was a member of the Student Budget Advisory Committee (SBAC) his freshman and sophomore years. If elected, Weinstein intends to create a Diversity and Inclusion Committee with representatives from Pathellic, NPHC, IFC, GSA and other multicultural organizations. He also hopes to make the OPCD accessible to seniors after they graduate for at least one to two years and offer additional days for students to receive flu shots. Weinstein would make printing free for the whole semester and add more printers to dorms. In addition, he would revamp the Old Gold System to include more meals on the menu at Old Gold options. He would also make some changes to help benefit resident advisors. Instead of making them on duty and in their building starting at 5 p.m., RAs will have to be back in their building at 7 p.m.

Hunter Honnessy
Treasurer

Hunter Honnessy is a junior who has been involved with Student Government for the past three years. During his freshman year, Honnessy was a member of the Appropriations and Charters committee, which worked closely with the Treasurer. His sophomore year he served as co-chair of the judiciary committee. He has spent this past year as a member of SBAC. If elected, Honnessy would take steps to first improve the accountability of SBAC by holding monthly meetings and providing monthly progress reports. He would also make the accounts payable system easier for clubs and organizations in order to prevent available funds from going unnoticed during the semester. To this end, he would also add immediate budget cuts for organizations who spend less than half of the funds allotted over the course of the year. Honnessy would also move new organizations that deal with diversity and inclusion to the top of the Appropriations and Charter hearings.
SG ELECTION PROFILES

Mimi Bair
Speaker of the House

Mimi Bair is a junior who has served within Student Government for all three of the years she has been at Wake Forest. She served as a senator her freshman year, co-chair of the campus life committee her sophomore year and has spent this past year as judiciary co-chair. Her platform for speaker has three major parts. The first addresses accountability. If elected, Bair would move Senate meetings to a more visible and accessible location and create a newsletter to keep students updated. The second part of Bair’s platform is institutional change. She would also open up cabinet meetings to all students. Additionally, she would establish a framework to work more closely with faculty senate and relevant administrative committees. The third part of Bair’s platform is innovation. Bair’s goals include establishing a bystander intervention program for students to recognize signs of mental health issues and strengthening the student relationship with Reynolda Village by improving lighting along Reynolda Trail.

Hannah Dobie
Secretary

Hannah Dobie is a sophomore who has served as a Student Government senator for the past two years. Her platform for secretary has two major parts. The first addresses engagement. If elected, Dobie would revamp the events database to keep students aware of events happening on campus and in the Winston-Salem community. She also hopes to improve relationships between student organizations and elevate the Office of Sustainability and their efforts to increase student awareness of environmentalism. The second part of her platform aims to strengthen Student Government. To improve the effectiveness of the organization, Dobie would implement a pre-school Student Government retreat to solidify individual and committee goals for the year. She would also provide a free, start-of-the-year barbecue for all students. Additionally, Dobie would require all student government members to complete SAFE Zone training and gatekeepers training in order to better prepare them to support all students on campus.

Tom Martino
Speaker of the House

Tom Martino is a sophomore who has spent the past year as co-chair of the academic committee. He has brought changes to the class registration system and helped to create the “Study Smarter, Not Harder” series that took place this year. If elected speaker, Martino hopes to address issues on campus in a realistic, visible and effective manner. The first issue he wants to address deals with Parking and Transportation policies. If elected, Martino would implement a notification system whereby students are immediately informed if they have received a ticket via text message and email. Additionally, Martino hopes to create an app where students enter their grade, the day of the week and the time to see a full list of available parking locations. The second issue Martino would address is the fact that many minority students do not feel welcome or safe on campus. To this end, Martino would create a new diversity and inclusion committee within student government.

How to Vote

- Vote on WIN on March 31. Voting lasts from midnight to 11:59 p.m.
- Click on InfoCentral, then under Student Government, select “Online Voting.”
- Click on each office, select and submit your vote for each candidate.
Letter to the Editor | Greek Life

Students must fight all injustice

As members of a global community, individuals ought to stand up for each other.

To the Wake Forest community,

We do not exist in this world alone. Our ability as humans to survive and to thrive in this world is a direct result of the different forms of love we receive from those around us. When one of us succeeds, we all succeed. When one of us has fallen, we all feel the dull sense of pain from the crash.

The world in which we now live gives us windows of opportunities to peer into the lives of those beyond our fields of immediate vision. Of course, this advantage allows us to learn from the experiences of others, but beyond that, it places on us the responsibility to act on the injustices toward our fellow brethren that we witness.

It is important as students that while we are constantly bombarded with images of injustices throughout the world, nearby campuses and even in our backyards, that we do not become disillusioned or disheartened about the world we will soon enter. Because of our privileged status as educated and empowered individuals, we have an immense amount of power under our noses that we can channel to give voices to those whose voices have been silenced or muted by the powers that be.

Our diverse range of talents and skills, while contributing to our differences from one another, are also testaments to the varied modes through which this immense power can be manifested. By this, we mean that how we act on the injustices we witness is not limited by our youth, student status or geographic separation from those who have fallen.

We should not shy away from the brutality and public shaming of Martese Johnson of the University of Virginia. We cannot numb ourselves to the painful executions of Deah Barakat, Yusor Abu-Salha or Razan Abu-Salha from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. We will not turn a deaf ear to the racist chants of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity brothers at the University of Oklahoma or, conversely, to the lonely cries of students throughout the country who feel marginalized because of some aspect of their identities. We do not even have to wait until we leave the four walls of our campus and enter this "real" and sometimes frightening world to lend our hands to our struggling brethren.

We can start today, through the conversations we choose to have, through the people and topics we choose to learn about, through the incremental steps we take in our day-to-day lives. Whether they materialize in the form of protests, editorials, artistic demonstrations, meetings with administrators and local policy makers, letter-writing campaigns, benefit concerts, fundraisers, etc., there is no shortage of steps we can take collectively and individually in the various movements that abound around us.

These steps will add up to leaps as they ripple through our communities. There is no better time than now for our antennae to be perched and our arms unfolded, outstretched to pick one another up.

Respectfully submitted,

The Order of 23

Word on the Quad | Hotdog Fever

Was Swizzler, the hotdog truck, worth the wait?

"Yes, Swizzler is a big deal on campus." Kiya Khalil ('18)

"Yes, it was nice to support a Wake startup." Mia Harris ('17)

"I waited for an hour, and it was worth it." Taylor Borden ('17)

"Yes, it was a social thing, as well." Will Moor ('17)

"Yes, the hotdog was really good." Ben Simpson ('16)

"No, the line was too long." Jamila Terrel ('15)
Political parties inhibit free thinking

As a result of political parties, politics is often seen through a black and white lens. When confronted with a certain issue, many are either Republican or Democrat, and their opinions reflect their party. In the party system, an individual’s opinion on a controversial issue is essentially determined by the party.

For instance, gun control, gay marriage and taxes are all current issues that face our elected officials. To ascertain an individual’s opinion on these issues, one has to only ask their political party.

If you happen to agree exactly with every part of a party’s platform, you are fortunate; however, it is not often that a party perfectly represents one’s views. To determine which candidate receives your vote, you really have to choose the lesser of two evils.

Though some candidates have slightly stronger or weaker stances on certain issues, they must have the same principles to call themselves a member of the party.

Regardless of whether a candidate belongs to a party, he or she may not agree with its entire principles. Many opinions are polarized without room for compromise, as illustrated by our gridlocked Congress.

Political parties impair an individual’s ability to think freely and form an educated opinion away from the pressure of others. When choosing a political party, outside influences play a larger role in one’s vote than educated ideas do.

Many teenagers and young adults choose a political party based on their parents’ without understanding the views of either one.

Family members, friends and loved ones are important role models, but choosing leaders for the entire country in whom we must invest our trust should not be based solely on a simplified view of others. I realize it is unrealistic to expect the U.S., after hundreds of years of political parties, to turn away from them, but my main point is that one should not just choose a side, then cast a ballot without another thought.

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Rand Paul can open up the electoral map

Rand Paul’s libertarian conservatism appeals to a much broader audience

Rand Paul’s libertarian conservatism appeals to a much broader audience. As is often seen through a black and white lens, Paul’s strong support for federalism and his libertarian leanings on issues such as NSA surveillance, can empower Republicans to win Nevada’s six electoral votes for the first time since 2004.

New Mexico: the first state to legalize marijuana for recreational use

The 2016 electoral map does not bode well for Republicans; that is, of course, if the GOP runs an establishment candidate and implements failed electoral strategies. Republicans know the blueprint all too well: occupying 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. is contingent upon winning in Ohio. Unfortunately, Republicans have captured the Buckeye State only twice since 1992. Such a discouraging statistic begs the question: is there another path to victory?

Enter Sen. Rand Paul. The libertarian-leaning lawmaker from Kentucky can garner the necessary 270 electoral votes without winning in Ohio. In fact, Paul can reach the White House with only one victory north of the Mason-Dixon Line and with no new successes around the Great Lakes. Let me explain.

Too often, the Republican party’s electoral strategy places predominant focus on the South and Midwest. However, Paul’s non-conventional positions call for a presidential blueprint that shifts focus to the West. Typically, the words “swing state” generate thoughts of Ohio, Florida, Virginia and North Carolina. However, Nevada, New Mexico and Colorado are just as purple, and these states’ historical libertarian leanings provide fertile ground for Paul’s presidential campaign.

Nevada: the only state in the Union with legalized gambling and prostitution. Nevada’s libertarian streak is undeniable. Despite Romney’s eight-point loss in the Silver State in 2012, Paul’s strong support for federalism, and his libertarian leanings on issues such as NSA surveillance, can empower Republicans to win Nevada’s six electoral votes for the first time since 2004.

New Mexico: a state known for its self-determination. New Hampshire, holds four electoral votes. If Paul wins in Nevada, New Mexico, Colorado and New Hampshire and captures Florida and Virginia, he will become the 45th President of the United States; he would have done so without winning Ohio and with only one victory north of the Mason-Dixon. Even if the Kentucky senator fails to run the table, his ability to open up the electoral map is unparalleled by other GOP presidential hopefuls.

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Netanyahu aims to maintain unity

Many believe that a two-state solution is necessary, but it may weaken Israel

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Elections recently took place in Israel. Israel's current prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu of the Likud party, competed against Isaac Herzog to keep his position. The election's primary concerns were national security and how each candidate may affect the detailed peace talks with Palestinian leadership. Israelis believed that Herzog may be the better choice for reinstating communication with Palestinian officials and restoring the peace process to what it once was.

However, re-opening communication channels and hinting at the possibility of a two-state solution may not be in Israel's best interests. Even with increased tensions and violence between Israelis and Palestinians, Netanyahu argues that conceding territory would weaken Israel.

Netanyahu stated that there would be "no retreat" and "no withdrawals" from any of the occupied Palestinian territory, which includes the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip.

However, since his reelection, he has conceded that he may be open to a two-state solution.

Many international actors and citizens believe that a two-state solution would solve the decades long Israeli-Palestinian crisis. The creation of a Palestinian state would appease and relieve severe tension between the two groups.

While it is regrettable that the State of Israel was created in the previously established Palestine, it would be impossible to relocate the families who have settled in Israel since its establishment in 1948. The cost alone would be inconceivable.

In addition, there have been long, unsuccessful deliberations for decades that have not led to a consensus between the two groups. Israelis and Palestinians strictly protect their own interests and their unwillingness to compromise has kept the conflict alive.

Netanyahu's previous position, rejecting the creation of a Palestinian state, is unpopular internationally.

However, I do understand his motivations for holding this view. First of all, Israel has always been characterized as a Jewish state. It has survived in the face of opposition and violence.

In fact, Israel has increased the size of its frontiers as a result of conflicts with its neighbors. The increasing influence of Judaism in Israel unites its citizens in their shared faith. Israel's identity is entrenched in its religious right to exist.

In Netanyahu's view, dividing the state and giving away its territory would damage the common identity that has been deliberately crafted to sustain Israel's existence.

To surrender territory would destroy the power and credibility Israel has amassed since its creation. It would also be detrimental to Israel's Jewish nationalism to accept the creation of a Palestinian state.

Although a two-state solution is preferable, until now, Netanyahu has maintained the above opinions to protect Israel's best interests and identity.

His sudden shift in position is most likely a political strategy to amass greater domestic and international support, as he was narrowly reelected.

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Medical marijuana should be up to states

The federal government should allow states to legalize medical marijuana

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While politics is often filled with bickering and disagreement, it's important to highlight where people can put progress over party and get work done. A great example of this is the medical marijuana bill which has just been proposed in the U.S. Senate by the bipartisan slate of Sens. Dean Heller, R-NV, Rand Paul, R-KY, Cory Booker, D-NJ, and Kirsten Gillibrand, D-NY. First it's important to acknowledge the problem with the existing law.

Currently, marijuana is classified as a banned substance (Schedule I) according to federal law and is subject to prosecution by the federal government. On the other hand, 23 states have passed laws legalizing the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes, and 12 more states are considering similar legislation.

These state laws directly contradict federal law, but the Obama administration has chosen not to enforce the federal statutes in those states, allowing legalization for medicinal purposes to continue. Decisions like this can change at any moment though. The Obama administration could choose to state enforcing the federal law more strictly, or someone else who enters the White House come January 2017 could crack down on these states.

This bill, entitled the Compassionate Access, Research Expansion and Respect States (CARERS) Act, would be a step in the right direction for bridging the difference between federal law and state autonomy. By rescheduling marijuana as a Schedule II substance instead of a Schedule I substance, doctors would have the freedom to prescribe doses of medical marijuana to patients in states which have legalized the drug. It would suggest that the federal government believes that marijuana has legitimate medical uses and allow for further research to be done. It would also likely encourage states that haven't looked closely at legalizing medical marijuana to take a closer look at legalization.

For those who don't know, medical marijuana is used to treat many forms of pain, specifically, doctors have prescribed marijuana for seizures, certain cancers, multiple sclerosis, nerve pain, epilepsy and glaucoma, as well as many other conditions. In states where medical marijuana is legal, doctors help patients get a "marijuana card," which would allow people to purchase marijuana from approved dispensaries. By passing the CARERS Act, patients and doctors will be given more freedom to personalize a medical plan without fear of prosecution by the government.

While this legislation isn't necessarily ground-breaking, we believe that states should have the autonomy to determine the status of medical cannabis in their states.

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Deacs extend winning streak

Wake Forest powers past Appalachian state to secure third straight win

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Appalachian State made it close on March 25, but a seven-run eighth inning saw Wake Forest (17-10) squeak out a win to lengthen their winning streak to three.

After splitting the first four games of their homestand, Wake also pulled out a win in the final match in Winston-Salem by edging Charlotte 8-6 on March 24 at Gene Hooks Field.

Wake Forest started off strong against Charlotte with a five-run second inning. Sophomore Will Craig continued his season-long hot streak with a double to lead off the frame. Freshmen Justin Yurchak and Stuart Fairchild then loaded the bases with a walk and a single, respectively. A double ripped down the right field line by fellow first-year Gavin Sheets put the Deacons up 2-0.

Sophomore Jonathan Pryor walked to once again load the bases, this time with freshman Bruce Steel at the plate. Steel, who was batting under .200 to start the game, sent a two-out double to left-center field to empty the bases.

Sophomore Jonathan Pryor scored one of eight runs that propelled Wake Forest to an 8-6 win over Charlotte on March 24.

Men's golf: Deacons show improvement

The team could have finished third, if not for play on greens during the second day of the Schenkel Invitational

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Although it is not first place, fifth place at the Schenkel Invitational on March 21 is an accomplishment, given the stiff competition.

The Deacs finished in a tie for fifth with in-state rival N.C. State at the 15-team invitational hosted by Georgia Southern at the Forest Heights Country Club.

"17-under sounds really good, and the course was very gettable this week," head coach Jerry Haas said. "We just didn't make any putts on the second day. If we had shot a decent round on our second day, we could have ended up finishing third."

Freshman Will Zalatoris led the way for the Demon Deacons by finishing in a tie for ninth place. The Plano, Texas native has been a leader for the Deacs since his arrival on campus this year.

Auburn outright won the tournament with an impressive score of 41-under par, and the Vanderbilt Commodores came up just short with a score of 40-under par. Wake was also outpaced by Kentucky and Georgia Southern. However, the Deacons tied with in-state rival N.C. State at 17-under par, just one stroke off of Kentucky.

"I thought the guys played very well and very hard," Haas said. "But, it's only our second event, and I think you'll see a
Men's Tennis

Men's tennis adds another ranked win to its resume but in-state rival Duke comes back to beat Deacs

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The Wake Forest men's tennis team (13-5, 3-2) faced one of its toughest weekend tests of the year. The nation's No. 12 team squared off against No. 16 Virginia Tech at home, before traveling to Durham to battle No. 6 Duke.

After winning three straight matches against ranked foes, the Demon Deacons exuded supreme confidence. But Wake proved that it's one of the ACC's premiere teams, the weekend ended on a bitter note.

On the first match on Friday, Wake Forest came out to play from top to bottom. The second doubles duo of freshman Noah Rubin and junior Jon Ho completely overwhelmed their first-ranked opponents.

Freshman Duek started the morning with a 6-4, 6-2 win against No. 6 Duke. Ho led 5-2 in the second set before Bruno Monteiro earned a key victory over Mansouri 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 to seal the match at second singles. Maksim Kan finished the match with a 7-6 (3), 7-5 victory at sixth singles to give the Deacs a 2-5 win.

"Our guys did a great job of getting up on Virginia Tech early by winning the doubles point and all six first-set singles," assistant coach Jeremy Feldman said. "Virginia Tech kept coming at us and almost turned the match around, but our guys did a great job of closing out the match."

On Sunday, the Demon Deacons sought revenge versus the Blue Devils, who beat Wake 4-1 in January. The match had the makings of an upset. Wake came out confident and swinging, sweeping doubles by a score of 8-3 or better on every court.

Soon afterwards, Seraphim won soundly 6-1, 6-2 at fifth singles to give the Deacs a 2-0 lead. But the veteran Blue Devils came surging back. Kan was bested at sixth singles, sweeping doubles by a score of 6-3, 6-1, and Mansouri lost 6-1, 6-4 to tie the match at 2. But Duke edged forward with a 6-2, 7-5 win over Ho at third singles. He held 5-2 in the second set before Bruno Seraphim won five straight games to scoring a 7-5, 6-4 victory.

The in-state rivalry came down to first and second singles, which both split sets.

In the battle of highly-touted freshmen, No. 11 Nicolas Alvarez outlasted Rubin 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 to clinch the win. Meanwhile, No. 69 Jon Ho outmatched his Hokie counterpart, scoring a 4-3 Duke win.

"We were certainly proud of our guys' efforts to hike in there and give us a chance to win," Feldman said. "But obviously we're disappointed in the loss as a team."

While Wake didn't get vengeance in Durham, it did prove that it can contend with the nation's best programs.

The Deacs continue their road trip to N.C. State this weekend, followed by Georgia Tech and Clemson in April. The Demon Deacons return home versus Miami on April 10.
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better team moving forward.”

After Zalatoris, senior Cyrus Stewart helped the Deacons secure a fifth-place finish by carding a 4-under par 211 that put him in a tie for No. 19 on the leaderboard.

“Zalatoris hits the ball very well,” Haas said. “He is a very patient person for the most part, and he can hit almost any shot. He has a very bright future, and he really loves Wake Forest.”

Stewart was followed by sophomore Danny Guise, who finished just one stroke back of Stewart, which put the Greenwich, Conn., native in a tie for No. 24. Following Guise, junior Davis Womble finished even to par, and sopho­more Clancy Waugh, along with freshmen Paul Davis Womble finished even to par, and sopho­more Clancy Waugh, along with freshmen Paul Davis Womble finished even to par, and sopho­more Clancy Waugh, along with freshmen Paul Davis Womble finished even to par.

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Wake had nine first-place finishes at the Wake Forest Open.

**Track and Field: Wake starts hot**

Wake Forest Open provides platform for young Deacons to shine

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With nine top-three finishes on opening day and five first-place finishes on the second day, Wake Forest started its outdoor season Wake Forest Open at Kenter Stadium better than it ended its indoor season: by finishing 14th out of 15 teams at the ACC Championships.

Wake Forest did, however, have several strong performers at the ACC Championship and the success spread to other Deacs March 20 and 21.

Cate Allen, Ellie Abrahamson and Samantha Jones started the meet off strong by sweeping the 1500m race for the women, claiming first, second and third place, respectively, with Allen and Abrahamson both setting new personal record times.

Senior distance runner Kyle Graves had a tremendous showing, posting first place in the men's 1500m race with a time of 3:49.11 and the 800m race with a time of 1:52.30.

“Winning both the 800m and 1500m is a real good iron course,” meaning that it is a second-shot golf course,” according to Haas. “It is a fun event, and we love Charleston. The course changes every day with the weather, and Coach Dan [Waters] and I have made it an annual tournament for the Deacons. Legendary singer Darius Rucker and he really loves Wake Forest.”

Wake Forest at the national meet as well as the USATF Junior National meet. But for now I'm just working on the little things each day.”

Next up the Deacons will travel to compete in the Raleigh Relays, where they will go against athletes from around the area.

“Raleigh Relays will be a very competitive two-day meet with some of the best athletes and teams in the area,” Graves said. “Wake Forest will be hoping to improve PR's and hit ACC Standards in each other's respective events.”

Thanks to the strong performance this weekend, Wake will have confidence performing at the Raleigh Relays and Texas Relays next time out. The highly competitive meets will be great opportunities for the Deacons to pull off some upsets against stiff competition.

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When did you start playing competitively?
I started playing competitively when I was nine years old. My first tournament was actually played with Jordan Spieth and Scottie Scheffler. Obviously Jordan has been successful and Scottie is another U.S. Junior Amateur Champion who has been playing really well at the University of Texas.

Who are some professional golfers that you look up to?
Obviously Bill Haas and Webb Simpson are huge and both Deacs. Tiger has had his ups and downs in his career, to put it mildly, but the Tiger of old is something that's really cool to look at. I like watching guys who do stuff really well — a full swing of Adam Scott, the wedge game of Steve Stricker, the putting of whoever. I kind of like to pick.

You played with Bill Haas at the Northern Trust Open, but have you ever gotten to play with Webb Simpson or meet him?
I've met him a whole bunch of times. I actually volunteered at his junior golf tournament in November. He's a really nice guy. I would love to play with Webb just because I've heard he's a goodball, a really great guy. I've heard he's got some really great stories just about being with Coach Haas and being on a team that was so good.

What is the history of golf that we have at this school?
It's a pretty young team. I think we've only had one lineup where it's been one senior, one junior, and the rest have been all freshmen or sophomores. ACCs individually. But I'd also say for me a major goal is to win a national championship as an individual.

What have been some of your favorite moments on or off the course with the team this season?
On the course for me, I really think it was making the winning putt at Primland, knowing that it was our first win in over four years. Off the course, there are so many. You've got Coach Haas, who is a father figure and a brother in the same guy. He's just an absolute nut. You sit down and you're just amazed by the places he's been.

What are some of your favorite courses you've played?
Cypress Point over by Pebble Beach and I'd probably say National Golf Links.

What was it like making your PGA debut at the Northern Trust Open?
Amazing experience. It's so cool that they let a college kid have a chance to play in a PGA Tour event. Especially as a freshman, having all the time in the world, it gives me a chance to see what guys do on tour and their routines. Obviously on TV you see what they do, but it's so much different in person. I tried to soak in as much as I could. I kind of picked the brains of a lot of guys.

I played a practice round with Bill Haas and Paul Casey. Paul Casey lost in a playoff that week. I had an early practice round tee time with Bill, and Matt Every was sitting down there. He just sat down next to me and started talking to me. It's stuff like that where you see what they do. They just do the little things so well and that's the difference.

Do you see yourself making the jump to the Tour full time anytime soon?
Not anytime soon, for sure. You've got four years of college. I've got four to five years to play professional golf. The last thing I want to do is be out on tour 29 years instead of 25 years.

How did it feel to be named to the Ben Hogan Award Watch List, especially as the only freshman on the list?
It's a huge honor. It's something that I wouldn't have thought of. As a freshman, I know I'm the only one on it, so that's a huge honor. A lot of the guys [on the list] have had good years before with multiple wins, so I've got at least three more events to try and win the award. I'm hoping for a strong finish.

What are some other goals you have for you and the team in the remainder of this season?
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What have been some of your favorite sports to watch on TV, and what were your accomplishments in those sports?
I'm a huge sports fan. I was actually born in San Francisco and raised in Dallas, but I'm a big Bay Area sports fan. I've been keeping up with the Warriors this year. It's been fun to root for them, especially with how well Steph Curry and Klay Thompson have been playing.

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Do you have any idea what you want to study?
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Zalatoris has also made an impact on the world of golf outside of Wake Forest. He ranks 11th in the World Amateur Golf Rankings and Golfweek.com ranks him at 10th in individual collegiate male rankings.

Zalatoris won the inaugural Northern Trust Open Collegiate Showcase Showdown and made his pro debut at the Northern Trust Open in California this past February. The team has great camaraderie and it's just about being with Coach Haas and the guys. Our team is very unique.

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His uncle Bob Goalby played in the Masters, so he's got a lot of history and a lot of amazing stories from his playing days, too. Also, he's a very close friend of the guys. Our team is very unique. Cyrus Stewart is our senior — we can all go out to dinner and it isn't like a senior being with a freshman. It's just four guys having a great time together. The team has great camaraderie and it's so cool.

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Men’s basketball: Deacs lose by less in 2015

ACC losses this year showed improvement from the past in margin of defeat

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Despite a worse record, Wake Forest men’s basketball actually improved from last season.

“I believe if you look at the losses on the road throughout the few previous years, those losses this season were completely different,” junior guard Codi Miller-McIntyre said.

Is this true?

For one, there is an abundance of road losses to consider over the past three years. Twenty-nine to be exact. Wake Forest actually matched its road win total these past two years by winning two in 2014-2015.

In addition, the Deacs lost seven games by 15 points or more. The worst defeats came against the conference’s best teams — Virginia and Duke. Despite a penchant for blowouts, Wake Forest matched this with six losses that ended in overtime or by five points or less.

Validating Miller-McIntyre’s point, the Deacs had an average margin of defeat of 15.5 points during the 2013-2014 season when finishing in a losing effort. This margin decreased by just two points this season to 13.1, but would have been 10.8 points if the Deacs’ 43-point loss at Duke was taken out of the equation.

Nonetheless, it is hard to reconcile this with the defense Wake Forest displayed this year. Manning constantly preached man-to-man defense, but the Deacs only showed glimpses of playing it well.

“It’s a process, and we have to be patient with that and learn that it’s going to come,” Miller-McIntyre said.

The issue, however, is that two of Wake Forest’s best players will graduate after next year.

Will Wake Forest be able to replace the production of Codi Miller-McIntyre and Devin Thomas? Despite Miller-McIntyre struggling shooting and Thomas’ size, the aforementioned players are one and two in scoring and rebounds this season. They will likely lead those categories as well next season (although Mitoglou scored slightly less points per minute than Thomas at .43 to Thomas’ .44), but they will also leave a hole when they leave.

Thankfully, the holes can be filled by Manning’s ability to recruit. The 2015 recruiting class is ranked No. 28 in the country and sixth in the ACC according to 24/Sports. That is the highest ranking since the 2008 class.

By the 2016-2017 season, next year’s talented freshman class will be sophomores who have had a full year to gather experience and develop under Manning.

Sweet 16: ACC will continue to show its might

Duke will be the only ACC team in the final four, which will also include a Big 10, PAC 12 and SEC school

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March is truly madness. In just the first three weeks of the NCAA Tournament, basketball fans across the country were given four consecutive days of thrilling games and instant classics.

Thursday, March 19 featured five games decided by just one point, the most of such an outcome in a single day in NCAA Tournament history. One of those games included an upset by 14-seed Georgia State.

The Panthers rose to the national spotlight as junior guard Trish Hunter, son of head coach Ron Hunter, converted on a game-winning three-pointer with two seconds remaining in the game.

But it was the reaction of coach Hunter that put Georgia State on constant replay on ESPN. Hunter, who had just torn his left Achilles tendon in the past week, was coaching from the sidelines on a rolling chair.

As his son connected from beyond the arc to lift his team to its second NCAA Tournament victory in school history, coach Hunter fell backwards from his chair and hit the court far from gracefully.

The reaction was an instant hit on social media and only added to the madness of the season.

The weekend’s insanity continued as the East Region bid farewell to one and two seeds Villanova and Virginia who lost to N.C. State and Michigan State, respectively.

It has not been since 2004 that a region was unable to advance at least one of its top two seeds to the Sweet 16, and most of the United States, President Barack Obama included, were “upset” this was the year the statistic would be resurrected.

Predictions for the Tournament’s Second Weekend

ESPN has zero perfect brackets left from its Tournament Challenge submissions. In fact, of the 11 million brackets submitted to the site, only 14 of the entries correctly predicted the Sweet 16 matchups for March 26 and 27.

Despite incorrectly picking four of the Sweet 16 opponents, my bracket still ranks in ESPN’s 99.3 percentile and within the top 80,000 submissions.

While my success can be credited to the bold selections of N.C. State defeating Villanova and Wichita State over Kansas, like many basketball fans, I, like many basketball fans, already have my Final Four teams.

Western Region: North Carolina (4) struggled against a mediocre Harvard team in the opening round and lost sophomore forward Kennedy Meeks in its win against Arkansas to injury. Expect Wisconsin (1) to dominate the Heels early in the game on March 26, digging North Carolina in a hole even Marcus Paige can’t dig his team out of.

Xavier (6) is not flashy, but they know how to score, rebound, convert from the free throw line and play as a team. But sometimes when you get to the big dance you need to show off your flashy moves and be a little gaudy. Such confidence is what Arizona (2) will boast to Xavier on March 26, as Cardinals guard Terry Rozier will have a difficult day shooting the basketball.

Midwestern Region: Kentucky (1) will cruise past West Virginia (5) on March 28 as the Mountaineers struggle to match the depth of the Wildcats.

Xavier’s luck is plentiful.

With an abundance of good fortune, expect Notre Dame to end the “shocking” run from Wichita State and advance to the Elite Eight.

Southern Region: Duke (1) will defeat Utah (5), as Jabari Okafor will put forth another dominating performance. With almost a week to prepare for the game, there is no way that Coach K will fail to develop an effective game plan that limits the balanced offensive approach of the Utes.

UCLA (1) should have lost to SMU in the first round of the tournament and for that reason is overdue for its tournament exit. Arguably the worst team to make it to the Sweet 16, the Bruins will struggle to keep up with the nation’s best scoring team in Gonzaga and will lose by a substantial margin.

With Virginia out of contention for a trip to Indianapolis, the site of this year’s Final Four, I must declare a new winner for the Eastern Region — Michigan State.

Eastern Region: ACC foes N.C. State (8) and Louisville (4) will play in Syracuse, N.Y. on March 27. Look for the Wolfpack to win this game, as Cardinals guard Terry Rozier will have a difficult day shooting the basketball.

Michigan State (7) head coach Tom Izzo is one of college basketball’s best, especially in the month of March. Expect the Spartans to continue their improbable run to the Elite Eight as they defeat the Oklahoma Sooners (3) on March 27.

Duke has had no issue dismantling its last two opponents, Robert Morris and San Diego State. The Blue Devils’ first tough test of the tournament will come against Utah in the Sweet 16.

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Grace Pazienza, Freshman - "I am wearing an American Eagle dress. It's a comfy, flowy shift dress and I love to wear a nice big sweater over it."

Gracie Harrington, Senior - "I got this from Francesca's. I like pink and stuff that makes me happy!"

Lindsey Carpenter, Freshman - "This is from Forever 21, and I decided to wear it because it has a flower pattern and I love springtime."

Will Rasmussen, Freshman - "I wear it because it's a powerful statement about women gender roles. And the dress is from Free People!"

Lauren Voltz, Freshman - "I got my dress from J. Crew. It's really comfortable and I have to dress up for chapter!"

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**Album Review | To Pimp a Butterfly**

**The return of king Kendrick**

Kendrick Lamar's latest album focuses on the inner conflict he has faced throughout his career.

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Two years ago, Kendrick Lamar took hip-hop by storm when he released one of the most aggressive and authentic west-coast rap albums in years. With production from the legendary Dr. Dre and features from big name artists such as Drake and Pharrell Williams, Kendrick Lamar's Good Kid MAAD City was deemed an instant classic and won two Grammy's in 2013. However, it has become a trend in the hip-hop genre for a rapper to have his or her first album become a massive hit, and to spend the remainder of his or her career trying to match the success of that first album. Artists such as Nas, Lupe Fiasco and 50 Cent are just some examples of The Heydaze and Timeflies March

**Concert Review | Timeflies**

**Wake's spring concert falls short**

Wake Forest recently hosted its annual spring concert featuring The Heydaze and Timeflies.

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Student Union arranged the performances of The Heydaze and Timeflies March 19.

In the past there have been some crowd problems with concerts affiliated with Wake Forest's Student Union, but Thursday night was rather tame in comparison. Student Union representatives arrived as early as 9 a.m. to the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds to begin preparing for the concert, which took place at the Annex at the Joel. "The Annex has a large open floor, so everyone had a great view, no matter where you were standing," said Lucas Swenson, president of Student Union.

The venue really was a great space to have a concert, with ample space for thousands of attendees. However, perhaps due to the rain and off-campus location, the concert was very empty. If it had been on campus, or even in a smaller venue, the concert would have been much more impressive and perhaps even more fun. The bands themselves gave impressive performances. The Heydaze opened the concert and was followed by Timeflies after a couple of songs. Rob Resnick and Cal Shapiro of Timeflies performed "I Choose U" and "All the Way," two of their most popular tracks.

One of the highlights of the concert was Timeflies' Wake-themed rap, which mentioned B.O.B.s in the Pit on Fridays and "Natty O." Some students were extremely excited for this performance and had great feedback and an amazing experience. "I was especially proud when students told me that the concert exceeded their expectations," said Swenson. "We aim to create remarkable experiences that serve the entire Wake Forest community. I think we did that with our spring concert." "The concert was so much fun," said senior Jana Fritz. "The Heydaze were really great, talented guys — I couldn't believe they were our age!"

Still, many Deacs felt the concert fell short. Those who were able to meet the members of The Heydaze and Timeflies generally had negative reactions. "The Timeflies show really could have been a success, but their egos didn't match the attendance," said senior Megan Keiffer, who met the band after their performance. "It made the show fall flat for some." Overall, the concert had very mixed reviews for the concert based on the previous performances Student Union has brought to Wake.

Although the personalities of the band members are out of Wake's control, the event would have been more exciting had more students attended. Overall, the concert had very mixed reviews due to the different levels of excitement from the students in the crowd.

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Student Union arranged the performances of The Heydaze and Timeflies March 19.

In the past there have been some crowd problems with concerts affiliated with Wake Forest's Student Union, but Thursday night was rather tame in comparison. Student Union representatives arrived as early as 9 a.m. to the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds to begin preparing for the concert, which took place at the Annex at the Joel. "The Annex has a large open floor, so everyone had a great view, no matter where you were standing," said Lucas Swenson, president of Student Union.

The venue really was a great space to have a concert, with ample space for thousands of attendees. However, perhaps due to the rain and off-campus location, the concert was very empty. If it had been on campus, or even in a smaller venue, the concert would have been much more impressive and perhaps even more fun. The bands themselves gave impressive performances. The Heydaze opened the concert and was followed by Timeflies after a couple of songs. Rob Resnick and Cal Shapiro of Timeflies performed "I Choose U" and "All the Way," two of their most popular tracks.

One of the highlights of the concert was Timeflies' Wake-themed rap, which mentioned B.O.B.s in the Pit on Fridays and "Natty O." Some students were extremely excited for this performance and had great feedback and an amazing experience. "I was especially proud when students told me that the concert exceeded their expectations," said Swenson. "We aim to create remarkable experiences that serve the entire Wake Forest community. I think we did that with our spring concert." "The concert was so much fun," said senior Jana Fritz. "The Heydaze were really great, talented guys — I couldn't believe they were our age!"

Still, many Deacs felt the concert fell short. Those who were able to meet the members of The Heydaze and Timeflies generally had negative reactions. "The Timeflies show really could have been a success, but their egos didn't match the attendance," said senior Megan Keiffer, who met the band after their performance. "It made the show fall flat for some." Overall, the concert had very mixed reviews for the concert based on the previous performances Student Union has brought to Wake.

Although the personalities of the band members are out of Wake's control, the event would have been more exciting had more students attended. Overall, the concert had very mixed reviews due to the different levels of excitement from the students in the crowd.
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Best tips to survive Carolina Cup

Carolina Cup gates open at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 28, and the six horse races begin at 1:30 p.m., rain or shine.

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Spring has officially come to the South — which means it's time for everyone to emerge from their winter caves, expose their raw skin to the sun and experience the southern tradition of attending horse races.

While the Kentucky Derby remains the big kahuna of horse races in the United States, students at Wake Forest opt to attend a race that is just a short three-hour drive south.

On Saturday, March 28, hundreds of Wake Forest students will flock to Camden, S.C., to watch the 83rd annual Carolina Cup at the Springdale Race Course. The South Carolina Radio Network says the event is "considered one of the most elite equestrian events in the entire Southeast."

Students will either travel with fraternities on coach buses as an impromptu date function or in small groups. Tickets are required to attend and can be purchased on the Carolina Cup official website. The day usually kicks off around 6 a.m., when students leave campus, and lasts until students return at about 8 p.m.

For college kids, the event is reminiscent of a football tailgate, yet unlike a traditional football tailgate, most people will party all day instead of watching the actual race.

Whether you've been to Carolina Cup in the past or plan to go for the first time Saturday, there are some important dos and don'ts:

**Don't:** Drink too much. In 2012, according to South Carolina's Radio Network, 225 students were arrested at Carolina Cup. A wild weekend at the tracks isn't worth the legal consequences.

**Do:** Wear a sundress and a hat (girls). Boys, wear a blazer, bowtie and khaki shorts. Hate the Lilly-Pulitzer-slash-Southern-Tide-preppy unofficial dress code look? Spice up your outfit and go for a more trendy and urban look — anything goes in terms of fashion at this particular equestrian affair.

**Don't:** Talk back to the cops. They are there to keep the event safe and work to make sure it is both family-friendly and also appealing to college students. Sassing them will only frustrate them and keep them from doing their jobs effectively.

**Do:** Bring water. Fraternities will have classic tailgate food, such as hotdogs and hamburgers, but water may be harder to come by in the sea of kegs. Opposite the tailgating area, on the other side of the racetracks, lies a vendor and sponsor section if you want to purchase food or souvenirs.

**Don't:** Disturb the horses. In the moment, it may seem clever to take a selfie with a horse running by, but this disrespectful act will certainly get you in trouble.

**Do:** Have fun — celebrate the second half of the semester, the warm weather and enjoy the long tradition of attending horse races in the south while dressed to the nines.
Shag on the Mag sends students back in time

Tickets cost $20 for the event Friday night, but there will be delicious snacks, wine and beer for those who are of age to enjoy.

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Shag on the Mag, a student favorite, will take place on Friday, March 27. This wonderful event wraps up Springfest, a week-long event put on by Student Union. Springfest was started in 2005 as an opportunity for the campus to unite and increase the sense of community.

There's a little something for everyone, as events range from a battle of the bands to ice cream and even a carnival on Davis Field. Senior Jordan Fashimpaur has always attended Springfest. "I'm excited to see this event with its time-honored traditions, but with a fresh new twist," said Fashimpaur.

Shag on the Mag is easily spotted by the giant white tent that appears on Manchester Plaza in late March or early April. This year, Springfest is carnival-themed.

Alex Lyons, the chair of the Student Union Springfest committee, said students will be able to see this theme all around the tent on Friday. There will be balloons, specialty lighting and a fabric ceiling treatment reminiscent of a carnival tent.

This year the Embers will return again and serenade us late into the night. They are the same delightful band that has played at many a Shag on the Mag. Although they didn't perform the first year, the Embers have been with us every year after that. The men wear sport coats and bowties, and most girls wear dresses that would not be out of place at the Kentucky Derby. The sundresses and bowties are a siren call announcing that spring is indeed here.

There is food along the middle of the tent, and it is always delicious (chocolate fountain, anyone?). If you're over 21, there is free wine and beer included with every ticket purchase. Just make sure you get a wristband (with ID) before entering the tent!

Student Union is hosting a shag dancing short course to teach students how to shag. This will be held at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the tent on Manchester on Thursday, March 26. This does require a sign up. For anyone who wanted to take social dance but was not able to, this is the perfect opportunity to learn at least one classic dance.

On Friday, we'll all be sporting our finest clothes and best behavior, at least for the first part. After midnight, the dancing does tend to be more frat lounge and less sophisticated southern. Still, the event is really fun the entire time, and both Greeks and non-Greeks attend!

What did Alex Lyons like about being the Springfest chairman? "I really enjoyed coming up with the theme, especially. This year's theme is carnival/circus, and I liked reimagining the tent into a circus tent," said Lyons.

What is so special about Shag on the Mag? Well, it is an event that lets us undergraduates dress up and let down our hair.

When I was a freshman, four frighteningly short years ago, I was bewildered by the tide of this event. My mother explained shagging to me — she told me that when she was growing up, everyone taught each other how to shag. She also told me stories of her parents shag dancing. My grandparents and their friends would gather at the beach and play beach music and shag.

The distinction between beach music and swing music is very fine. Beach music is associated with shagging, and is a type of swing music. Since I learned about those days of my grandparents shag dancing on the sand, I've been very fond of Shag on the Mag.

I think that Shag on the Mag lets us travel back in time a little. We get to revisit an era when dressing up was the norm and everyone knew how to dance.
Since 2007, Wake Forest's student-run Reynolds Film Festival has striven to expand the campus's knowledge of art house films and independent filmmakers. This year, however, the Reynolds Film Festival executive board has decided to take the festival in a new direction, partnering with organizations both on campus and throughout the Winston-Salem community.

The Reynolds Film Festival will run April 16-26 in venues on campus. "I do think this year's Reynolds Film Festival is unique in the fact that we're taking our collaborations with other organizations on campus to a new level," said senior Marshall Shaffer, programming director for the festival. "We're trying to plug into pockets of life beyond just film and media studies."

Reynolds's various collaborations this year allow the festival to explore different issues through film, including diversity, gender and sexuality. "We're proud to work with Residence Life and Housing to present a film called The Mask You Live In, which is a follow-up to Miss Representation," Shaffer said. The Mask You Live In, written and directed by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, focuses on masculinity and culture. While Newsom's earlier film, Miss Representation, discussed portrayals of women in the media, this documentary examines the various identity issues that boys and young men face, including emotional disconnect and violence.

The film hopes to expose the troubling ways in which young boys are raised and how society can change for the next generation. "The ZSR was generous and purchased the public performance rights for The Mask You Live In," Shaffer said.

Reynolds's programming will cover similarly troubling gender issues by screening The Hunting Ground, a documentary about the epidemic of sexual assaults on college campuses. In addition to screening the film, writer and director Kirby Dick will be in attendance to speak about it.

"It's going to be a great way to open up the conversation, especially following on the enormous success of Take the Lead, the student-run program that raises awareness around the issue of sexual assault," Shaffer said. "We hope that this is another event that will open up our campus to greater dialogue."

This screening will be held in conjunction with the Women's Center and the LGBTQ Center.

"They will be at the screening with additional information and will potentially introduce the film," Shaffer said. "They're hoping to design some programming around the event."

American films aren't the festival's only focus, however. Reynolds and the film studies department are also bringing in Somnath Sen, a director of several Bollywood films. In addition to speaking at the festival, he will also be visiting several classes.

On the technical side of things, Reynolds will be presenting a series called Micro Matters this year, which pairs Documentary Film Program (DFP) students with students who want to make a short film with a message. The films will only be 30 seconds to two minutes long, and the DFP will work with students to develop, edit and shoot the film. "This way, there's not a barrier for students to express themselves if they don't have the technical capacity to make a film," Shaffer said.

Reynolds is also featuring a "Breaking Into the Industry" panel. The panel will feature professionals who work in the entertainment industry as well as those involved in film production. Wake Forest alumnus Adam Stone, a cinematographer who has shot indie films as well as big-budget productions, will be featured on the panel.

"The panel will hopefully inspire students to see how people have achieved a myriad of different careers in the film industry," Shaffer said. Beyond the partnerships on the Wake Forest campus, Reynolds is also collaborating with The RiverRun Film Festival for a few events. During one day of the festival, interested students will be invited to attend "Coffee Talks" with RiverRun jurors as well as with programmers and staff from other festivals in town for RiverRun. "Wake Forest has enjoyed a great relationship with RiverRun," said Professor Stokes Piercy, the faculty advisor for Reynolds Film Festival. "It connects the students with the larger community, enables them to reach a broader audience and to collaborate with a nationally recognized festival."

In addition to establishing so many new collaborations, Reynolds is also taking the festival in a different direction this year by not accepting film submissions as they have in the past. "A film festival does not have to take submissions," Shaffer said. "That viewpoint is not necessarily valid anymore."

Shaffer hopes that this year's festival will attract students and community members from all backgrounds and interests. "Film is not just limited to watching it in your spare time or studying it academically," Shaffer said. "It's something that can impact our whole community and has such an incredible power to impact people regardless of the knowledge they have of the medium."