President Nathan O. Hatch's speech discussed developments at Wake Forest this year, such as Wake Washington, Wake Downtown and Rethinking Community.

**Hatch addresses university**

Hatch anticipated the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for Wake Forest

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At the beginning of his 2017 State of the University Address on Nov. 7, President Nathan O. Hatch observed, "Thomas Edison, a man who held more than a thousand patents, once noted that we often miss opportunity because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." Affectionately referring to the university as "Work Forest," he spent the next 40 minutes expanding on the opportunities that Wake Forest has acquired in the previous year and the work that will be required to achieve them.

Hatch cited the opening of Wake Downtown at the Innovation Quarter and its new facilities, programs and faculty as one of the most important initiatives of late and an example of university momentum. One out of every 10 students — approximately 508 undergraduates — is currently enrolled in courses in 11 subjects at the newly renovated, state-of-the-art learning space.

Furthermore, this fall the university launched its first engineering program since the 19th century, which Hatch noted was unusual, due to its combination of engineering and the liberal arts in the context of the biomedical sciences. Forty percent of the inaugural entering class is female, compared to a national average of 20 percent.

Hatch moved on to review the expanding academic opportunities for Wake Forest students beyond Winston-Salem. The Wake Washington Center, a nucleus of activity for Wake Foresters in the nation's capital, was inaugurated this fall.

The physical building, located at 1 Dupont Circle, is owned by the American Council of Education, which Hatch called the "education Vatican." "We've created a place in Washington because we know it's where our students and alumni want to be, and it's where we think Wake Forest ought to be," he said.

The academic Wake Washington program also began this fall, directed by politics professor Katy Harriger. A cohort of 16 students are currently spending the semester taking classes on subjects such as constitutional law and participating in a wide range of internships in the city.

They have had conversations with NBC journalist Andrea Mitchell, civil rights activist Vernon Jordan, Wall Street Journal writer Shane Harris, former Congresswoman Donna Edwards and former secretary of state Madeleine Albright.

In addition, Hatch discussed Wake Forest's "global aWAKEnings": most notably, this fall marked the first year of a yearlong study abroad program in Copenhagen, Denmark. A cohort of 17 first-year students, led by sociology professor Saylor Breckenridge, are currently spending the year engaging in expert guest lectures and faculty-led study tours across Europe, including to other Wake Forest study abroad locations including London, Vienna and Venice.

As the Wake Forest academic experience grows off-campus, Hatch emphasized the importance of continuing to improve opportunities and facilities on campus. Salem Hall, the 60-year-old chemistry building, is currently undergoing an extensive renovation.

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Many associate the “Work Forest” moniker with the scholarship Wake Forest students complete in the classroom setting. Receiving a first class education is the result of studying on the Reynolda campus but it is the opportunity for discovery and application of knowledge in the outside world that sets Wake Forest apart from its peer institutions.

The opportunity to engage in independent research on the global stage is a driving force for many high school students to apply to Wake Forest as this institution divides the resources of a large university may possess with a relatively smaller student population.

Each year Wake Forest holds its annual Undergraduate Research Day sponsored by the Undergraduate Research and Creative Services Center (URE-CA). The annual event, which was last held on Friday, Oct. 27 in conjunction with Family Weekend, presented a unique opportunity for Wake Forest students to exhibit their work outside of the classroom and demonstrate their true passions to the greater Wake Forest community.

Student scholarship ranged from independent studies on U.S. environmental foreign policy to Viennese music history to of the legacies of the 2016 Rio Olympics. Such a prominent exposition of student work is inspiring for everyone in the Wake Forest community, and the Editorial Staff of the Old Gold & Black commends all of those involved in the event. As an Editorial Staff, we would also like to encourage student research as a vehicle for intellectual and cultural advancement on campus.

There are many benefits in participating in university-sponsored research. First, it prepares students for their next chapters as young professionals who will need to apply critical thinking skills to carry out projects from inception to completion. Second, through research participation students have the opportunity to combine academic interests with non-academic passions to apply what they have learned in the classroom to a research question that fulfills their greatest interests.

And finally, students who complete the research process have the opportunity to present their findings in a public space on campus during Undergraduate Research Day, and in some cases, at domestic and international conferences. There is no doubt that the investment in undergraduate research is one that has set this university above its peer institutions. Wake Forest students are given the tools to think critically and apply their independent work in the classroom setting, and are given the opportunity to apply their skills in the form of creative and innovative research projects each year.

This column represents the views of the Old Gold & Black Editorial Board.

Undergraduate research enriches student experience

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Deacon Profile: Kate Bechtel

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Beginning in January 2017, senior Kate Bechtel began her term as the President of the Panhellenic Council. Her job involves overseeing the formal and informal sorority recruitment process and helping plan and manage different events on behalf of the Panhellenic Council for the 2017 calendar year.

According to the Wake Forest Panhellenic Council's website, there are 11 sororities on campus. Yet only the seven National Panhellenic sororities and associate member Kappa Beta Gamma participate in the Panhellenic Recruitment process and hold membership on the Panhellenic Council.

In addition to the recruitment processes, the Panhellenic Council organizes several events, such as the Breast Cancer Fashion Show, Deacs and Greeks Week and generating funding and awareness for their Panhellenic philanthropy Circle of Sisterhood.

Although sororities are a longstanding tradition at Wake Forest, the senior economics major from the Bay Area in California meets new challenges based on the ever-evolving role of Greek Life on college campuses across the nation.

Why did you decide to apply for the Panhellenic Council?

I was interested in getting more involved in the sorority community and I didn't necessarily know what that was going to look like but I thought getting involved with the Panhellenic Council was a great way to support women on campus in general and give them a voice.

Describe the selection process for your position?

Well, we are currently going through the process right now for the upcoming year. So, it starts with an electronic application and you can prefer a position. However, based on our experience, you don't necessarily get the position you applied for. Then the chapter presidents of the different sororities slate the Panhellenic Executive Board, meaning they pick the people who should go in which position with an eye towards balancing each group and giving them a voice.

What does your position as president entail?

We have weekly meetings every Monday with all of the sorority delegates and Panhellenic Executive Members. I oversee recruitment and work with seven other vice presidents to plan events like the Breast Cancer Fashion Show, the Deacs and Greeks Week, Panhel Pride Week and Circle Of Sisterhood Week.

In addition to that I also help look at policies and find issues where my Panhellenic Council can improve.

What do you wish people knew about your position?

I wish people knew that the Panhellenic Council was more than just recruitment. There are a lot of things that we do outside of recruitment to help create a community on campus and I wish students were more aware of that.

What has been one of your favorite events during your tenure as President?

The Breast Cancer Fashion Show has been one of my favorite events and Sophie Gonzalez did an amazing job planning it this year. Sophie and I worked together to plan the event. She was in charge of the logistics and did hours of work in order to pull off a really great event. My role involved more overseeing the event and making sure that people had the necessary resources.

It was really awesome to see younger girls getting involved in an event and all the organizations working together for a good cause that wasn't necessarily tied to any one particular organization.

What other activities are you involved with on campus?

I really have enjoyed serving as a President's Aide because it has allowed me to see a bunch of different facets of campus life.

I am also a research assistant for a professor in the College of Social Science who is studying hazing. So, it's been really interesting to see how can someone can study issues that we are seeing in real life in an academic context. On campus, we host an anti-hazing prevention week because hazing is a big issue that the Greek Community faces across the nation.

What has been one of your favorite things to oversee in your role?

I think it's the collaboration across the different Greek Organizations on campus. At "All Presidents Meetings," I think it's really neat to work with all the Panhellenic Presidents and talk about policies that impact all of our organizations.

It has been fun to encourage the school to enact different policies that help benefit and support all of our organizations together. We do monthly president's meetings with all of the Panhellenic, Interfraternity Council and National Panhellenic Council (NPHiC) presidents. In addition, Danie Lizza, president of the IFC, and Jason Pugh, president of NPHiC, meet to talk about large-scale and community issues.

As the different Greek Organizations often recruit different types of individuals, have you experienced any tension between the groups?

I honestly expected more tension. It has definitely been easier than I anticipated. I think there is kind of a stereotype that girls like to turn each other in for violations, but I don't think the stereotypes have played out like I would have expected them to.

Generally, our Greek community is really supportive of each other — socially, professionally and academically — and I've definitely seen that as I served in this role. Sororities are really willing to help each other in whatever way possible, especially with each other's philanthropy and social events.

Just being in a room with the presidents every week, everyone is so willing to share the problems they are having and solutions they have to different situations. It's fun to oversee such collaboration among the different Greek organizations.
Gessen: Trump's presidency will have lasting effects

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Also discussed were the dangers of normalizing the objectively abnormal behaviors of the president. Gessen provides that the damage of Trump's presidency will manifest over a long period of time, and that small signs of normality in the short term are not indicators of Trump's maturation, especially as he continues to lie and manipulate truth in order to become the "king of reality." Occurrences such as provoking an audience to clap for a fallen soldier, or giving a calm, scripted speech are not indicators that Trump has "finally become presidential," but rather momentary lapses in the chaotic and destructive narrative he perpetuates.

Gessen also warned that American governmental institutions of democracy are not strong enough to limit the president's anti-political behavior, as the presidential seat has accumulated a considerable amount of concentrated power, particularly in the years following the September 11 attacks. The deconstruction of the State Department illustrates the frailty of such institutions of democracy, as experienced and knowledgeable individuals are removed from work with none hired in replacement. However, Gessen points to the federal court blockages of unconstitutional legislation such as the travel ban as successes of democratic institutions under "great pressure [from] civil society," and suggests that extensive protests and public outcry helped to facilitate such rulings and should be embraced as a means of voicing public opinion.

Following Gessen's thirty minute presentation of rules for mitigating autocracy, which she further elaborates in her article "Autocracy: Rules for Survival," she sat down for an interview with Professor Dean Franco, the head of Wake Forest's Humanities Institute. Discussing the nature of contemporary journalism in Gessen's own experience, and her practices in writing for The New Yorker and for her own publications. Likewise, the two discussed Trump's degradation of the English language, as Gessen remarked that his rhetoric is often contrary to the meaning he intends, or often completely meaningless altogether. Gessen likens this practice to linguistic tendencies of Putin, and explained that writing in Russian has been made difficult in recent years because many political terms have been appropriated by Putin and other Russian officials to convey meanings contrary to the term's original definition. Franco added that Trump's abuse of linguistics, both in his elementary vocabulary and meaningless rhetoric, could greatly affect the language development and use of American youth.

The speaking event concluded a month-long series of symposiums sponsored by the Humanities Institute, entitled "How We Know/What We Know: Humanities Common Knowledge." Other seminars included gatherings to discuss journalistic integrity and the epicist crises facing the humanities. Following the event, Gessen stayed to engage with the audience and sign copies of her books.

To fight Islamophobia is to engage with diversity

Although there are not notable cases of violence, Muslims feel pressures to conform and prejudices on campus

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Although there are no notable cases of violence, Muslims feel pressure to conform due to prejudices on campus. From threats to ban all Muslims from entering the U.S. to making outlandish generalizations and accusations against Muslim civilians post-9/11, President Donald Trump has frequently made headlines with his notable anti-Muslim sentiments and legislative proposals.

"I think Islam hates us," Trump said to CNN in March 2016. "There's something there that — there's a tremendous hatred there. There's a tremendous hatred. We have to get to the bottom of it. There's an unbelievable hatred of us."

Hostility toward Muslims in the U.S. is at the highest rate it has been since 9/11. In 2015, the FBI recorded 91 physical assaults on Muslims motivated by anti-Islam prejudice, indicating a 67 percent increase from the preceding year, according to Pew Research Center. More recently, a report from the Council on American-Islamic Relations shows that the number of hate crimes against Muslims has increased 91 percent in the first half of 2017 from the rate in the first half of 2016. For members of the Wake Forest Muslim community, the time since 9/11 has been tumultuous, and Trump's hostile words of intent have only made worse their feelings of insecurity.

"We've seen white supremacists and white nationalists feeling emboldened, and we have had a target on our backs since 2001," said alumnus Mustafa Abdullah, founder of the new Muslim Alumni Association.

One former member of the Wake Forest Muslim community knew these feelings well, having dealt with personal and institutional-level discrimination. Imam Khalid Griggs, who served as a community advisor to the Chaplain's office for 10 years before holding an official position for another seven years, was the first staff member brought on to specifically address the needs of the Muslim community.

"Imam Griggs laid the groundwork; we wouldn't be here without him," said alumnus Najla Faizi, Griggs' successor and the new director of Muslim Life Programming.

One of Griggs' greatest challenges as the sole Muslim community advisor came in 2011 when Wake Forest alumni created an alumni network called Alums for a Sharia Free Campus. This organization attempted to publicly defame Griggs by accusing him of trying to implement Sharia law on Wake Forest's campus by creating websites on which they published fabricated documents while colluding with organizations like the Center for Security Policy and Jihad Watch, an anti-Muslim group masquerading their bigotry under the guise of national security initiatives, said Abdullah.

Wake Forest administrators took a relatively complacent stance in renouncing the allegations against Griggs, according to Faizi and Abdullah. Since then, the tragic shooting of three Muslim students at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in February 2015 served as a wake-up call for Wake Forest and universities of similar stature. This prompted the administration to assume a more active role in protecting its Muslim students, faculty, and staff, according to Abdullah.

While Wake Forest may not have such notable cases of violence against Muslims on campus as the Chapel Hill shootings, members of the Muslim community have voiced their experience and challenges with other forms of Islamophobia that make it difficult to find a sense of belonging. Most commonly, many Muslim students, faculty and staff face both external and internal pressure to assimilate, according to Faizi.

She said that "a lot of people feel that being Muslim is a stigma; it's something negative that they carry with them." Junior Mariam Syed shared similar feelings on the matter.

"I wish non-Muslims, mainly white people, understood the pressure to assimilate and get rid of certain aspects of my culture," she said. "I never feel like it is okay for me to be different, and no one ever asks."

This sentiment does not seem to be out of place in the greater Muslim community at Wake Forest.

Faizi is encouraging students, faculty, and staff to "engage with difference" and ask questions to help understand other communities by attending prayer sessions in the Muslim student lounge, discussion groups, and the Judaism and Islam 101 Lunch-and-Learn series on Thursdays.

Members of the Muslim alumni community at Wake Forest remain hopeful that conditions for Muslims on campus will not deteriorate in light of Trump's intolerance.

POLICE BEAT

Larceny

• Unknown subject(s) removed 200 dollars in cash from a wallet in a desk in South. The report was filed on Nov. 2 at 1:00 p.m.
• Unknown subject(s) removed a lamp from the Green Room in Reynolda. The report was filed on Nov. 2 at 1:00 p.m.
• Unknown subject(s) took victim's phone after dropping it on Gulley Drive near Luter. The report was filed on Nov. 4 at 10:19 p.m.

Underage Consumption/Asst. WSPD

• Offender consumed alcohol at a few off-campus parties and was transported to Student Health by ERTs from Bostwick. The report was filed on Nov. 1 at 2:38 a.m.
• Offender drank beer at an off-campus party and needed transport to Student Health from Bostwick. The report was filed on Nov. 4 at 12:45 a.m.
• Offender had been drinking at an off-campus party at Chi Psi and was transported from Collins to WFUBMC. The report was filed on Nov. 4 at 11:17 p.m.
• WSPD cited the offender for a violation of the city noise ordinance on Palm Drive. The report was filed on Nov. 5 at 3:30 a.m.
• WSPD assisted at an off-campus Pike party on Polo Road with loud music, a crowd of approximately 200 people and a Porta-John in the backyard. The report was filed on Nov. 4 at 5:02 p.m.
• Silent witness reported a student was firing a pellet gun at aerostal cans while smoking marijuana on Wakefield Drive. The report was filed on Nov. 3 at 2:05 p.m.
• Students were arrested by WSPD on Reynolda Road for a DWI, Underage Consumption and Resisting Arrest. The report was filed on Oct. 30 at 10:00 p.m.
Students take advantage of downtown coffee shops

Coffee shops such as Krankies and Camino Bakery provide an alternative to studying in the library

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The residents of Winston-Salem deeply value the trendy coffee culture downtown, and students are no exception. Many local businesses serve students from neighboring high schools, colleges and universities. Coffee shops in downtown serve as more than just social spots to get coffee; rather, they also function as key study places for many students.

With 11 functioning and popular coffee shops in the downtown area, students have many different options to use the coffee shops that best suit their study habits and are accepting of long visits.

Liberty Arts Coffee House, located at 311 S. Liberty St., has been open for only a year. Owner Jordan Jones and his wife, Sara, have created a coffee shop that is set up as a third place, which is conducive for students.

“We do have a new, beautiful school, but we love coming here,” said Camino Bakery is located at 100 W 5th St. Manager Jordan Poe-Crawford opened the coffee shop in 2015 and has been open for 14 years.

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Democrats win big in gubernatorial elections in Virginia and New Jersey

On Nov. 7, Democrats enjoyed a historic sweep in statewide and local elections. In Virginia, Democratic Ralph Northam won governor over Republican Ed Gillespie by a margin of nine points. In New Jersey, Democrat Phil Murphy beat out Kim Guadagno, the current Lieutenant Governor and Chris Christie’s would-be successor. In addition, the party won contested mayoral races in Charlotte, NC and St. Petersburg, FL.

Democrats gained at least 16 seats in the Virginia House of Delegates; several races are still contested and it is possible that control may be shifted to Democrats.

In addition, Democratic Danica Roem won a seat in the Virginia House of Delegates, becoming the first openly transgender state representative.

President Obama reports for jury duty, is not picked

Former president Barack Obama was summoned for jury duty on Nov. 8, but was not chosen to serve. While Obama and wife Michelle have said they plan to live in Washington, D.C., until their daughter Sasha finishes high school, they still have a home in Chicago.

The 2010 State of the Union address prevented Obama from reporting to his last jury summons, but Cook County Chief Judge Tim Evans told the Washington Post that Obama had been picked to serve.

Other former presidents have been selected for jury duty, such as George W. Bush in 2015 and Bill Clinton in 2003. Former Vice-President Joe Biden was called for jury duty in Delaware in 2011 but was not chosen.

Maine votes to expand Medicaid; governor moves to subvert their will

Less than a day after voters in Maine voted by referendum to expand Medicaid in their state on Nov. 7, Republican Gov. Paul LePage announced that he will not implement the expansion until it is "fully funded by the legislature." Le Page has been a staunch opponent of Medicaid expansion; the Maine state legislature has passed bills to expand the insurance program under the Affordable Care Act with provisions that the governor has added.

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Office of Sustainability seeks a targeted approach

New efforts aim to help students go green by meeting them where they are

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Walk through Wake Forest's campus on any given afternoon and you'll likely come across bikes parked outside each building, students touting reusable water bottles and any number of sustainability stickers pasted upon laptops and Nalgene bottles. But take that same walk late on a Friday night and, instead of greeted by dozens of red Solo cups and beer cans strewn across the ground while a sprinkler waters a large section of brick instead of the grassy quad. So what's happening? Wake Forest may be ripe with clubs, organizations and plenty of sustainability-minded groups, but it turns out that a presence doesn't always translate into action.

"The problem is that climate change doesn't feel like an immediate effect for most of the people on campus," said Ellie Bruggen, a sophomore and member of Outdoor Pursuits, as well as the Sustainability Theme House. "That allows many of us to not do anything and not care."

While the prominence of sustainability-mindedness on campus has greatly increased in the past 10 years, thanks to university-led initiatives, there remains a difficulty in changing students' habits.

"You have a lot of the same people throughout a lot of these organizations," Bruggen said. "Being together really helps us feed off of each other in a healthy way, but it gets tougher when you try to include less passionate people."

Ally Hellenga, the communication and events coordinator for the Office of Sustainability, spoke about students who are deeply committed. "We definitely have our dark green circle," she said. "But now we're trying to expand more into the green areas of things."

Despite the widespread push to increase sustainability's presence on the campus, the staff size of the Office of Sustainability has remained small.

"We keep ourselves small for a reason," Hellenga said. "It helps us to make more connections with students and faculty so that we can empower them."

"The Choose to Reuse campaign is a textbook example of how well this can work," said Brian Cohen, program coordinator for the Office of Sustainability. "A student came to us not just with an idea, but with a well-identified issue, plenty of research and an actionable plan that took into account what students wanted."

This tactic works well when you have a dedicated force behind the project, but it can become an issue when a movement requires input from the greater public. This recent expansion comes through several peer networks, namely the Green Team for faculty/staff, Greeks Go Green for students involved in fraternities or sororities on campus and the Student Athlete Sustainability Network.

In each of these networks, an organization representative meets with Cohen regularly and serves as a sustainability advocate within his or her organization. Greeks Go Green has existed since 2011, yet many members of Greek organizations, including Anuj Jailwala, a junior and member of the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega, are less than familiar with the movement.

"I hadn't heard of it until just this semester," Jailwala said. "It's a great idea, but I haven't seen much come from it yet."

While this may signal a failing attempt to some students on campus, the Office of Sustainability thinks that it's a program which just needs to find itself.

"There is a more targeted approach behind the things we are doing than people may realize," Cohen said. "Sustainability isn't always altruistic. We're hoping to meet people where they are, with what they value, to help reach them in other ways."

"I think that more connectivity between efforts could really help our campus," Bruggen said. "Being totally sustainable isn't always practical, but I think having some oversight could help."

"We recognize that there are opportunities to bring more independent groups in," Cohen said. "But we aren't here to tell people that they aren't doing enough. That's not our narrative. We are here to empower those who want to help."

When asked about how students who want to make a difference could best help, Bruggen, Hellenga and Cohen all had the same answer — find a sustainable effort that you are passionate about and then spread the word to as many people as you can.

"Tell the world about it," Bruggen said. "People can't help a cause they don't know about."

**Some of the Office of Sustainability's initiatives, such as reusable water bottles, are relatively easy for students to implement.**

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**Journalism should strive for independent objectivity**

Symposium discussed fake news and sensationalism as relevant to today's society

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Issues pertaining to the integrity of journalism were explored on Wednesday as Professor Dean Franco, head of the Humanities Institute, gathered Wake Forest journalism and English faculty to discuss their individual experience in their fields within journalism. The symposium addressed the nature of journalism while addressing the nature of news media in its contemporary condition.

The symposium entitled "Journalism Under Attack: Is Democracy Really at Stake?" was prediated by associate professor of history Jake Ruddiman's explanation of the Sedition Act of 1798, a piece of U.S. legislation that sought to suppress the media's capacity to portray the U.S. government or its war efforts negatively. It represents the use of news media as a "weapon of partisan warfare" throughout U.S. history, and reflects a past of journalistic fraudulence.

Newspapers have traditionally been politicized outlets of factionally-relevant information, as often times in the early years of U.S. news printing, the companies responsible for the production of newspapers relied financially on approval to print governmental documents, thus barring political affiliation. Ruddiman said that the press has always been viewed as a tool of faction which politicians seek use of to a "partisan ends," and as such what is often perceived as the recent advent of fake news is actually the contemporary manifest of a timeless issue.

The epidemic of fake news was addressed by Jordan Green, a faculty member in the journalism department and senior editor of the Student Led Paper, citing the recent perversion of the Antifa movement's pro-white supremacist rallies. Antifa, a movement whose nomenclature refers to their anti-fascist stance, has been portrayed by news outlets as being violently disruptive of peaceful protests, and has dominantly media coverage in recent weeks. However, the violence caused by Antifa protesters has been marginal, comparable to that of a rowdy sporting event. The provocative wardrobe and radical behavior of Antifa members becomes magnified against the otherwise peaceful demonstrations against white supremacy, when in fact their violence and membership reflect minute portions of the protests they attend.

The sensationalism of news coverage in pursuit of viewership and intrigue has corrupted the integrity of objective journalistic truth-telling, resulting in the perversion of fact and the deception of the public. Green added that the presence of fake news was not addressed earlier by media outlets because it was considered "outside the bounds of acceptable discourse," suggesting a necessary change in journalistic paradigm towards one unappraised by financial profit and thus impartial in its verification to ensure its legitimacy and accuracy.

When no such watchdog exists to monitor its integrity, media coverage may become mendacious and untrustworthy.

Sophomore Nikhil Raj found the cyclical nature of politics and news to be of particular solemnity, observing that "the news influences our politics and political influences the news. There's a duality in that."

"Duality is perhaps the anathema of what journalism should pursue; a transparent and agenda-less communication of fact and truth with which the public may educate itself, thereby empowering its political and social decision-making.
Shelter offers relief to the homeless

City With Dwellings operates as a volunteer-run shelter for Winston-Salem’s large homeless population

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The morning is coming to a close at the City With Dwellings overflow shelter. Nine men and women shuffle into the van, some quiet and keeping to themselves, and others chatting loudly. The seats are slightly worn, and the air conditioner makes a low humming noise. It's bright, and a light breeze comes through the open windows. One man holds an iPod shuffle, his headphones in as he stares outside. Another looks down at an Android phone, running his hands over the cracked screen. Each clutching bus passes, they began the 10-minute ride over to the Winston-Salem Ministries food bank to eat lunch.

After lunch, these individuals are on their own for the rest of the day, until they walk to one of the overnight shelters in the evening.

"If you think about it, these people are on their feet walking all day," said Adrienne Polychron, 71, a volunteer in the shelter. "When they get to the shelter at night, they are exhausted, and ready to go straight to bed."

City With Dwellings opened in 2012 as an overflow shelter largely due to staggering numbers of homeless men and women in need of housing that winter. The two main, year-round shelters in downtown Winston-Salem, NC, are Samaritan Ministries and the Bethesda Shelter. Even with their respective resources, they cannot sustain the massive number of homeless individuals that come to this city in the winter months.

City With Dwellings opens as an overflow shelter from December through March each year. It can hold up to 100 men and women every night, utilizing the space within St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church, Augsburg Lutheran Church and First Presbyterian Church. It typically takes in 300 to 350 people for the four months that it is open.

During the remaining months, it provides a day center open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Individuals can come to discuss housing options, receive bus passes and connect with resources that can help them with employment and healthcare.

Lea Thullbery, head of City With Dwellings, has been volunteering with the homeless community for over 30 years, and said it has been "transformative."

Both Bethesda and Samaritan are high-barrier shelters, which means that if there are any issues with an individual’s sobriety, they cannot stay there. City With Dwellings is a lower barrier, so they will take in individuals that may have some of these issues. However, the allotted time for any individual in these shelters is 90 days, and they must be out for six months before they are allowed to come back.

"Ninety days isn’t enough," Thullbery said. "Winston-Salem is rich with resources for homeless individuals with disabilities, but they’re difficult to access without community support."

The most recent study of homeless populations in Winston-Salem took place in 2013. The study indicated that there were about 407 homeless individuals living in Winston-Salem at the time, according to the Winston-Salem Journal.

City With Dwellings is completely volunteer-based, and costs about $60,000 a year to keep the doors open. It is funded solely by donations and grants from the city and the community. Their priority is to make sure everyone has a place to stay every night. They arrange hospital stays for those who are sick, and work with the Winston-Salem Police Department to detain highly intoxicated individuals in a sober room at the station until they can return to the shelter without cause for concern.

Polychron explained why she spends her free time at this shelter.

"My friends always ask me, ‘Adrienne, why are you doing this?’" Polychron said. "The thing is, I’ve been volunteering my whole life. I enjoy talking to the people that come to this shelter, and I can talk to a wall, but I also like to listen."

She went on to tell the story of one of their clients, who had been able to get a job working at the mall, but the pay was barely over minimum wage. He had to pay child support on top of what he was making, leaving nothing to live on. He was only able to work certain hours in order to meet the bus schedule and have transportation back downtown for shelter each night.

When the central public library closed in October 2013, many homeless individuals who once sought daytime shelter there, found themselves on the streets, braving the coldest months in Winston-Salem, NC.

Store owners faced situations in which homeless men and women would see an open door, and wander in to seek warmth and, as one business employee phrased it, "to occasionally cry on your shoulder."

According to the Downtown Bike Patrol, several stores on Trade Street even put up signs that read, 'No Public Restrooms' in order to dissuade individuals from coming into the store, who would potentially make their clientele uncomfortable.

Opie Kirby, owner of the local establishment Finnigan’s Wake, elaborated on how the homeless population impacted his business in particular.

"I’ve known Lea Thullbery for years, and I’ve volunteered at the shelter before and everything," Kirby said. "But, I’m still running a business, and when I see individuals come in who won’t be able to pay their tab, I have to ask them to leave."

Kirby elaborated on the complicated issue of poverty in the area. "Many of these people are here because they have burned all of their bridges," Kirby said. "I try to help out by making 500 sandwiches a year, but that only gives them a sandwich. It doesn’t solve any of their other problems."

Thullbery, the former manager of Finnigan’s, has seen both sides of this dilemma. She emphasized that stores shouldn’t be villainized because they have to put their business and their customers first. She also encourages businesses to make a plan and post their policies, so servers will know who to wait on, and patrons will be dissuaded from buying food for homeless individuals and then leaving them alone in the establishment.

Kirby noted that while it is not an easy task, the best approach to help these people is to spend time and interact with them. Kirby said walking into a homeless shelter can be daunting, so it’s important to be confident because often there are individuals with mental illness and sobriety issues, and that can create feelings of uneasiness for many people.

Polychron oozes confidence when she volunteers. "Never let your guard down, so they are very well-behaved. No one should be too intimidated to volunteer," Polychron said.

Most people want to help those that are less fortunate, but don’t know how to go about it. The natural inclination is to ‘throw money at the problem,’ but as Kirby put it, "that isn’t going to change the cycle."

According to a 2013 study, there are about 407 homeless individuals in Winston-Salem. Overnight shelters can take in 80 to 100 people a night.
Zinke's proposal violates the spirit of national parks

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One’s income should not determine one’s ability to visit our nations parks

There is a delight in the hardy life of the open, or so said the father of the U.S. National Park Service, President Theodore Roosevelt.

“There are no words that can tell the hidden spirit of the wilderness, that can reveal its mysteries to nearly triple the entrance fees at 17 national parks to nearly $70 during peak season, and this would affect parks as well-beloved as Acadia, Arches, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, Denali, Glacier, Grand Canyon, Grand Teton, Olympic, Sequoia & Kings Canyon, Yellowstone, Yosemite and Zion.

The commodification of our public lands, or “America’s best idea,” is as nonsensical as it is abhorrent.

The National Park Service was created in a spirit of conservation and so that Americans could have fair access to time outdoors as the country rapidly industrialized and urbanized.

However, visitors to national parks are often overwhelmingly white and affluent.

Traveling to some parks’ remote locations is already a significant expense for many families; increasing the net price even further could hasten the parks’ transformation into playgrounds for the privileged.

Surely this is not how Roosevelt would have wanted the surging gyers of Yellow­stone, the eclectic terrain of Saguaro or the stark taiga of Glacier to be handed down to the next generation.

According to Zinke, the price hikes are necessary to ensure park preservation.

However, these changes would occur alongside a cut of approximately $300 million to the National Park Service’s budget, and the rate increases would only add about $70 million in revenue. Inconven­ient math.

While it’s true that many national parks suffer from poorly tended trails, deterior­ating roads and ranger shortages, among other problems, we can practice better stewardship of these exceptional places without excluding Americans who may be struggling financially.

It makes sense for Congress to allocate a greater amount of discretionary spending towards the National Park Service: 331 million visitors enjoyed a national park last year and brought with them billions of dollars in revenue for local businesses. This country needs more trails to water­falls, not border walls.

A rock scramble to a vista at sunset is the same thrill whether you’re a Democrat or a Republican and shoring up the future of our country’s best natural assets provides far more than just recreational opportu­nities. National parks have a tremendous amount of intrinsic value in terms of bio­diversity and historical preservation.

When White House Chief of Staff John Kelly fails to exhibit a middle-school grasp of the Civil War, you know that ev­ery child needs the opportunity to learn from National Park Service historians, rangers and scientists. Perhaps if Kelly had spent more time visiting Appomattox Court House or the battlefield at Gettysburg, he would understand that the Civil War was not about a “failure to compromise.”

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As an editor on the Wake Forest Review, I am disappointed in the amount of derision that our publication receives from left-leaning groups on campus. I have attended Wake Forest for less than three months, and the amount of vitriol from groups on campus that oppose the Review has been somewhat jarring to me.

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Wake Forest student's must engage beyond the classroom

Wake Forest has a culture problem revolving around students not engaging in issues beyond campus

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My first few months at Wake Forest have been fun, engaging and fulfilling overall. Wake Forest students have impressed me with their work ethic, pride for their school and friendliness. The culture of Wake Forest is in­deed a special one, and one I can already tell it is quite unique, especially compared to our peer schools.

Yet, I would be remiss to mention some­thing at Wake Forest I have found extremely problematic so far. For a top 30 university, we seem to struggle a great deal with bringing our intellect outside the classroom.

Now, this is not to make a universal and objective indictment of how our students be­have because clearly as a first semester student at Wake Forest, I lack all qualifications to do that.

However, what I have found is that students here are, as one might expect, in possession of formidable intellects. Wake Forest would not be such a competitive school to get into without a doubt that many of the problems that plague our campus would not exist.

My conclusion that we prefer to act anti-intel­lectual is one that I do not come to lightly.

Critical thinkers argue that as a first-year, I sim­ply have not been ‘looking for the right com­munities’ to think critically.

I would argue that at a school with as many brilliant students as Wake Forest, one should not need to look any further to their left or right to find the community necessary to be introspective and learn deeply from one an­other.

Indeed, I have sought out groups on cam­pus that care deeply about the disinterested student. I have attended Wake Forest fashion, have an unspoken intuition to avoid engagement with people that differ from, hiding their het­erosexuality or the latest

The Review is case-in-point of my argument: students have the intelligence, vocabulary and spirit to debate political matters, but hes­i­tate to have important conversations, which is a function of the culture on campus.
It is never too early for Christmas cheer

Students should be able to listen to their favorite Christmas music as much as they want

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Another population of Internet-users replied with the same fervor, but they weren’t going in on the holiday fun. They protested the cheer and outraged at these online displays of holiday spirit. They argued, “It’s too early for Christmas music!” and “What about Thanksgiving? It comes first! Don’t forget about Thanksgiving!”

For those who are also bitter about the early festivities, don’t fear. Nobody could ever forget about the wonderful, delicious celebration of food and gratefulness that is Thanksgiving. But also know that there is no such thing as “too early” for holiday music.

Thanksgiving with its traditions, such as the turkey, parade and pumpkin pie, marks the beginning of the Holiday Season. Who is featured on the last float of Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade? None other than good of Saint Nick and his wife.

They are leaving the world know that it is officially the Holiday Season. As such, Thanksgiving is included as the kickoff event. People need to prepare for the beginning of the holiday season. To do this, we must be in the right mood. And Christmas music does the job. Other festive music would one listen to for Thanksgiving! Adam Sandler’s “Turkey Song”. No thanks. Christmas music is about something greater than just Christmas. It’s about joy and the celebration that comes along with the holidays in November and December (Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and New Year’s included). All of these holidays are meant to be a time for families to come together in happiness.

“Christmas music” goes beyond religious boundaries. There’s a deeper love of the winter season intertwined. Who hasn’t imagined dueting “Baby, It’s Cold Outside” with their significant other (imaginary or not)? Who doesn’t relish the thought of cozying up by the fireside with a cup of hot chocolate as “Let it Snow” plays on the radio? Holiday music, which encompasses all the songs, religious and not, that are associated with the holidays are perfect for people to listen to in order to get in a festive mood.

Holiday music can get us in the mood for more than just dancing around while baking cookies. It allows us to get in the right mood to do another favorite holiday activity: shopping. The role that consumerism plays in the flow of time is responsible for the early holiday cheer. Advertising seeps into our minds without us consciously noticing. Stores like to be a few weeks ahead; they begin putting out their back-to-school supplies in July, Halloween candy in August, Thanksgiving-themed food in September, and holiday decorations in October.

Stores begin playing Christmas music on Nov 1 — it’s supposed to subtly encourage shoppers to begin thinking about gift shopping so that they’ll either buy a lot of stuff in the moment or come back to the overloaded madness of Black Friday. There’s nothing wrong with this advertising because nobody should go shopping for gifts the night before.

These arbitrary constraints of time should not define holiday-related things to be limited to late November and December. Love Actually is a wonderful movie to watch all year round (just ask me and my best friend; we watch it whenever we’re together). I will concede that it is too early to hang the stockings or put out the menorah — but people should be free to listen to holiday music all they want. The Grinch’s of the Internet should not destroy anybody’s holiday spirit.

Bringing the Heat(h) | Socioeconomic Status

Lower-income students belong here at Wake Forest

Lower-income students faced adversity in getting to Wake Forest, and they deserve to be here

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Within the parking lots filled with luxury cars, sea of Louis Vuitton bags used as back-packs and salmon colored Vineyard Vines polos and khaki shorts, are undergraduates who come from, and still grapple with financial hardships. I fall into this category.

Regardless of the wealth I’m surrounded by, I’m still proud of where I come from and who it has made me as a person. I will never, ever catch myself being jealous of someone else’s material things or the numbers in their bank accounts. I’d be nice not having to worry about my own bills, making sure my classes align with the kick off event. People who come from where I come from don’t make it to Wake Forest. Or Chapel Hill. Or Duke. Or Davidson. Or even the community college across Charlotte because they have no work to help out with bills. To say I made it to college at all is something that doesn’t align with the statistics and odds that tell me that I should be standing in a welfare line. However, I’m here. I’m an college, not just any college, but a top 30 college.

This isn’t to toot my own horn, it’s to exemplify how growing up in poverty has its merits, especially coming to a school overflowing with privilege, wealth and naivety to how being on your own works. I know how to fix a lot of things myself since I grew up not having the money to pay someone to do it. I know how to set budgets and plan out how to pay bills. I appreciate everything that I have more because I bursted my ass to get it myself.

Yes, I’m still proud of my closet filled with my off-brand clothes that I bought with the money I saved. I’m proud of my 1996 Camry that I bought, paid the taxes and registration fees on, pay the monthly insurance on, keep up with repairs on and keep gas in myself. And I’m proud of anything else that I own that I worked hard for.

With all of this said, it’s important to address the economic status you’re born into, you can help whether you flaunt it or not. I’m not saying don’t buy the nice things that you have. I’m saying don’t constantly brag about it in the faces of people that you know wouldn’t be able to afford those things. Don’t constantly talk about the ease of your life, such as all the times you called your parents can’t even afford to come visit them at school. Those things whether you realize it or not, exude an elitist attitude that’s meant to make people jealous of you — and that’s not cool.

To my poor peers, don’t ever feel out of place. You made it to an elite university with a system of classism placed in your way. You worked 10 times harder to get in, and work 10 times harder to stay in. Regardless of how much money you don’t have, you still walk across the same stage to receive your degree when you graduate as your more affluent peers. You belong, and don’t make anyone make you feel differently.

Word on the Quad | Sexual Assault

What are your thoughts on all the recent sexual assault allegations in the U.S?

"I hope victims are being supported." Chloe Holt ('18)

"That is a tragedy, I cry sometimes." Fredrick Thompson ('21)

"It seems to be pretty bad right now." Riley Bright ('21)

"I think it needs more attention." Sam Bott ('20)
Don’t believe all the Pitsgiving hype without some scepticism

Pitsgiving will either regain its former glory or it will continue its downward spiral

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One of Wake Forest’s most treasured events is next week, and its being talked about in every corner of campus. I am talking about Pitsgiving of course. This will be my third year going to the event, which is always hyped up for the whole fall semester. Look, I love food as most people can tell by my physique, but I am not as excited for Pitsgiving as most other students. My love of enthusiasm is based around the subpar quality of the food. Maybe my family makes some killer food, and I just don’t like the food from the Pit in comparison. I understand it is one of the most well-known places on campus, and I’m sure it has its fans. But I found more than enough food to satisfy my stomach. And of course, the Pit had ample choices for desserts — the best food group of all for the feast.

I ate more than I could reasonably consume, but it was Pitsgiving so why not splurge. During my second year, the process of finding a seat was scientifically easier. The Pit was almost nonexistent in comparison to my first year. But the lack of pressure, in comparison, was in no way worth the quality of food I somehow consumed.

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Men's soccer reaches ACC Championship

The Demon Deacons defeat Clemson 2-1 in the ACC Semifinals played at Spry Stadium

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For the game's first 15 minutes both teams defended well and the Deacs and Tigers appeared to be evenly matched. Wake Forest applied some pressure early with individual plays by sophomore Ema Twumasi and senior Jon Bakero. The Tigers had a great opportunity early with a steal on Wake Forest's defensive side that led to a one-on-one against Cases Munoz, but the defense recovered early to make an accurate tackle. However, neither team seized a lead of the match early.

As the game progressed, the Demon Deacons increased their ball possession and started to create offensive plays with more consistency. During one of those offensive opportunities, freshman Brendon Servania crossed a perfect corner kick to Bakero shut for a great defense by Clemsons's goalkeeper Ximo Miralles.

The game then settled down with Wake Forest creating offensive plays through ball possession, whereas Clemson through counter-attack opportunities. At the 31-minute mark, Bakero created a positive play through the two defenders and cleaning up for his shot attempt that was well-defended by Ximo Miralles, but freshman Omir Fernandez scored on the rebound to open up the scoreboard for the Deacs.

At the end of the first half, the Wake Forest Demon Deacons led by 1-0 against the Clemson Tigers. It was a pretty even matchup during the first period. Despite the statistical edge to the Deacs, the Tigers scared the crowd a couple times with their counter-attacks. Wake Forest found success creating play through the laterals exploiting the speed advantage they have there. In those situations Twumasi moved a couple of times to the left, creating a favorable match-up there, and with his explosiveness and ball control he easily turned the corner against a slower defender.

Starting the second half, the Demon Deacons carried out the momentum of their first goal, establishing pressure on Clemson from the first minute. However, Wake Forest did not seize on its opportunities and Clemson grew confidence as the second period progressed. During one of Clemson's counter-attacks, Harrison Kurtz crossed to Saul Chinchilla on the final score played at Spry Stadium.

Senior Jon Bakero highlighted the numerous regular season accolades for the Deacs, earning ACC Offensive Player of the Year.

Fighting Irish down Deacs in offensive battle

Wake Forest out-scored No. 3 Notre Dame in the second half, but a historical offensive day lifted the Irish to victory

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This past weekend, the Demon Deacons traveled to South Bend, IN to take on the number three team in the country, the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. The Irish have been one of the biggest surprises in college football this year, behind an elite running game and an extremely stout defense. Heading into the game the Deacs were 14 point underdogs to the Irish; however, the game progressed, the Demon Deacons increased their ball possession and started to create offensive plays with more consistency. During one of those offensive opportunities, freshman Brendon Servania crossed a perfect corner kick to Bakero shut for a great defense by Clemsons's goalkeeper Ximo Miralles.

Despite the result, there were a lot of positives to come from the game. The Deacs were the first team all season to score more than 20 points against the Irish. This was extremely impressive and really highlighted an incredible shift for the Deacs this year.

The offense of the Deacs had room to work and Wolford had time to pass in the pocket. The transformation of the offense has been absolutely incredible this season and should continue to be a force for the rest of the season.

On the other hand, the defense struggled mightily to contain the Irish. The injury to Jessie Bates certainly played a major roll, but the Deacs were incapable of containing Notre Dame quarterback Brandon Wimbush. Wimbush rushed for 110 yards on 12 carries for two touchdowns. The Deacs did a good job in coverage throughout the game, but constantly lost track of where Wimbush was in the pocket. If the Deacs had been able to limit the big plays, this game would have been a lot closer coming down the stretch.

There are no such things as moral victories, but the Deacs once again proved that they can play with any team in the country.

Senior quarterback John Wolford led the Deacs with 390 total yards and running back Matt Colburn rushed for more than 100 yards for the second straight game to put up 37 points on the Irish.
ATP Finals marks the end of the tennis season

As the tennis season draws to a close, the ATP Finals provides an opportunity for tennis titans to clash once last time

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Tennis fans have begun to weep. As the calendar year comes to a close, and the holiday season begins to swell, the tennis season rides its own denouement into a period of relative dormancy. Players gather round their respective hearths with family and friends, in various countries around the globe, to shake off the wear-and-tear sludge that has accumulated in their bodies. Equipment, rackets, gather a metaphorically tawny hue in their sad state of desuetude.

The holidays eschew golden platters of abundant food and abundant company; hard emotions exhale and become languid happiness. And of course, the end of the year hopefully brings the salary bonus that can make those platters and that company shine a little extra. Well, if you didn't already know it, those same year-end monetary appeals apply to the ATP too, although there is more to it than just a cash bump (presumably).

The ATP Finals this year, as they have since 2009, will take place in London, United Kingdom, in the O2 Arena. This event, more than any other I think one could argue, is an invitational. The world's highest ranked singles and doubles players are invited to play in the year-end event that takes place from Nov. 12 to Nov. 19.

The eight players/teams are separated into groups 21 WAR over the course of the 2017 regular season, and each contributed at key moments during the post-season as well. 6-time singles champion Novak Djokovic and 3-time doubles champion Mike Bryan headline each group they've been placed in. Although Zverev has shown no evidence of fear or self-doubt, the world's number three, placed in Federer's group. And although Zverev has shown no evidence of fear or self-doubt, the world's number three, placed in Federer's group. And although Zverev has shown no evidence of fear or self-doubt, the world's number three, placed in Federer's group. And although Zverev has shown no evidence of fear or self-doubt, the world's number three, placed in Federer's group.

The ATP Finals is considered to be a sort of final stamp on the year, crowning its champion. While implicitly crowning the year's champion, the man (or team) who faced and defeated the world's best in what can only be described as a titanic collision of talent, skill and experience.

This year's collision seems it will be no less violent, with Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer having split the year's two Grand Slams between them. Their respective seeds are one and two, and they head each group they've been placed in. Alexander Zverev, the 22-year-old German, poses the only possible threat to either man, sitting at number three, placed in Federer's group. And although Zverev has shown no evidence of fear or intimidation (he towers at 6'6''), his youth may prove to be a limitation during the year end event, which leads me to the scenario I think most fans want and most critics find logical: a year culminating in a match between Federer and Nadal in the ATP Finals that will clothe one of them in the coveted annual regalia of year-end champion.

As we prepare for colder weather, the ATP professionals move inside the O2 Arena, and as we dress our houses with holiday ornaments, eight months of all attempts to add one more massive object to their season shelves, one more grand chalice to ushers in their time of ennui. Who will it be? We don't know. But for now, "let it snow, let it snow, let it snow?"
Deacon Spotlight: Isla Bint

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Isla Bint is a sophomore goalkeeper from Whangarei, New Zealand. Bint represented New Zealand at the 2014 Youth Olympics, and her future at Wake Forest looks increasingly bright.

What factors helped you choose to come to Wake Forest to play Field Hockey?

When I first started to think about coming to the U.S. for college I wanted to find a school that had a strong field hockey program, but also a strong academic program.

When I came to visit Wake Forest I felt instantly at home. I could tell that the field hockey team had a really special team culture, and that everyone was incredibly supportive and inclusive.

How have you improved as a keeper since you've started your college career?

I think that everyone takes a little while to adjust when they come into the team as a freshman, but I think that my confidence has really grown in this past year and a half. This has helped my decision making on the field and has helped me to become more assertive as a keeper.

The team has had success on the road this year with a 5-3 record. What's the key to playing against opposing crowds?

I think that for our team it is just really important to stick to our game plan. I think that we are really effective when we are just focusing on us, and what we can do on the field to control the outcome of the game.

As this is your first time playing in the NCAA Tournament, how are you and the team preparing, both on and off the field?

We were all really excited to make it into the tournament this year because we have all worked incredibly hard this season.

In preparation for the field, we are just continuing to work hard everyday at practice. Off the field, we are taking the time to look after ourselves, catch up on our sleep, stay hydrated and get ahead in our schoolwork so that we can really focus on hockey this weekend.

You've played the majority of minutes in goal for the Demon Deacons this season, after playing behind Cat O’Connor for much of last season. How have you two helped each other on and off the field?

It's obviously challenging when you share a position, and even more so when that position is goalkeeper.

Cat is the most supportive and encouraging teammate. We have such a fun and healthy competition during practice, and no matter who is playing in the game, we are always doing everything we can to support each other.

Playing in such a competitive conference, how do you motivate yourself for each game?

We know that every ACC game is going to be a real battle. I think that this is motivating in itself, because we know that every game is up for the taking, and we have to show up ready to perform on the day.

How is the team planning to use its strengths against Maryland in the Tournament?

Our strikers have some really good speed and a really effective press so we are going to try and put some pressure on their defense.

We like to play a passing game so we will be looking to play as a team on Saturday with lots of communication and passing. This is a really exciting time in our season, as we get one more opportunity to prove what we can do as a team.

Favorite memory as a Deacon on the field so far in your career?

My favorite memory on the field would have to be beating Syracuse in overtime earlier this season. We managed to put together a complete performance across the entire field for the full game, and we came out and executed our game plan perfectly.

It was such a great feeling walking off the field with a hard-earned win.

How has Coach Averill, who's as experienced as one can be with playoff hockey, helped the team prepare for the NCAA's?

We have been watching a lot of film leading up to this game, and although we have been focusing on our team and how they like to play, she has also made sure that we are focused on our team, and how we can play to our strengths.

Do you or the team have any pregame rituals?

No major rituals, apart from listening to music in the locker room together to hype us up before we go out.

As a goalkeeper, what do you see as your role in managing the flow of the game?

As a goalkeeper, one of my main responsibilities is communication. This is really important in managing the flow of the game because even when we are on attack, we need to be organized and ready on defense in case we turn the ball over. Communication is really important because it keeps everyone connected throughout the entire game, regardless of whether things are going well or not.

Wake Forest golfer awarded Co-ACC Player of the Month for October performance

Junior Jennifer Kupcho of the Wake Forest women's golf team received her second career ACC Player of the Month award after a fantastic showing in October. Kupcho finished within the top six in two consecutive tournaments, including the Battle at the Beach in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico and the Ruth's Chris Lady Tar Heel Invitational in Chapel Hill, N.C. The Women's golf team will resume play in November.

Wake Forest men's soccer coach named ACC Coach of the Year

For the third consecutive season, head coach Bobby Muuss was named ACC Coach of the Year. His team is poised to make another run at the NCAA College Cup in 2017, as they currently sit at number one in the nation. Muuss has only lost six games across three seasons since taking over at Wake Forest, and he has not finished outside of the Elite Eight in the NCAA College Cup.
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right side of the box and the Clemson mid­fielder sent it to the back of the Wake Forest net, 1-1 with 21 minutes left.

At the 76-minute mark, Clemson's Justin Ma­ lou fouled hard on Bruno Lapa in the middle of the field and was automatically ejected with a red card. It was a total gamechanger, as the Deacons recovered the momentum of the game. With one player down, the Tigers had an open­ing they couldn’t miss and their defensive side of the ball, and after Ximo Miralles came down to fill out that void to prevent a would-be score, but Jon Bakero opportunistically took the rebound and scored on a long-range shot. After Bakero's score, the Demon Deacons gladly exchanged passes on offense to secure the win and advance to the ACC championship final.

Overall Wake Forest played well. Offensively, though they failed to seize on some opportuni­ties, it also speaks to a great defensive effort by Clemson not giving their offensive side of the ball any room to breathe. Defensively they did a solid job, especially taking into consideration the absence of 2017 ACC defensive player of the year Kevin Politi, who is likely to be out for the remainder of the sea­son due to a knee injury.

Mark McKenzie was trusted with the huge re­sponsibility of replacing Politi on the defensive sector, and the freshman did not disappoint as the formidable Wake Forest defense did not miss a beat. When asked if he was ready for the task of replacing Politi from now on, McKenzie commented "Absolutely. It's all about preparation and waiting for your time. Unluckily, Kevin went down, but I will be running a lot more on the field and we (as a team) will play on both sides of the ball. I'm talking a lot with him as a senior and our leader. He plays my position so I'm (going to) pick of his brain, and I'm lucky to have a guy like him, a guy I can look up to as a role model." Following the game, coach Muuss gave his remarks on the match and on the upcoming matchup against Virginia for the ACC championship title.

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After losing in a shootout to No. 3 Notre Dame, the Wake Forest football team will travel north for a second straight week to face the Syracuse Orange. At 5-4 (2-3), the Deacs need one more win to reach a bowl.

On the offensive side of the ball the Deacs will look to three guys specifically to have big days, Senior quarterback John Wolford is coming off the best back-to-back games of his career and will rely on running back Matt Colburn and tight end Cam Serigne to balance the offensive attack.

Prediction: Wake Forest finds a way to win at Syracuse and will pick up victory number six as the Deacs win in a shootout 40-34.
Rating the playoffs hopes of Power Five teams

The SEC continues to rise, but the Big Ten suffered multiple key losses this weekend

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The ACC's playoff hopes come down to two teams: The University of Miami and Clemson. If Clemson, college football's reigning champion, wants to make the playoff they have one route, and that is to win out. After a messy loss to Syracuse, even a perfect finish to their season does not guarantee them a spot in the playoff, especially considering the fact that the team has only one more opportunity for a quality win, which would come in the ACC Championship game. The University of Miami is the ACC's other playoff contender. The team faces their toughest challenge of the season when they square off against No. 3 Notre Dame, a team that has lost one game by one point to undefeated, No. 1 Georgia. If the Hurricanes win the game, dubbed Catholics vs. Convicts, they would have a very easy path to remain undefeated up to the ACC Championship.

SEC

The SEC has a golden opportunity to be the first conference to send two teams to the College Football Playoff. Alabama and Georgia, the first and second ranked teams in the nation, seem to be on a collision course to meet undefeated in the SEC championship. Each of these teams will be heavily favored to win their final three regular season games, where Auburn serves as each of the teams' toughest foe. If these two teams manage to remain undefeated by the time they face off in the SEC Championship, it would be almost impossible for the committee to keep either out of the playoff.

Big Ten

After a disastrous week 10 where both Ohio State and Penn State lost to underdogs and essentially wrote themselves out of the playoff picture, undefeated Wisconsin remains the Big Ten's only hope at a playoff bid. The Badgers have put together an impressive season thus far, having won all of their contests, usually with ease. However, the team has yet to face a ranked opponent. This coming week, they will play No. 20 Iowa in Madison. The Hawkeyes, who just pummeled Ohio State this past Saturday, will be Wisconsin's toughest battle of the season. However, due to the lack of talent this season in the Big Ten West, and the fact that all other Big Ten teams have at least two losses, Wisconsin must win its final three games against Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota, and then also win the Big Ten Championship game against either Ohio State, Penn State or Michigan State.

Pac 12

Similar to the Big Ten, the Pac 12’s hopes at a playoff bid are fading, probably even faster, as Washington is their only remaining one-loss team.

Big 12

The Big 12 has two remaining playoff hopefuls: Oklahoma and TCU. The Sooners and Horned Frogs square off this coming Saturday in Norman. The winner of this game will crown itself the final one loss team in the Big 12 and become the only team from the conference with a chance at a playoff bid. This past offseason, the Big 12, in an effort to make itself more eligible for a playoff bid, decided to institute a championship game. Thus, if the winner of the all important game this weekend wins the remainder of its regular season games, it will have to face the second best Big 12 team again in a championship game. It would be extremely ironic if the winner of this Saturday's matchup were to lose in the Big 12 championship game, because the game was designed to bolster the conference's chances at putting a team in the playoff.

Independent

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish are putting together and incredibly impressive season. The team has only one loss, by one point, to the No. 1 Georgia Bulldogs. While the team is not in a conference and therefore could not play a conference championship, if it wins its final three games against Miami, Navy and Stanford, the team gives itself an excellent chance at a playoff bid.
The Russian Disconnection

Despite icy international relations, study abroad student explores Russia and finds warm and inviting people

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As an American reading the news, it would appear that relations with Russia are worse than they have been in a long time — a pseudo return to the Cold War it may seem. It remains unclear whether Russia interfered in the election, whether Presidents Trump and Putin are secretly colluding or if the Kremlin spread fake news through various networks to influence voters. Yet, as a student visiting Russia, it largely felt like more of the same. Despite the snow and vastly different architecture, I was surprised by the similarities between the two countries.

As I'm currently studying European Economics in Copenhagen, my class took a week-long trip to Moscow and St. Petersburg. The most daunting part of the trip from early on was the visa process — we began submitting documents and applications back in July in order to be approved for a five day visit to the Federation. Finally, after gathering the visa and packing for the frigid weather, we arrived in Moscow airport. Again, it felt as routine as flying into yet another airport and not understanding the language. Our guides led us straight to dinner where we would be staying for the duration of the trip. As a part of the visa process, we were able to join a classroom tour of the historical city with another student group. The rest of the week was filled with economic lectures, as well as tours of places the average American would be unaware of.

Returning to the purpose of the class trip, our final meeting was at Gazprom, the large Russian gas company majority owned by the Russian Government. Their presentation was on the construction of Nordstream II, a natural gas pipeline that would extend from the Russian Federation to Northern Germany. The hour-long presentation included lectures from Gazprom and representatives from the Russian Government speaking on behalf of the company.

Throughout the presentation, they continued to return to two main points: natural gas is not terrible for the environment and the European Union is reliant on Russian gas. The Q&A from our class continually focused on environmental impacts of pipelines, but were craftily ignored by spokespeople for the pipeline. Sitting in this meeting was truly one of the first times on the trip that I realized how much influence the Russian government has on its citizens and corporations.

Overall, the trip was a once in a lifetime experience. As Russo-American relations increasingly grow colder, Americans will be less and less welcome as visitors. While many of my stereotypes going into the trip were upheld — mainly those about the role of government in daily lives — many of my preexisting biases were defied. After having dinner with a group of Russian peers, I realized that the similarities between young people and that common drive and passion unites individuals regardless of background.
SFER hosts documentary screening in Pugh

Students for Education Reform invites students to come view this new film

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Winston-Salem and Forsyth County is the fifth largest school system in North Carolina, according to the Department of Education. To shed light on the surrounding public school system and issues associated with it, Students for Education Reform (SFER) will be showing the documentary Backpack Full of Cash tonight, Nov. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Pugh Auditorium.

Narrated by Matt Damon, the film explores how the privatization of schooling is causing budgets to be cut in public school systems and creating an adverse effect for children in poverty. According to the film’s website, the goal is to “build a case for public education as a basic civil right.” This falls in line with the mission of SFER, and is in coordination to communications director Caroline Li.

“The idea behind SFER is creating a grassroots organization for people to push for equality in education,” Li said. “There are a lot of things going on in the nation right now that greatly affect public schools and private schools, and so we are kind of surrounding these issues and trying to provide advocacy and [create] policy change.”

The film specifically focuses on issues with the public and private school dichotomy in cities such as Philadelphia, while also showing how a “well-resourced public school system” can be successful in places such as Union City, New Jersey. It also discusses how charter schools factor into the equation, often causing more issues when it comes to providing quality public education.

“It’s very interesting because this documentary was made before Betsy DeVos was selected as the Secretary of Education for the U.S.,” Li said. “So, this was made before the issue became really forefront in the public mind and so it kind of provides an interesting perspective on that, and is very relevant for today.”

Created by Sarah Mondale and Vera Aronow, the documentary has been an official selection at various film festivals, including the 2017 Seattle International Film Festival. Mondale herself is a former public school teacher, who quit to create the film after producing a PBS Series titled School. This project explored the history of public education in America. In her Director’s Statement, she discusses how she was inspired to push against the film Waiting for Superman, which discusses the idea that only the private sector can remedy issues with education.

Album Review | Grace Vanderwaal

Teenage singer releases second album

Vanderwaal’s new music features her powerful voice, lighthearted messages and ukulele

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Love her or hate her, Grace Vanderwaal is a force to be reckoned with. A 13-year-old, she has quickly become the face of contemporary music. Her debut single, “Just The Beginning,” was released in May of 2016 and reached number one on the Billboard Hot 100. Her second album, Just The Beginning, was released on November 3rd of 2017. The album features ten tracks, all written and produced by Vanderwaal.

Just The Beginning is a departure from her debut album, Moonlight. The album features a more mature sound, with tracks like “Burned” and “Darkness Keeps Chasing Me” showcasing her growth as an artist.

Burned” is a powerful ballad about heartbreak. The lyrics are raw and honest, capturing the pain of falling in love. Vanderwaal sings, “I was just a kid with a dream, and all of the sudden, I’m a middle school butterfly and innocent. The lyrics paint a picture of her maturity as she writes and sings, “Something’s just so crazy / Things you’ll never know / There is always doubt with maybe / That keeps stringing you along.”

The album also features the lead single, “Just The Crush.” The song is a fun dance song that focuses on slipping away into the rhythm during hard times. It is a perfect representation of an upbeat yet melancholic vibe set for the album. The following song, “Sick of Being Told,” gives hints towards a Nora Jones’ consistent voice and incorporates a deeper meaning while keeping the lighthearted aspects of the ukulele alive.

Overall, Grace Vanderwaal avoids the negative connotation of being a 13-year-old star from stopping her road to riches. She keeps the naive aspects of being a young teen alive, something that is often lost in such an up-and-coming society. Her music helps provide the sense that the world could slow down for a minute, it would be like growing up dancing around in pajamas while getting ready for school.

Recipe courtesy of delish.com
Fall Fest traditions bring students together

A festive fare of delicious treats and performances by student musicians were offered on Manchester Quad.

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There's nothing better than Fall in the Forest. This past Friday, Student Union, along with the Resident Student Association and the Anthony Aston Players, compiled their talents to put together the annual Fall Fest on the Magnolia Quad. Fall Fest featured delicious food, fun Southern events like square dancing and Bluegrass music, a haunted house and autumn themed arts-and-crafts. Freshman Natalie Boucher enjoyed Fall Fest this year. "I love to see the Wake Forest student body come together to celebrate all the festivities around this time of year," Boucher said.

The weather was beautiful, although 80 degrees doesn't exactly scream fall, and hundreds of students passed through and enjoyed all the event had to offer. As many students live on a tight budget, college students always love free food. A huge highlight of Fall Fest for freshman Julia Rodgers was "all the fun fall food." There was an array of delicious treats to snack on—from personal chicken pot pies to pumpkin shaped rice krispies. There were even Apple Cider Floats being made on the spot, which is a delectable combination of apple cider, vanilla ice cream, ginger ale and cinnamon. A very popular station was the hot cocoa making area, where students could decorate a mason jar to their liking and fill it up with powdered hot chocolate, marshmallows and chocolate chips. The event marketed the jars as a great way to store a yummy treat in your dorm in an aesthetic way.

This year's celebration was "Haunted Farm" themed. The Anthony Aston Players and some other volunteers got their scare on as they dressed up in costume and hid in this year's haunted tent. Students and faculty members alike were scared by the decorations and actors in the haunted Farm. Screams and laughter could be heard all throughout the lower quad, ensuring that while it might have been scary, the haunted house was still enjoyable for those who were brave enough to enter.

This event was the result of the members of the Student Union's dedication to make campus a welcoming and fun place for all. "Fall is the best season at Wake Forest," said Student Union president Jack Garvey. Garvey explained that they put on this event as a "nice way to give students something fun to do on a Friday evening around exam time."

Rylie Frayman is the committee chair for Campus Traditions, and she played a role in planning the event. Frayman spent a lot of time working on planning the activities and contacting various organizations to collaborate with. She said she enjoyed Fall Fest because "it brings all of us together for a seasonal fun time. It's a nice way to enjoy outside and the fresh air."

Fall Fest is a Wake Forest tradition, not only because of the fun activities and food, but because of the community it represents and the culture it celebrates. "The Unbroken Circle" is an intergenerational music group filled with Wake Forest alumni, administrators and students. Among the members included Martha Allman, the dean of admissions at Wake Forest, and her junior daughter Ella Allman. "The Unbroken Circle" played an array of bluegrass and country music during the festival, and faculty members like Allman and fellow students performed with skill. Watch "The Unbroken Circle" and watching students square dance to their songs at sunset was truly an unforgettable moment. Wake Forest is a very special place, where traditions, family, friendships and celebration are valued more than anything else.

Wake Radio | Skepta

Vicious by Skepta continues streak of good music

Even though the EP only plays for 22 minutes, it packs a big punch and exceeds Skepta's high expectations.

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With Vicious, Skepta provides us his latest release since his critically acclaimed and Mercury Prize winning LP, Konnichiwa. And in similar fashion to Konnichiwa, Vicious is sure to win over American rap fans wary of British grime.

The EP, Vicious, comes roughly one and a half years since the release of Konnichiwa. During that time, Skepta's popularity in the U.S. has grown exponentially, primarily due to the cosigns he's received from artists such as Drake and ASAP Rocky. Skepta was even able to pull together a feature on Drake's More Life on the track "Skepta Interlude," as well as a feature on "Put That On My Set" off of ASAP Mob's Cozy Tapes Vol. 1.

In the lead up to this surprise Halloween release, we've received two singles, "No Security" and "Hypocrisy," both accompanied by music videos. And even though the Vicious EP runs a short 22 minutes, it surpasses all expectations.

The entirely self produced EP makes a solid start with the Dev Hynes, of Blood Orange, assisted, "Still." It's an overall solid track with some interesting production but doesn't really provide the epic kickoff that Konnichiwa provided on the similarly named Konnichiwa album. On the second track, "Sit Down," featuring Lil B, there's nothing too special aside from its off the wall production, which according to Skepta was produced on his phone in the backseat of an Uber.

The EP begins to really take off with the track, "No Security." On the track, Skepta seems to be directing some bars towards a counterpart he deems to be a fake. The production on this song, although somewhat experimental, stays true to his grime roots, considering the high BPM. After "No Security" comes the Section Boyz assisted, "Worst." "Worst" was actually a single released by Section Boyz, so it seems as though Skepta has liberally included it in the tracklist. Because it is a Section Boyz single, Skepta only has one verse, but in spite of this, the track doesn't stick out like a sore thumb. "Worst" both production wise and lyrically fits right into the tracklist.

After "Worst," comes the similarly previously released single "Hypocrisy" that dropped back in early July. Skepta, once again, on this track is coming after the fakes who come at him online but play it cool in person. The recurring theme of keeping his guard up is one that's not exclusive to this EP and is harped upon consistently on his last album. The EP finishes off with the spectacular track, "Ghost Ride," featuring both ASAP Rocky and ASAP Nast.

Unsurprisingly, Skepta, Rocky and Nast share their exploits in both the music industry as well as fashion. It's a strong finish for an overall satisfying EP that is sure to hold Skepta fans over until his next LP.
Sephora releases holiday makeup gift sets

Gifts by big names such as Smashbox and Kat Von D are some of this year's best buys

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Now that Halloween has passed and Thanksgiving is typically overlooked, all eyes are set on the holidays. Department stores are filling with gifts and crowds are swelling toward the mall. In the makeup realm, several luxury and prestige brands have recently released their gift sets for this year.

Holiday gift sets are a great option for the makeup lover in your life, since they typically include products that individually sell much higher than they do in the value sets.

For those who are Sephora VIB Rouge, VIB or Beauty Insider, this week is the time to stock up on makeup gifts during the VIB sale. There are several holiday gift set options depending on your loved one’s taste and interest. If you’re not quite sure what to pick up, I’ve compiled a list of four value sets at different price points that nearly any beauty enthusiast would be thrilled to receive.

Smashbox Studio to go Lips $10

This set contains a classic red lipstick and a matte lipstick transformer. The shade is fun and universally flattering, plus the matte transformer is a handy tool that most people don’t already own. The contents have a $15 value, so you save a few bucks with the value set. For such a low price point and a well-known brand, this set is the perfect gift for a friend.

Stila Written in the Stars Glitter & Glow Liquid Eye Shadow Set $25

This $45 value set contains three universal shades of Stilla’s liquid glitter eye shadow. These shadows were released earlier this year and were another hit. They’re typically a bit pricey for an item you might not wear often, so the kit gives you an opportunity to try multiple shades at an affordable price. Plus, just the need for small amounts of the product in application, the small tubes will last most people well into the new year.

Sephora Favorites Lashstash $48

The Sephora Favorites kit typically present the best bang for your buck. For the mascara lover, this year’s whopping $132 value kit is definitely the way to go. The kit contains one full size mascara, one pair of lashes, and eight deluxe size mascaras. All of the products are from loved brands and some of the deluxe sizes are actually generous portions. This kit will allow your loved one to discover the right mascara to meet their needs.

Kat Von D Saint & Sinner Eyeshadow Palette $62

In terms of holiday eye shadow palettes, Kat Von D typically releases the most creative, well-formulated and vibrant shows in its price range. This year is no exception. The Saint and Sinner Palette promises high quality and a shade range that will please the most vibrant personalities or those who tend to stick with neutrals. A lot of holiday shadow palettes sacrifice quality for quantity, but Kat Von D does not cut corners. It’s retailing for $62 and in my opinion, well worth every penny.

Television Review | Stranger Things

Stranger Things hooks audiences in interesting ways

The popular Netflix show draws many parallels to the original Dungeons and Dragons

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The second season of Stranger Things uses a variety of tactics to capture the audience’s attention in an endearing way. The first notable method that the first season uses to accomplish this is the parallels drawn between the protagonists’ Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) campaign and the events of the “real world.” This is toned down a degree in the second season and instead classes are assigned to the characters and then tension is created by getting the balance of the party (for the ill-versed, a D&D party generally requires a wide range of characters, each bringing their own unique gifts to the group). This would be an excellent secondary plot device, if they hadn’t screwed it up.

Let’s start with some background information. The second season takes place in October and November of 1984. At that time, the only edition of D&D that had been released other than the original was the Advanced version. In both of these editions, four out of five of the assigned classes check out: Mike the paladin, Will the cleric, Dustin the bard, and Lucas the ranger. Eleven’s class choice, mage, leaves something to be desired. There is no mention of a mage class in the original version, with all magic users being thrust into a generic “magic-user” class, aside from illusionists, who get their own separate class.

Additionally, in the original Gary Gygax provides a list of all the magic using classes, ranging from medium to wizard, and mage does not appear on the list. The mage is also excluded from the Advanced edition. It’s easy to say that the boys just improvised and slapped a traditional magic-wielding label on a class, but they seem like they took their D&D seriously and would stay true to Gygax’s ruleset.

This isn’t the end of my problems with Eleven’s characterization. Traditionally, mages and wizards derive their power from years of studying the arcane arts. I don’t believe this is the case with Eleven. From the flashbacks we get throughout the show, it seems far more likely that she has some inborn magical ability that is enhanced by her time at Hawkins Laboratory.

According to the most recent edition of D&D (fifth edition), the presence of such an innate connection to magic is the mark of a sorcerer. In the fifth edition, there is a mechanic in the sorcerer class which allows for levitation while casting spells. Eleven does something of this sort in the latter episodes of season two, providing more evidence that the Duffer brothers modeled her more off of a sorcerer than a proto-typical mage.

This is fine, but wouldn’t the characters know this? The sorcerer is mentioned in both the Advanced and original guides, and I highly doubt that they wouldn’t be aware of this. They’re massive nerds who can spend 10 hours on a single session and I would bet they could recite most of the guide from memory. It doesn’t make sense for them to have made such a large error.

D&D has been making a comeback recently. It’s a wonderful game that promotes creativity, quick thinking and bonding with friends and family. The fact that a popular show uses D&D in such a prominent role is incredible boost to the community, and is a great normalizing factor for an activity viewed as “nerdy” or “fringe.” This whole column is extremely nitpicky of me, and the Duffer Brothers have, wholistically, created an amazing show. They were just so close to perfection.
How to Have a Proper “Pitsgiving”

Every year, the Pit hosts a holiday-themed day full of festive fun. In preparation for the big day, The Old Gold Black is sharing some tips that will help everyone have a better “Pitsgiving.”

1. Get a group of people and create a spreadsheet

Since you can’t be in the Pit all day, due to classes, meetings and bathroom breaks, you need to make a plan of action. Grab a group of friends and create a sign-up sheet of shifts in order to keep control of the table all day. As long as a few of you are there, you all can rotate in and out while maintaining control of the scarce number of seats on the most crowded day of the year. Often times clubs and other organizations will establish a system to ensure having a table.

2. Bring decorations

You’ll see groups of people show up with table cloths (to mark their territory), and other fall decorations to make the Pit seem even more homey and festive. Feel free to do the same — create as festive an environment as you want. Sometimes, people will even put up a video of a fireplace on their computers to add to the cozy environment. Pitsgiving really is a transformative day for the Pit. There is better food, more people and more decorations.

3. Bring homework

While you wait for your friends to come in from class, utilize the “dead” time and get some work done over a cup of hot cider. Since Pitsgiving is that good, you might be sitting in the Pit all day. So don’t be afraid to do some homework in between courses — after all, eating Thanksgiving food and studying sounds like a pretty great combination. This is one of those times where it is acceptable to go back for rounds and rounds of courses. Plus several desserts.

4. Be courteous of others

While it is a “competition” to get a table and keep aloof of it for as long as possible, Pitsgiving is not a day to be rude. If someone asks for a chair, don’t be rude and say no. Remember that we are all Deacs and this is a day to be thankful and giving. So don’t ruin their fun for the sake of your own. You could even invite some stragglers who can’t find seats to join you and your friends for a little — the more people to be thankful the merrier, right?

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