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"Covers the campus like the magnolias"

University evaluates Pro-Humanitate commitment

By Ken Meyer | Asst. news editor

The Committee on Student Life has designated the week of Jan. 17-21 as "Pro-Humanitate in the Mirror: Living Our Values Week."

The committee designed the week around questions of character and community.

Vice President of Student Life Ken Zick highlighted how the genesis of the week began with the dangerous events of last year's Pledge Night at the Millennium Center. "From there, the idea broadened to larger is-

sues of the student community, and of evaluating the university community ethos," Zick said.

Edward Allen, chair of the committee, added that the week spawned from

events occurring nationwide over the last year including cyber-bullying and Pledge Night

fatalities on other campuses. "We are very concerned that the university as a community is losing its small school feel. We want to maintain and foster that feeling, or we're going to lose it," Allen said.

With those concerns in mind, the committee aimed for each day of the week to tackle a different topic with events meant to bring students, faculty and staff together in discussion.

On Jan. 17, a program held annually and jointly sponsored by the university and by Winston-Salem State University will

celebrate Martin Luther King Day.

Occurring this year at Winston-Salem State University, the observance will feature its jazz band and gospel choir among other groups.

Student Life planned the day around the topic of "Creating Inclusive Environments," and encourages all students to attend.

On Jan. 18, the committee will bring the leaders of student organizations to a dinner held at 6 p.m. in Benson University Center featuring Will Keim, a

motivational speaker who has visited the university previously.

Table discussions between the student leaders and members of the faculty and staff will follow the lecture and will aim to

tackle the topic of honor. Allen promised that the low ratio of faculty to students will make

the whole event extremely conducive to dialogue."

On Jan. 19, a discussion on the topic of "Self-Respect and Self-Care" will be held in Brendle Auditorium. All students pledging a fraternity or sorority this semester will be required to attend.

On Jan. 20, the Resident Advisors will hold a program, designed by Meredith-Leigh Pleasants, for freshmen about "Caring for People and Respecting Others."

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TOYOTA PROTECTS DEACONS



Graphic By Ken Meyer/Old Gold & Black

By Chris Earle | Staff writer

What do Brandon Stokley, Heath Miller, Sidney Rice, Brett Favre, and Aaron Rodgers have in common?

If you guessed that all five players are famed NFL stars, you've only scratched the surface. These five individuals represent a small sample of prominent players sidelined with diagnosed concussions as a result of head trauma incurred on the gridiron.

Concussions and their enduring effects on athletes have become a growing concern in the last few years, causing dramatic action by high ranking NFL officials, including Commissioner Roger Goodell. Players now face increased fines and penalty yardage for head-to-head tackles, a controversial prospect for more traditional fans.

Regardless of your personal opinion concerning the new league regulations, the issue of head trauma and its dangerous consequences remains a serious issue in the realm of athletics.

The university's Center for Injury Biomechanics, in recognizing the benefits of averting cranium damage, has taken steps to further research analytical methods and preventative measures.

The Center, headed by Joel Stitzel, has worked diligently to apply Toyota Motor Company's advanced crash-test model technologies to the field of sports-related head injury.

The university is able to access such groundbreaking knowledge and information via Toyota's newest campaign, "Ideas for Good."

In a company news release, Toyota addressed the promotion, calling it "a unique initiative centered on what the company has been doing for

many years — repurposing its innovative automotive technology to benefit society in the non-automotive space."

In other words, Toyota has generously expanded access to its technologies in hopes of matriculating valuable insight into other facets of society.

Toyota, in hoping to stimulate and promote their new campaign, has put forth a 30-second television advertisement, citing the university's Center for Injury Biomechanics as a pioneer in utilizing Toyota technology for the betterment of society.

The cornerstone of university research, according to the commercial, emanates from Toyota's T.H.U.M.S. (Total Human Model for Safety) software.

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Outside the Bubble...

Suspect charged for Giffords' attempted murder

Following the Jan. 8 assassination attempt of U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and fatal shooting spree, federal prosecutors brought charges against the gunman. The shooting took place outside of a Tucson, Ariz. supermarket during the first "Congress on your Corner" event of the new year. Suspect Jared Loughner was found to be hiding written assassination plans in his home. Prosecutors were able to bring charges against the man after searching his residence and obtaining the envelope containing the plans.

Giffords suffered a gunshot wound to the head, while six people were killed and fourteen others were injured. Giffords is being treated at Tucson's University Medical Center.

Facebook examines suicide threat alert system

On Christmas day, Simone Back, 42, of Brighton, England, made a post on her Facebook account stating she had taken a fatal amount of pills and would soon be dead. It was not until 17 hours had passed that her mother received notification of her post and alerted police, who found her dead in her apartment. Friends commented on her post, but did not take action. As a result of such an incident, Facebook and the National Council of Suicide Prevention are collaborating to refine suicide prevention protocols. Facebook hopes to receive reports from a user through a queue and alert the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which reaches out to the individual.

Local student dies after crash on icy road

A Reagan High School student being treated at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center after a crash suffered Jan. 6 passed away on Jan. 9. The 18-year-old student, Nick Doub, was driving on Balsam Road when his SUV slid on ice, rolled over and struck a tree. Prayer services were held over the weekend by classmates and concerned others while he remained in critical condition.

Haiti survivor reunited with doctor who saved her life

Jenny Alexis, a two-month-old, was given a chance at life when she was recovered from debris after living four days alone after the Haiti earthquake. Jenny was brought to a makeshift hospital in the area and treated by American doctor, Karen Schneider. Jenny was then airlifted to a facility in Miami for further treatment. After one year of concern, Schneider reached out to Jenny's mother to plan a reunion during a layover in Miami. Parents of the child were happy to inform the doctor that Jenny is a healthy toddler despite the head trauma she suffered.

App helps children with speech disability

By Hilary Burns | Staff writer

Individuals across the country are beginning to seek the benefits of an iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad application created in the summer of 2010 by Victor Pauca, professor of computer science at the university, and his students. The application seeks to help people with communication disabilities.

Pauca said the application, called Verbal Victor, is an augmentative and alternative communication software system that helps individuals with emerging communication skills. Pauca explained that Verbal Victor enables children and individuals with emerging communication skills to communicate by allowing caregivers and parents to record phrases to go with specific actions. These become "buttons" on the

screen, which children can touch when they want to communicate.

"For example, when a picture of a swing is touched, the device will say, 'I want to go swing outside,'" Pauca said.

Verbal Victor helps those with Pitt Hopkins Syndrome, a genetic disorder that causes children to develop at a much slower rate, according to chromosome18.org. Individuals with this disease have trouble speaking and understanding language, so Verbal Victor works to help this learning process by matching phrases with images.

Verbal Victor was created as a class project in Pauca's Object-Oriented Software Engineering course. Three computer science graduate students, Tommy Guy, Edison Munoz and

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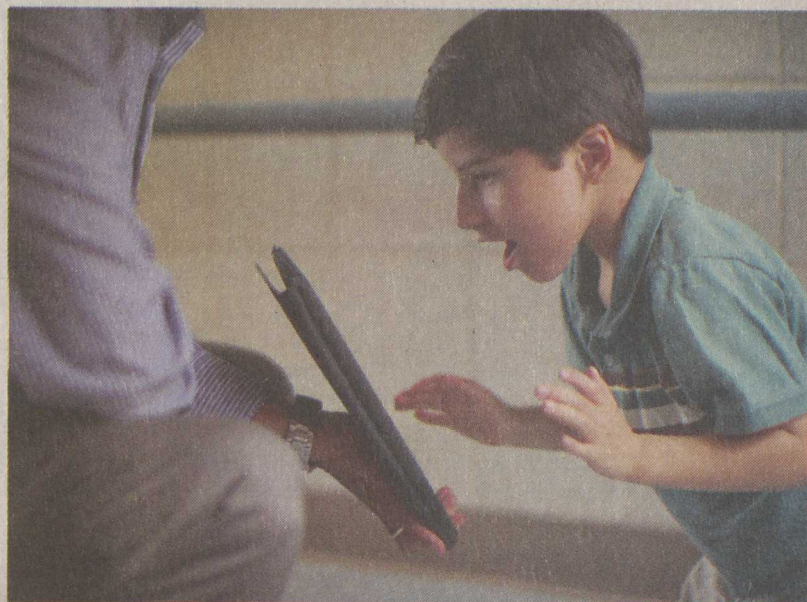


Photo courtesy of WFU/Ken Bennett

Professor Pauca test drives the Verbal Victor application, designed to help children with Pitt Hopkins Syndrome.

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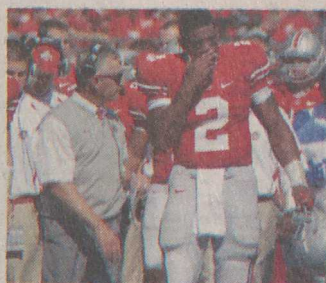
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Faculty recital promises to keep audience "On The Edge"

Brendle Recital Hall in Scales will hold the faculty recital "On The Edge." Sponsored by the music department, the recital will feature music professors Janine Hawley and Jacqui Carrasco accompanied by faculty members from both the University of North Carolina School of Arts and Winston-Salem State University. The recital will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 14. Admission to the event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Joanna Porter at porterjb@wfu.edu.

Tournament to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr.

The 13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Basketball Tournament is sponsored by Campus Recreation and Multicultural Affairs. The tournament features teams from institutions such as Winston-Salem State University, UNC-Greensboro, NC A&T State University, Johnson C. Smith University, Shaw University and UNC-Charlotte.

The tournament will begin at 11 a.m. and continue until 8 p.m. in Reynolds Gym on Jan. 15. For more information, contact Anthony Williams at williaaj@wfu.edu.

Students to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. at W-S State

In the spirit of celebrating the memory and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., the university's Multicultural Affairs and Student Activities (WSSU) will co-host, along with Winston-Salem State University, this 11th annual joint event. The celebration will feature keynote speaker Roland S. Martin, a journalist and television commentator. Martin is the 2008 winner of the NAACP Image Award for Best Interview for his work featuring President Obama. Also recognized at this program will be the winners of this year's "MLK Building the Dream" award.

The program will be held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 17 in K.R. Williams Auditorium of Winston-Salem State University. For more information regarding the event, contact Darlene Starnes at starnedd@wfu.edu.

GospelFest features internationally renowned artist Tribbett

The 6th Annual MLK GospelFest will feature Tye Tribbett, an internationally renowned gospel artist who recently released an album titled "Fresh." GospelFest will take place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Jan. 16 in Brendle Recital Hall. Students are free with valid ID and general admission is \$5.

Simmons explores possible food sources in lecture

The Professional Development Center will sponsor a discussion titled Nutrition & Carbohydrates: Get the Scoop on Your Body's Preferred Source of Fuel. The facilitator will be Courtney Anne Simmons, a clinical dietitian. Topics to be discussed include low-carb diets, whole grains, fiber and simple sugars. The lecture is open to all members of the university community and will take place from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. on Jan. 18 in classroom 1 of the University Services building.

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Susan Harlan: English

By Lindsey Campagne | Staff Writer

With her doctorate and master's degree from New York University, her master's degree from the University of London and a bachelor's degree from Columbia University, the English department has been pleased to welcome assistant professor Susan Harlan.

Harlan arrived in Winston-Salem directly after earning her Ph.D. in English literature in August of last year. "I was looking for a university that places a strong emphasis on undergraduate education but also supports scholarship," Harlan said.

Her research primarily focuses on examining Shakespeare, and militarism and war in early modern English literature. Additionally, Harlan explores how battlefield violence is staged and how war is remembered in Renaissance literature. It was her study at the University of London that directed Harlan into her extensive look at Renaissance literature. "I worked with a lot of early theater materials — documents that concerned how the public theaters operated in the 16th century and how these

conditions and practices formed the plays," Harlan said. She believes the theater has always understood the importance of objects and material culture. For example, the props and dress used in theater contribute to character construction.

"I didn't want to be a theater historian per se, but I loved being exposed to those texts, and I knew that I would come back to the states and get my doctorate."

Harlan's courses range in subject from a first-year writing seminar on material culture, to a course on the meaning of a soldier to upper level Shakespeare.

Publications of her work have been featured in *Early Theater* and *The Wordsworth Circle* journals and have been topics of presentations she has delivered across the U.S.

Harlan recently co-coordinated and chaired a panel called "War, Literature, and Memory" at the Modern Language Association Convention in Los Angeles. "The study of war literature often focuses on the narratives of solitary soldiers, and we wanted to think about how war is communally

remembered and what challenges attend this undertaking," Harlan said.

Harlan also began a film series this year: Celluloid Shakespeare. "The series is my way of engaging with cultural artifacts outside of the classroom and thinking about how canonical texts are read and reread over the years by directors and actors," Harlan said. She hopes to get more students involved in the series.

The university classroom is not the only place she has brought literature to the minds of students. Harlan ran a poetry reading group at the local Children's Home last year. The children then had informal conversations about the readings.

"I just wanted to get the kids to engage with the language and to think about how the poems might make them view their own lives differently," Harlan said. "We did everything from Edgar Allan Poe to Shel Silverstein to Guillaume Apollinaire's calligrammes."

In addition to this semester's courses, Harlan's work this year has focused, from a military view-

point, on the relationship between memory and history.

Specifically, she is researching the place of war in comedy and it means to let loose a pack of turned soldiers in a civic space, obligate them to engage in a labor of social labor — the labor of writing, the labor of comedy — stands in opposition to the war the soldier.

To further her research and contribute to a book she is writing, Harlan hopes to explore the use of military collections found in Brown University Library and the British Library this summer.

If not examining Renaissance literature, military dress or delivery presentations on her work, you can find Harlan attending the department walking in the Reynolda woods traveling throughout the state of North Carolina.

If you are looking for a stimulating Shakespearean work to read into, Harlan recommends *Othello*. "It is a great first play to read because it is very short and very easy. It is a fabulous play about language and the violence one can do to language as well as to subjects."

John Turner/Courtesy

T.H.U.M.S.: New helmets seek to decrease head trauma

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"(The program) actually has a lot of the components of the human body," Kerry Danelson, a university graduate student, said.

"We can essentially take it apart, and look at how different parts of the body are affected by certain impacts."

The commercial, along with providing a brief overview of the T.H.U.M.S. program, details how the university has employed this system to study and work to decrease sports-related head trauma.

In the commercial, Stitzel claims that "T.H.U.M.S. was originally developed to look at bird crash injuries, or injuries people get when they're in crashes."



Summers

He goes on to say, "We've used T.H.U.M.S. in football, and looking at the design of helmets, and the safety of the brain during helmeted impacts."

Colin Summers, a freshman offensive lineman on the university's football team, claims that each player uses only one helmet for both practices and games.

"There are several helmets that a player can choose from. Sometimes, a helmet is chosen based on its looks, but ultimately it's for protection," Summers said. Summers overcame a concussion in high school to become a top recruit for

the university's freshman class in 2010. He goes on to suggest that the team's coaches take helmet safety and head-related injuries quite seriously.

"I know so much emphasis is placed on protecting players from concussions that new technology for helmets is being produced rapidly. When there is a problem with any of our helmets, we go see our Head Equipment Manager, Demetrius Gibson, or any of the other managers, and they immediately fix it," Summers said.

New-fangled helmets equipped with inventive designs are indeed being produced at a rapid pace. These designs promise to ensure the highest possible level of safety for all players on the football field.

University researchers, however, believe the most effective helmet models will enter develop-

ment once more extensive research is conducted on the mysterious nature of head trauma.

In a segment released by Toyota, Danelson states, "Once we know how people get hurt, then we can help better protect them."

In a sport where impact a collision place, the threat of injury looms ominously for both parents and players alike.

Danelson sympathizes with these concerns, saying, "Someday my sons might play football and I think better understanding how a person might get hurt would allow me to feel more comfortable."

This sentiment characterizes the major goal of both university researchers and Toyota's "Ideas for Good" campaign: making our world a safer, more informed place.

Evaluate:

How shall we live together?

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Posters on the walls in the residence hall lounges will ask questions centering around this central theme, and the RAs will guide their residents through discussion on how the university community should interact.

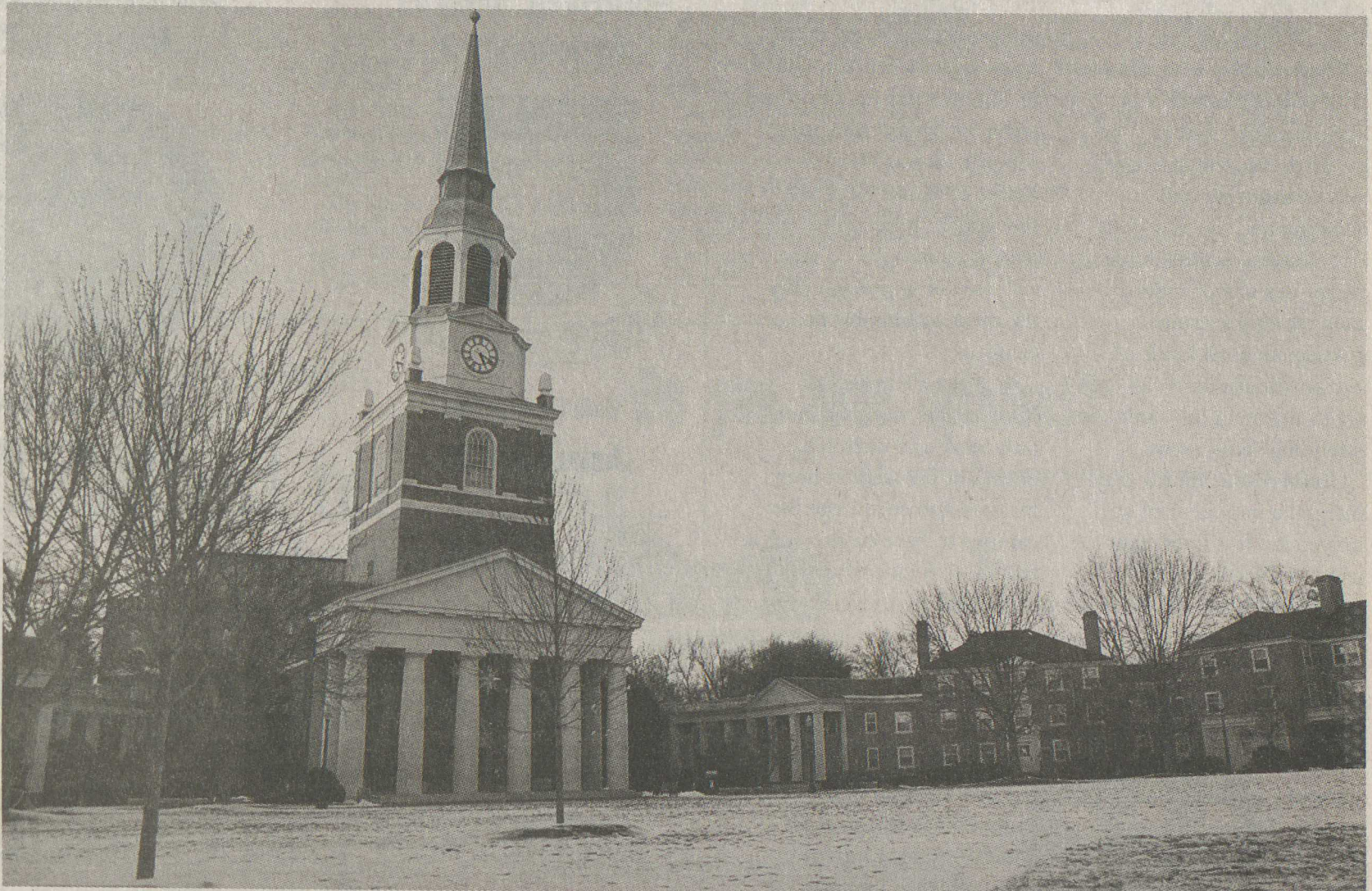
Faculty and staff have been invited to this event.

On Jan. 21, the week will conclude with the topic of "What is a Community?" as Greek organizations hold their Pledge Night. Held on campus this year, the semi-formal function will take place in a tent erected on the Magnolia Quad patio.

"Though the night is primarily for the Greek organizations, all students are welcome to attend as long as they dress properly," Allen said.

As the week approaches and unfolds, Zick encourages all students, faculty and staff to consider a quotation from Leo Tolstoy. Zick quoted the week as attempting to answer question, "So how shall we live?"

WINTER WEATHER FORCES CLOSURES



Rachel Cameron/Old Gold & Black

Despite plows and shovels working diligently around the clock, a mixture of snow and ice closed campus on Jan. 11 and canceled all classes before 10 a.m. on Jan. 12.

App: Professor gives voice to disabled

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Pauca

According to Pauca, Guy and undergraduate student, Brad McDanel, received internship support from the Office of Entrepreneurship during the summer of 2010 to com-

plete Verbal Victor. As the students worked on the application throughout the semester, it was tested on students at the Children's Center for the Physically Disabled.

The application has been a success and is starting to be used by many children with development disabilities. "This is a wonderful and satisfying outcome for us," Pauca said. According to Pauca,

the students involved in creating Verbal Victor have been satisfied with knowing they are contributing to the betterment of society."

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Victor Pauca
Professor of computer science

the students involved in creating Verbal Victor have been satisfied with knowing they are contributing to the betterment of society in the spirit of Wake Forest's motto, Pro Humanitate.

Pauca aspires to create other applications to aid those with disabilities. "There is a great need for affordable communication and other specialized tools that take

advantage of current technology to simplify the interface between computers and people with disabilities," Pauca said.

According to the *Winston-Salem Journal*, top of the line devices designed to help individuals with disabilities can cost thousands of dollars.

This iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad application, on the other hand, is now sold for ten dollars in Apple Inc.'s App Store. Pauca concluded saying that this application is truly a great way to make a difference at an inexpensive cost to families with children suffering from Pitt Hopkins Syndrome.

The Week's Events

- Jan. 17: Creating Inclusive Environments
MLK Celebration at Winston-Salem State University
- Jan. 18: Honor
Will Keim Dinner in Benson 201
- Jan. 19: Self-Respect; Self-Care
Pledge Discussion in Brendle Auditorium
- Jan. 20: Caring For People: Respecting Others
RA Freshmen Program in Residence Halls
- Jan. 21: What is a community?
Pledge Night on the Mag Quad

Athletic Santas bring cheer to Winston-Salem kids



Photo courtesy of Julie Griffin

Children with new toys surround a costumed Matt Woodlief, a senior linebacker on the football team.



Photo courtesy of Julie Griffin

Student-athlete volunteers wrap presents before the Santas distribute them to the community.

Santa's Helper program provides toys to underprivileged families

By Samantha Hoback | Staff writer

As the majority of students counted down the days until winter break, looking forward to a month without classes and homework, many student-athletes were busy preparing for a different aspect of the holidays.

Since 1986, student-athletes from the football and volleyball teams, among others, have been spreading Christmas cheer in the Winston-Salem community before heading home for the holidays. Chip Rives, a former Demon Deacon football player, and Robert Egleston, a university alum, worked together to found Santa's Helpers, a program in which student-athletes become Santa's elves, wrapping presents and delivering gifts to children in less fortunate families in the area.

"Santa's Helpers is the single best opportunity student-athletes have to reach the public effectively," senior volleyball player Lauren McIntyre said.

This year, Santa's Helpers celebrated its 25th anniversary, delivering \$20,000 worth of toys to almost 800 children in over 200 homes in Winston-Salem. "What makes Santa's Helpers unique is

that each child is visited by Santa and elves and receives two wrapped presents with their names on them that are age and gender appropriate and chosen for them," Julie Griffin, CHAMPS/Life Skills Coordinator for the athletic department, said.

Through Santa's Helpers, student-athletes experience first-hand the meaning of the adage, "It is better to give than to receive."

"To brighten the children and parents' day, just once a year, is a great way to encourage student-athletes to transform this gift of kindness into a year-round duty," McIntyre said.

Junior Cambrey Oehler, McIntyre's teammate on the volleyball team, has participated in Santa's Helpers for the last two years.

"This program is important because it allows student-athletes to become involved in the community," Oehler said. "It is so easy to get wrapped up in school work and sports, and I love that Santa's Helpers allows athletes to give back to the community and be positive role models for the children that we interact with."

It is not just the student-athletes and children that Santa's Helpers affects.

"I've seen parents cry knowing the presents our athletes are bringing will be the only Christmas gifts their children have," Griffin said.

"I've seen the countless hugs Santa gets whenever he hops out of his sleigh-SUV in a neighborhood."

It may not be the real Santa, but members of the football team, including juniors Joseph Looney and Ryan Britt, and seniors Matt Woodlief and Lee Malchow, make very convincing St. Nicks.

"It is a beacon of hope for those families to strive for absolute greatness," McIntyre said.

"It is a real joy to see how much happiness we can bring into these families' lives."

Community service has no season; there is never a time when there is someone without need. But during Christmas time student-athletes put Pro-Humanitate into practice. Even if that means giving up a few days of winter break.

"We've had athletes stay over two or three days after exams just to experience the joy in helping others," Griffin said.

The program continues to grow and touch more and more families around the area.

Each winter, Santa's Helpers put aside their football helmets and volleyball uniforms to work towards an important cause: the gift of giving.

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

Pro Humanitate week will inspire all

The university will be engaging in a series of Pro Humanitate events across campus next week, starting on Jan. 17.

We think this is a great way to promote philanthropic endeavors on campus. The events are a great, positive way to begin the new semester and the new year.

It is easy to momentarily forget our school's motto as we study for exams, participate in all kinds of extracurricular activities and try to maintain our sanity by attending social events.

However, our motto is an integral component of our university. It is important for us to sustain the mentality of Pro Humanitate throughout our collegiate careers.

Additionally, this week is beneficial to the student body because it promotes campus-wide philanthropy.

Starting on Jan. 17, a joint event is being held with Winston-Salem State in celebration of Martin Luther King Day, with jazz and gospel performances.

Jan. 18 will consist of a dinner with leaders of student organizations and professors, focused on discussing the importance of honor.

Jan. 19's events concern respect, with a discussion tailored to all students who are currently pledging a sorority or fraternity.

First year students will have their own program on Jan. 20, with RAs holding hall meetings regarding respecting and caring for others.

The week will end with Pledge Night on the Mag Quad, following a campus-wide discussion about the importance of community. While this event is mostly for students involved in Greek organizations, anyone is invited to attend.

At times, the campus can become segmented. With such a prominent Greek life, and each chapter with its own unique philanthropy events, it can be hard for non-Greeks to fully participate. However, when we have events on campus such as Hit the Bricks or Wake 'N Shake, the student body unites for a worthy cause.

These events are arguably the most memorable on campus.

We hope that this Pro Humanitate week will not only serve as a week-long unifier of the student body, but will also encourage the campus to have events such as this more frequently.

Over the past several years, there has been a significant effort to revitalize the Pro Humanitate spirit on campus.

One such way has been the introduction of the "Pro Humanitate Honor Roll," which rewards students for their efforts to promote the motto.

In order to qualify for the Honor Roll, a student must log at least 50 hours of service in the current semester.

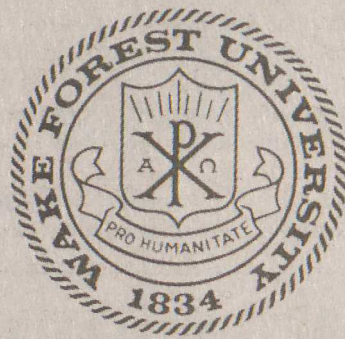
Rewards for doing so include service awards, an end-of-the-year banquet, and perhaps most importantly, a mention in the *Old Gold & Black*.

While we applaud those involved with this new program for their dedication to Pro Humanitate, we feel that it is impossible to quantify one's Pro Humanitate contributions and therefore the system is not ideal.

We think that this Pro Humanitate week will be more beneficial in encouraging the spirit of our university's motto for all students.

How does Wake Forest stack up? | Facts and Figures

First day of second semester



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January 12



Yale University
January 10



University of Maryland
January 24



Boston College
January 18

Discovering the Right Solution | Constructive Criticism

Arizona tragedy crosses party lines



Seth Williford
Senior columnist

Like most Americans, I was stunned Saturday when I awoke, belatedly, to the news that Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords had been viciously assaulted. Giffords was hosting an event in Tucson titled "Congress on Your Corner," an occasion meant to give Giffords' constituents an opportunity to communicate and connect with their representative. While Giffords was making herself available to her constituents, something that is essential to a functioning republic, a gunman opened fire on Giffords and the crowd.

At the time of writing, Giffords remains in critical condition, having sustained a gunshot wound to the head. Six were killed, and another dozen were wounded.

I don't need to tell you that this is a terrible, terrible tragedy. Unfortunately, before the dust had settled, and while Giffords' condition was still unknown, fingers were already being pointed.

The name that appeared the most was Sarah Palin, who drew criticism during the 2010 election for a map of competitive congressional elections, marked on the map with crosshairs, one of which was that of Congresswoman Giffords. However, it is irresponsible to immediately assume that this rhetoric inflamed the assailant to action, particularly when there was no knowledge whatsoever of the gunman's intent and inspiration.

While the map may not have been the most politically correct, we cannot go around censoring all use of gun-related rhetoric. Too often we use phrases that evoke violent or war-like situations, but they are colloquialisms that are so overused that they cause no rise in the public.

Regardless of party, I prefer a dialogue in this country that is less combative and more constructive. Democrats and Republicans are both guilty of using their political opponents as punching bags, ignoring the fact that, more often than not, our representatives are in the public arena for the right reasons. Just because we have political opponents does not mean that these people are our enemies.

The bipartisan reading of the Constitution last week was a very powerful moment to me, and was indicative to me that we

are capable of putting aside personal rhetoric in favor of a conversation focused on policy. That does not mean we shouldn't argue when we disagree, but we should be arguing about policy and process rather than harsh personal attacks.

Having said my piece, we have learned in the days following the shooting that the culprit was detached. Jared Loughner had an obsession with Giffords dating back to before the 2010 elections, and before the more heated political environment. Some of his favorite books on Facebook included Hitler's *Mein Kampf*, and Karl Marx's *Communist Manifesto*, indicating someone who was obsessed with anti-government arguments, not necessarily based on Giffords' congressional record more specifically. His strange comments on various social media outlets indicate a belief that the government is using mind control over the populace, namely by controlling grammar.

Clearly, Loughner was disturbed and his political views were dilapidated,

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and not directed at any particular policies, only at the government in general. This is not a function of the right or left, only of someone detached from reality.

As awful as this situation is, it is also an obvious opportunity for us to rally together after a heinous and heartwrenching event. While this is terrible, we can also be proud to point out the fact that this is not a regular event in our country.

While candidates in countries with less stable democracies sometimes fear for their life every event they attend, we are blessed with a country that solves its problems, in response to Malcolm X, through the ballot, not the bullet. In fact, the last time a member of Congress was killed was in 1978, when Congressman Leo Ryan was killed just before the Jonestown Massacre.

Thankfully, Congresswoman Giffords survived this senseless attack, and we all hope for a swift and complete recovery for a woman who has been roundly praised for her enthusiasm to serve her constituents and her country.

We can only hope that our legislators will not be fazed by this isolated incident, and will instead be emboldened to engage their constituents, and carefully flout those who would cheapen our republic with such violence.

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Submissions

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- **Paris police's Head of Communications Xavier Castaing**, explaining why Facebook has become such an important tool for the police; citizens can go to the Paris police force's Twitter or Facebook page and provide information to help solve hit-and-run cases

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"Due to the mixed feelings among residents, the police request that the 30-year-old man inform them when he takes (the tigers) on walks, even when it's only the small cub."

- **A statement from the Berlin police**, which states that an employee of a Russian circus group is allowed to take his tigers on walks while in Berlin, but he must inform the police first.

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- **Leipzig, Germany, zoo spokeswoman Maria Saegbarth**, commenting on how the arrival of Heidi the cross-eyed opossum to the Leipzig zoo has become Germany's biggest media sensation at the moment; Heidi came from a zoo in Denmark.

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The media can't be blamed for societal issues

TV shows serve to expose problems in American society



Hannah Werthan
Opinion editor

The United States is a nation that represents vastly different things to different people. For some, the mention of the word "America" inspires a deep sense of patriotism. For others, America symbolizes hope and the prospect of success. And, for plenty of foreigners, America now has a bad reputation. Sure, our politics are often criticized by European nations; however, a lot of the stereotypes for Americans are social stereotypes. We are criticized for being fat and lazy — and that is based on some

factual evidence, given our obesity rates. We are also criticized for being downright trashy, and the origin of that stereotype is harder to pinpoint. However, one major reason that some give for our emerging "trashy" stereotype, aside from our behavior abroad, is our reality TV.

There are a few questions we could ask when examining this problem. One could write books that explore just one aspect of this issue.

Since I don't have time for that, I will be sharing my point of view on MTV's smash hits *16 and Pregnant* and *Teen Mom*.

These MTV shows are admittedly often on in my apartment on Tuesday nights.

We watch these shows because they are guilty pleasures for us. They make us feel better about our stressful Work Forest lives. At least we are only balancing academics with extracurricular activities and our social calendars.

There is no child in our lives, and we are thankful for the ability to mature some more before we have kids of our own.

Are these shows merely a guilty pleasure or are they severely damaging to us as Americans and

our reputation abroad? For some, *16 and Pregnant* could inspire other 16-year-old Americans to get pregnant so they have a shot at being on TV as well.

The Lifetime original movie *The Pregnancy Pact* illustrates the problems that can arise when teen pregnancy is falsely

glamorized. In the movie, a group of girls from the same high school decide to make a pact that they will all try to get pregnant at the same time. They honestly thought it would be a good idea to be a teenage parent.

What does this say about American society? Is *16 and Pregnant* fueling this desire?

According to livestrong.com, America has the highest rate of teen pregnancy in the industrialized world.

One-third of American women will become pregnant before the age of 20. As it turns out, *16 and Pregnant* and *Teen Mom* are exposing

a true problem in the United States. Perhaps we didn't want the world to know of our teen pregnancy issues, but the facts speak for themselves.

I believe that shows such as *16 and Pregnant* actually scare more teenagers into exploring safe sex options. The show does not pretend that it is easy to be 16 and pregnant. In fact, the show reveals some devastating potential consequences of teen pregnancy, ranging from having to drop out of school to being kicked out of the

house. As Americans, we need to realize that these shows are not necessarily the cause of our, at times subpar, reputation. We are known for our teen pregnancy rates not just because of these shows but because studies show that we do have the highest teen pregnancy rates in the industrial world. If anything, these shows serve to educate teenagers on how to have safe sex.

Why aren't all teenagers learning this in school? Our major problem is that we do not have enough sex education in our schools. This is outrageous.

From an economic standpoint, paying for adequate sex education in all public schools should lower the amount of welfare we have to pay to these teen mothers and their children.

I'm not saying that every teen mom is on welfare; however, a large percentage of them are.

Yes, America faces plenty of challenges, and teen pregnancy may seem minor by comparison.

However, teen pregnancy is also an issue that we can begin to solve relatively easily. It's time to stop blaming *16 and Pregnant* and *Teen Mom* for our teenage pregnancy problems.

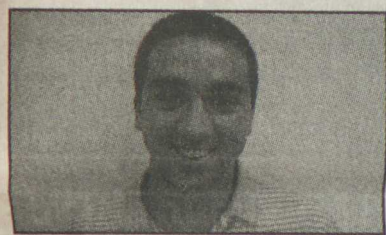
We can begin to try and fix the rising numbers of pregnant teenagers, and help our reputation abroad a little bit by promoting sex education in our public middle and high schools.

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Resolutions need to come from within

The desire to change should arise internally instead of from societal pressure



Hamlin Wade
Staff columnist

Every year, after the confetti is brushed off the street, after the night clubs have been shut down and after the last couple has finally released from their sappy New Year's Eve embrace, a new thought begins to fill the minds of people around the world.

After the mountainous amounts of food and drink that have been consumed over the holidays, people sit down and set resolutions, determined to prove to the world that they have the ability to take on a new challenge and become a new person in the upcoming year.

Resolutions have never set well with me. Too often I have seen resolutions fail.

The gyms will be packed for the first few weeks of January, only to be vacant by the time Valentine's Day strikes.

Grocery stores will increase their sales of whole food products for a month, only to be replaced by booming sales of chips and candy before spring break.

It seems, more often than not, resolutions fail because people feel obligated to make them. Resolutions are made because society tells us to change, that the new year is a time for reflection and inner-growth.

Resolutions are expected, almost required. At holiday dinners, conversation invariably turns to resolutions, as each guest shares their inflated dreams for the new month.

To be clear, I don't disapprove of making a resolution for a healthier or better you. I think that it is important to be both physically and mentally stable and sound, allowing for the most productive and successful you.

Yet, I think it is more important to change for you, than to change because society demands it. If you are unhappy with your weight or your appearance, don't wait until

the turn of the year to get in shape or change. Change when you wish to change.

Change because YOU want to be a better you, not because of an arbitrary and impractical date.

At this university, we are surrounded by individuals who are in shape, attractive and mentally superior to a large portion of society. We often confuse the men and women at this university for everyday average Americans.

We forget that society is not full of super thin, attractive women and six pack sporting men.

However, if we desire to change, for ourselves, make sure it's just that, for you.

Change because you are unhappy with how you appear or how you feel about yourself. Don't try to conform to the societal mold or the Wake Forest mold.

Don't feel the need to make a resolution to be a new person because your health magazine subscription demands it.

Change because you really are determined to create a better you.

At the university, we often get bogged down by the illusion of normality.

We perceive average in a completely different light than the rest of America. It is important to differentiate between average at the university and American average.

Resolutions shouldn't be a burden.

We shouldn't be determined to change because society demands it.

We should change because we want to change. If we want to change, we should change now.

Don't wait for the new year or a new month.

Every day is a new day; every day is a new opportunity to do something about our perceived problems.

Society shouldn't guide your life and stereotypes at the university shouldn't guide your life either. You should be in the captain's seat and the director of your own life and future. Be your own pilot and steer where you want to steer.

Don't be worried if it is a different path or a different way than those around you. You're in control. You're the only one you need to answer to.

So, as you make out your resolutions this year, make sure it's with the best intentions at heart. And remember, don't change for a new year, but change for a new you.

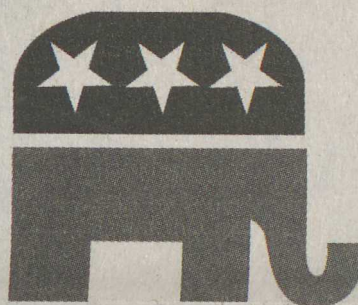
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Lasting change doesn't agree with New Year's

Resolutions are too short — live to make a concrete difference



Renee Slawsky
News editor

Why is it that we only hear the word "resolution" around New Year's? When do you ever hear people say, "I made a resolution last Tuesday?" Probably never.

To only make resolutions on New Year's Day seems rather contradictory. If the goal of a resolution is to make a commitment to improve yourself then why is there only one time of year when you can make that commitment? Doesn't it have to be a year-long commitment in order to actually be an improvement in your actions or habits?

The number is astronomical of people that attempt to spend more time with friends and family or quit smoking for a couple of weeks or do any of their resolutions for any short amount of time. This can be argued to be directly attributed to the lack of a spirit for long-term commitments.

Right before New Year's Day and many a little bit later, the majority of people have the best intentions to uphold their resolutions but that may be simply because of the environment of the holiday and the popularity of making resolutions in general.

While it is not really quantifiable, the number of people who actually stick to their

resolutions, whatever they may be, is probably quite small. The reasons for this general abandonment of New Year's resolutions are not so much of a mystery when put in the context of our ever-changing and never-consistent lives.

This lack of commitment to commitments, and resolutions is indicative of our society of short attention spans.

Diet trends, fashion trends, parenting techniques, popular music, popular television shows, popular celebrities, and so on and so forth all come and go as fast as they arrive, which is very fast and often without explanation.

Our inability as a society to consciously make a decision of our own accord and change something about ourselves goes hand-in-hand with our inability to watch a movie of more than two-and-a-half hours or do anything for an extended amount of time.

The sharp increase in children diagnosed with ADD and ADHD can be a good analogy for why Americans are more or less

incapable of upholding their New Year's resolutions. If any individual truly wants to make a resolution and stick with it, then they would have to overcome the fast-paced carousel of our societal attitudes.

Not that making a resolution and sticking to it is impossible. It just takes a lot of willpower and seriousness.

If I could make a decree, it would be that resolutions should be made maybe at the beginning of every month or biweekly or something like that, not just once a year (furthermore, not when copious amounts of alcohol are usually involved).

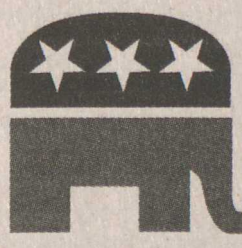
If you truly want to improve yourself or some aspect about you then it should be on your mind constantly, not just during the month of January. That way we could hear the word "resolution" more often.

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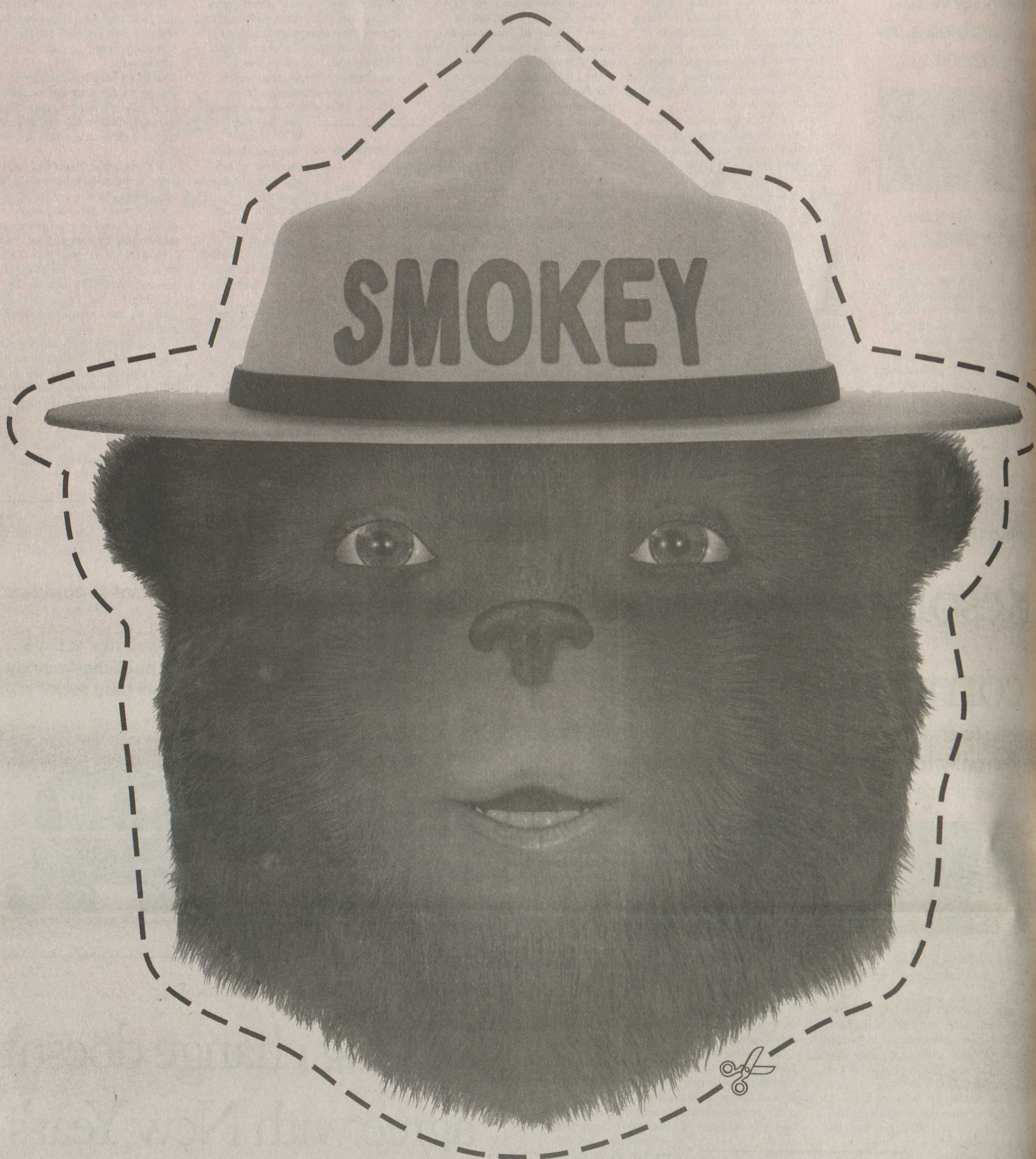
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NATIONAL STAGE

Perfect season finally leads to national title for Auburn

In the much-anticipated matchup of high-powered offenses, defense led the way in the BCS National Championship Game. The No. 1 Auburn Tigers defeated the No. 2 Oregon Ducks 22-19 to win its first national championship since splitting the 1957 title with Ohio State.

Interestingly, this is Auburn's third undefeated season since 1993 but the first to deliver a national title. In 1993, the Tigers went 11-0 but were banned from postseason play due to a probation. In 2004, "War Eagle" got left out in the BCS fold in one of the most controversial seasons in college football history. 12-0 Auburn finished third in the final regular season BCS standings, behind USC and Oklahoma and wound up in the Sugar Bowl. The Tigers eked out a 16-13 win over No. 8 Virginia Tech while the Trojans smashed the Sooners 55-19, winning a championship they would later vacate due to Reggie Bush's NCAA violations.

This year, there was no controversy. Auburn is 13-0 and are the champions of college football.

BY THE NUMBERS

Men's Baseball

95 seasons of Wake Forest Men's Baseball played by the Deacons

4 seniors on the current 35 man roster

2 NCAA College World Series appearances

54 homeruns hit by Wake Forest in 2010

44 double plays turned by the Deacs in 2009

DEAC OF THE WEEK

Wake Forest sophomore basketball player Lakevia Boykin scored a career-high 18 points in the Deacons' 80-59 loss to N.C. State on Jan. 10. She also recorded a career-high four three-pointers in the first half and would add one more in the second.



Boykin

Boykin also had a team-high two steals and added two rebounds. The Raleigh native is now the second leading scorer on the team at 9.7 points per-game and has played more minutes than any other Demon Deacon.

SPORTS WORDS

"By the time you know what to do, you're too old to do it."

Ted Williams
Major League Baseball
Hall-of-Famer

The year of double-standards

By Matt Hayes | Staff writer

This year's college football season has been one of the most exciting ones in recent memory. 2010 opened with a slugfest between Boise State and Virginia Tech, and the fireworks continued as the weather cooled. Stars emerged in Stanford's Andrew Luck, Oklahoma State's Justin Blackmon and Auburn's Cam Newton. Timeless games continued into the postseason with Texas Christian University finishing the season undefeated after a victory over a strong Wisconsin team.

However, while 2010 captivated fans with heartwarming wins and gut-wrenching losses, this season is ending with an asterisk. Scandal and speculation, centered mostly on the programs at Ohio State and Auburn, littered November and December and has continued to fall in the new year.

On Jan. 4, Ohio State defeated Arkansas in the Sugar Bowl thanks to outstanding performances by Terrelle Pryor, Dan Herron and DeVier Posey. Pryor's two touchdown passes and 115 rushing yards earned him MVP honors for the game. Ohio State's win was a nice ending to a disappointing bowl season for the Big Ten, but Arkansas fans complain that the NCAA mishandled a situation that should have resulted in the ineligibility of Pryor, Herron and Posey.

Each player, along with three other individuals, sold memorabilia, such as Big Ten Championship rings, while acting as student athletes — a blatant violation of NCAA policy.

Although the Ohio state players received a suspension for next

season, they were permitted to play in the Sugar Bowl, an obvious move to ensure the game did not lose its luster.

An obvious double standard is being invoked: the NCAA gives preferential treatment to the universities that bring in the big bucks.

Multiple violations are occurring under their noses, and they are turning their backs or constantly dishing out

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W. Basketball tops Hampton at home



John Turner/Old Gold & Black

Freshman Chelsea Douglas plays hard-nosed defense in the Deacons' 62-49 non-conference win over Hampton at the Joel Coliseum on Jan. 6.

By Gary Pasqualicchio | Asst. sports editor

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Coming off an 8-7 start to the regular season, the Wake Forest women's basketball team closed the non-conference portion of their schedule with a 62-49 win over Hampton on Jan. 6 at the Joel and opened ACC play with an 80-59 road loss to N.C. State on Jan. 10.

In their ninth win of the season, the Lady Deacs were led by senior forward Brittany Waters who grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds to go with 15 points. Waters got off to a slow start against the Pirates turning the ball over twice in the first ten minutes. But with her team trailing 9-7, the 6-foot-1 Orlando, Fla., native went on the attack, getting to the foul line and splitting a pair.

The Pirates hit two three-pointers to grab a 15-12 lead at the six minute mark of the first half, but were

silenced by back-to-back triples from sophomore center Sandra Garcia to give the Deacs an 18-15 lead they would not relinquish.

Waters' jumper extended the Lady Deacs' lead to 26-20 before Hampton's Nicole Hamilton hit a three at the end of the half to cut the lead to 26-23 at intermission. Waters continued to attack the basket in the second half, hitting a layup to give her team an 11 point lead, 44-

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Is losing a new Deacon tradition?

By Nick Saponara | Contributing writer

"When I arrived at Wake Forest, it was a basketball school. When I left, it was a football school. Now, it's neither," tweeted Tom Haberstroh, Wake Forest alum and ESPN basketball writer.

This tweet was prompted by a 1-2 start to the basketball season, including home losses to Stetson and a 21-point embarrassment at the hands of VCU.

The recent trend is hardly concealed, Wake Forest's two biggest sports have

gotten worse every year since their pinnacle in 2008-09. Juniors and seniors will surely remember that football season — the

Demon Deacons entered with high hopes following a 9-4 2007-08 season with a bowl win over UConn.

However, the Deacs finished just 8-5 in 2008-09, far below their highest ranking of 15 in the AP poll, despite having some of the best talent to ever don the old gold and black: the likes of Aaron Curry, Alphonso Smith and Riley Skinner.

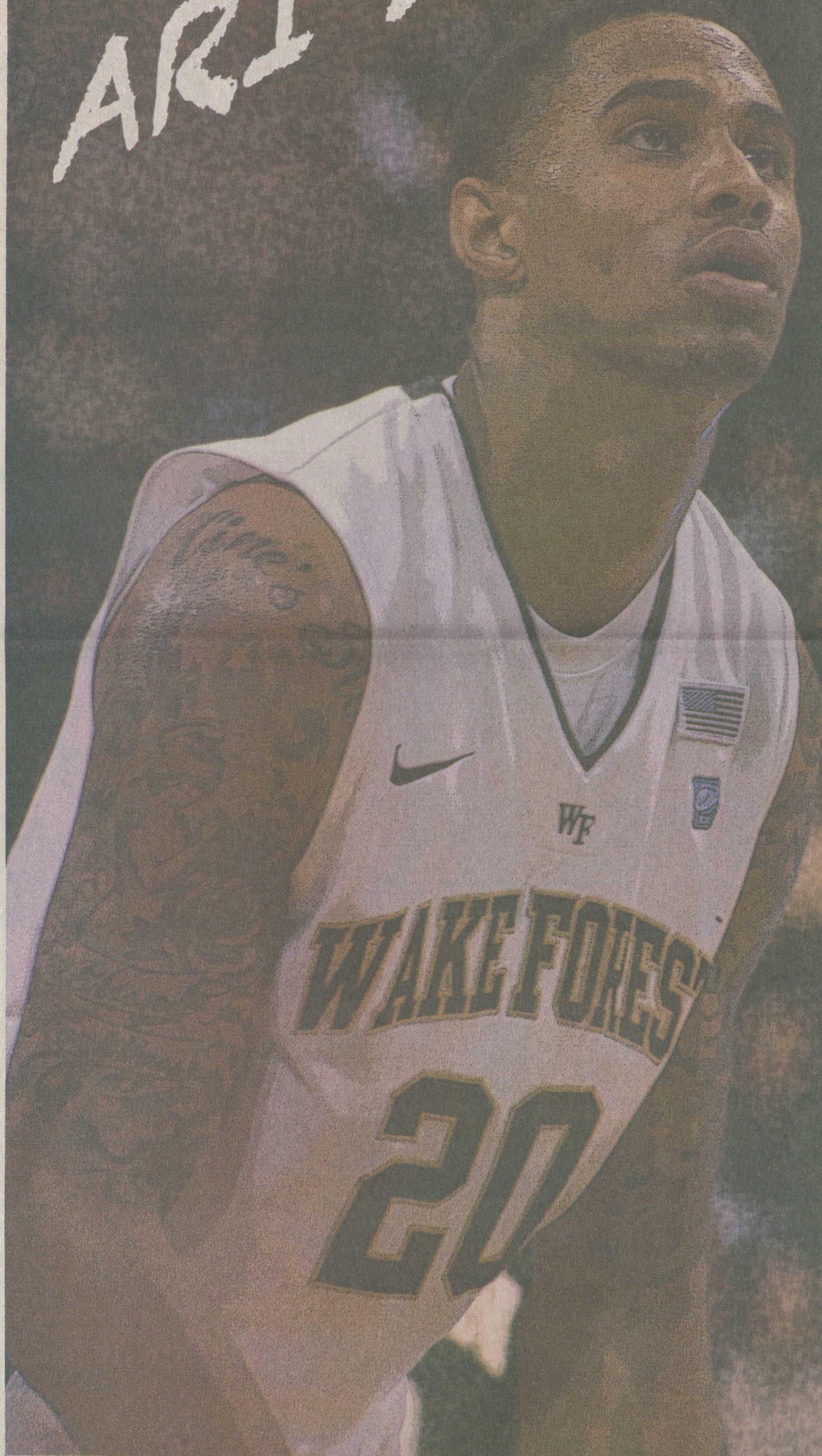
The next season was even worse, with the team finishing just 5-7. Optimists noted that five of those losses were by a combined thirteen points, and things would get better. No such luck. Our

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HALL OF FAME

ARI STEWART



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By Matt Poppe | Staff writer

Sophomore Ari Stewart is a talented performer whose three-point shooting and athletic ability will much needed this season for the Demon Deacons.

The 6-foot-7 forward out of Marietta, Ga., will be asked to take a much larger role this season than the last, as he steps into a starting role at the forward position.

Last season, Stewart played in all 31 games off the bench averaging 7.3 points and 3.2 rebounds per game. Stewart's freshman season was highlighted by his excellent outside shooting. "Last year I played a big role off the bench," Stewart said. "They treated me like a starter on the team so I pretty much know what is expected and what's coming in the game with

the intensity level. It's nothing that I'm not going to be familiar with."

Stewart led the team in three-point field goals with 43, which is also the fourth-highest by a freshman in school history. He also led all ACC freshmen in three-point shooting.

Stewart will be looking to expand on his game on the offensive side of the ball as well. "I'm just looking to get my teammates more involved in the game off my offensive play," Stewart said. "I have a reputation of being a scorer and I have to use that to my advantage, not only for myself but for my teammates. That can be me drawing defenders or hitting the open guy. I am looking to get more assists on my side."

So far this season, Stewart is averaging 11.4 points per game and is second on the team with just under six rebounds per game.

Stewart was also an excellent player in high school as well. Stewart was ranked No. 52 by ESPN of the entire 2009 recruiting class. He attended Wheeler High School in Marietta, Ga., and was a three-time all-state honoree, earning first-team honors as a junior and as a senior. Stewart led the team to a Georgia 5A state championship as a senior and runner-up state champion as a junior.

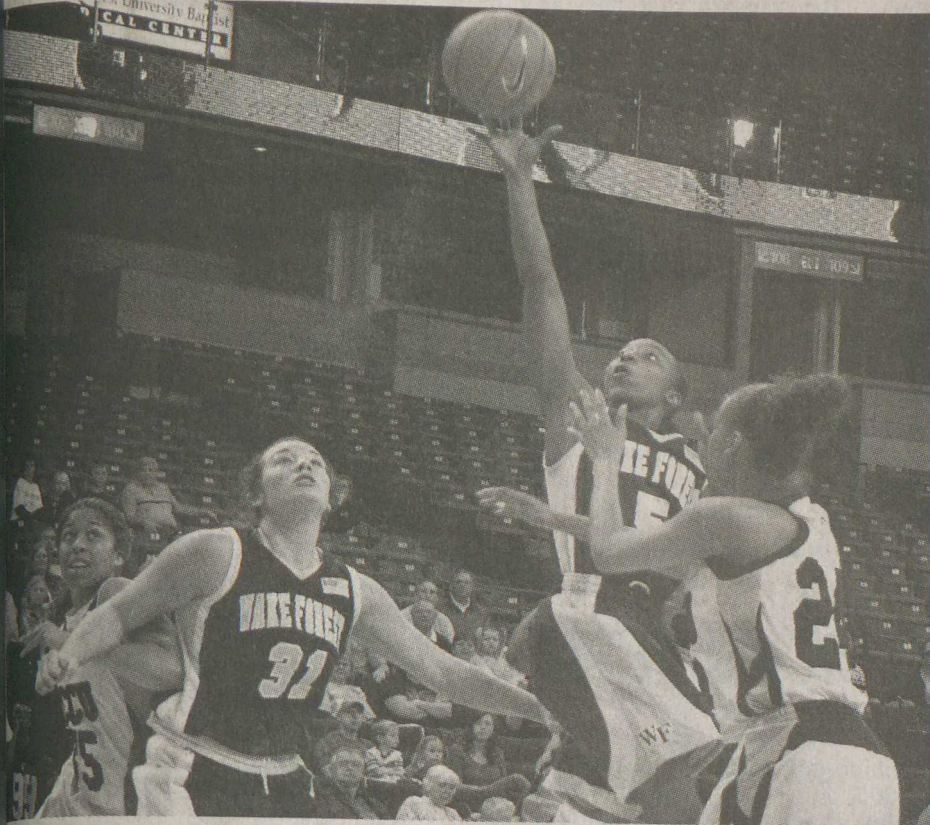
Stewart will look upon his high school and freshman season experience to bolster his performance this season. Despite being known as primarily a shooter, Stewart is confident in what he does best. "It's not always about beating your man off the dribble, or having four or five fancy crossovers like Ish Smith because that's not what everybody does," Stewart said. "You can be great at doing one thing and I realize

that. Everybody has their ups and downs in their game and I try and keep mine simple and work on what I do best. Rudy Gay is a guy I look at because he is really long, really athletic and can really shoot."

Stewart played especially well in ACC last season. This season he is looking forward to the competition that the conference has to offer. "I'm looking forward to the N.C. State game," Stewart said. "They have a pretty good line-up that is long and athletic. Size-wise it's going to be a competition. Florida State's Chris Singleton and matchups with those guys will be good too."

Stewart will certainly be one of the top forwards in the conference and will look to put the Demon Deacons atop the ACC and in the national rankings.

W. Basketball: *Women fall in ACC opener*



Freshman center Lindsay Wright boxes out her defender as fellow freshman Chelsea Douglas soars to the rim for a floating layup.

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33. The Pirates fought back late in the half, coming within two points on a couple separate occasions but clutch foul shooting by Waters down the stretch sealed a 62-49 victory for the Lady Deacs.

Waters was joined in the double-digit scoring column by Garcia who finished with 12 points and five rebounds, and junior forward Secily Ray who poured in 10 points and added six

rebounds. Wake Forest Head Coach Mike Petersen pointed to his team's defense as the key to the win.

"We were really good on defense," Petersen said. "They've got two very good players and we did a good job defending both of them. Our defensive focus was very good."



Waters

The Lady Deacs took a two-game winning streak into Raleigh, N.C., to open the ACC schedule against the Wolfpack.

Sophomore guard Lakevia Boykin scored a career-high 18 points on five-of-six from three point range but the Deacs could not overcome N.C. State's fast-paced offense in an 80-59 setback.

The two rivals split the game's first 20 points before N.C. State jumped out to an 18-10 lead.

Boykin responded with one of her four first half triples and Waters continued her aggressive play and hot shooting from the foul line to cut the deficit to 18-15.

However, the Lady Deacs went ice cold from the floor for the rest of the half, as N.C. State went off on an 18-10 run to gain a 36-25 lead at intermission.

Boykin tried to keep her team within fighting range with fifth and final three-pointer cutting the Wolfpack lead to 45-32, but the hosts would go on a late 12-2 run to put the game out of reach.

This time around, Petersen was not pleased with his team's defense. "We need to play a lot harder," Petersen

said. "Our defensive focus was not good."

Petersen raised the point that the Lady Deacs have played significantly better at home this season, where they are 7-3, as opposed to on the road, where they are winless at 0-5.

"We have not defended on the road like we have at home," Petersen said, mentioning that his team has given up less than 50 points a game at home and over 80 on the road.

Petersen has no answer for the discrepancy. "Everybody's court is the same size. They put their rims in the same place, it should be the same."

N.C. State dominated the stat sheet with 23 fastbreak points compared to six for Wake. They out-rebounded Wake 41-30 and shot 12 percent better from the floor.

Wolfpack senior Amber White, who hit the game-winning shot against the Deacs last season, poured in a game-high 22 points.

The loss dropped the Deacs to 9-8 overall and 0-1 in the conference. The team will return home to the Joel on Jan. 13 to host Virginia Tech who currently sit at 9-7, 0-2.

Demon Deacons struggle in conference play

By Matt Poppe | Staff writer

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The Wake Forest men's basketball squad opened conference play this past week with two tough ACC matchups. After losing six of their last eight games, the Deacons were looking to start the new year off right.

The Demon Deacons' first ACC regular season game was against the N.C. State Wolfpack on Jan. 8. Coming into the game, which was played at the Wolfpack's home court in the RBC Center, Wake Forest had won three consecutive ACC openers. Unfortunately for the Deacs, this streak ended as they fell 90-69 to a strong N.C. State team.

The Wolfpack started out strong taking an 8-2 lead within the first three minutes of the game. The Deacons however fought back and only trailed by two points with two minutes left in the first half. However, N.C. State went on a 8-0 run to end the half capped by freshman Ryan Harrow's lay up with four seconds left to take a 14-30 lead into halftime.

The second half saw much of the same as the Deacons could never come close and the Wolfpack began to pull away. The lead swelled to as much as 29 towards the end of the game as the home team was encouraged by a crowd of over 6,000. Wake Forest did manage to score eight consecutive points in the game's final minutes that brought the final score to 90-69.

The Demon Deacons never led in the contest and were out-rebounded 47-22. "There's no reason whatsoever that a team should out-rebound you by 25," Head Coach Jeff Bzdelik said. "This is a big boys' league."

However, the Deacs did take care of the basketball committing only seven turnovers, a season-low.

Senior Gary Clark led the way for Wake Forest with 13 points. Sophomore C.J. Harris added 12 points and a team-high five assists. Freshman Carson Desrosiers, who started the game for the Deacs, tied a season-high with seven rebounds in his conference debut.

Wake Forest looked to rebound at home on Jan. 12 against the Maryland Terrapins.

The Terrapins came to Winston-Salem just three days after losing to the top-ranked Duke Blue Devils by only seven points.

Wake Forest looked to take full advantage of an excited home crowd of over 10,000 in the Joel Coliseum where six of their seven wins have come this season.

Wake Forest scored the first two points of the game but was unable to take the lead for the remainder of the game, losing by a final score of 74-55. The Deacons kept the game within reach in the first half. Then in the final five minutes,



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Sophomore Ari Stewart drives to the hoop in Wake Forest's 74-55 loss to Maryland. Stewart had seven points and two rebounds off the bench for the Deacs.

Maryland went on a 16-2 run to end the half with a 36-22 lead.

The second half saw Wake Forest close the gap to just six points with 12 minutes to go, but the Terrapins scored 15 straight and never looked back. The lead was as much as 22, and ended with a 19 point Maryland victory.

The Deacons were once again out-rebounded

52-42. They also committed 18 turnovers that led to 24 Terrapin points. The Maryland bench also dominated, scoring 31 of the squad's points.

"Offensively, we just fumbled it and weren't strong enough to finish around the rim," Bzdelik said.

Freshman Travis McKie was the bright spot for the Deacs with his fifth double-double of the year

scoring 13 points and pulling down ten rebounds.

Desrosiers had a strong performance of nine rebounds and seven blocks.

The loss brings Wake Forest to 7-10 on the year and 0-2 in ACC play.

The Deacs will head to Blacksburg, Va. on Jan. 15 to take on the Virginia Tech Hokies. The Hokies are 10-4 overall. Tip-off is set for 8 p.m.

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Stengel makes U.S. U-20 Women's National Squad

Wake Forest freshman Katie Stengel will be making her first appearance for the United States U-20 Women's National Team. She will attend the team's camp in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., from Jan. 15-22.

Last summer, Stengel played with the U-18 Team in La Manga, Spain, so this is not her first stint with the U.S. Youth National Team system.

As a freshman, Stengel led the ACC with 16 goals and 37 points. The Melbourne, Fla., native was also named ACC Freshman of the Year, All-ACC First Team, TopDrawerSoccer National Rookie of the Year and NSCAA Second-Team All-America.

Wake Forest ranked No. 22 in ITA preseason rankings

The Wake Forest men's tennis team was ranked No. 22 nationally in the initial 2011 Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings, which were released on Jan. 4. This is the sixth consecutive season that the Deacons have started the dual match season ranked in the Top 30 in the nation. The Deacons were one of six ACC teams ranked in the Top 25.

Four Demon Deacons received national singles rankings, with senior Jonathan Wolff being the highest ranked at No. 45 in the country. Sophomore Tripper Carleton was ranked No. 87, sophomore Danny Kreyman was ranked No. 100 and senior Iain Atkinson was ranked No. 109.

Woods finishes Second At Harder Hall Women's Invitational

Junior Cheyenne Woods shot a final-round 73 to finish 9-under par at the 56th Harder Hall Women's Invitational on Jan. 8. The four-day event was held at the Harder Hall Country Club in Sebring, Fla. Senior Allie Bodemann and junior Hunter Ross also competed in the 72-hole tournament.

Woods entered the final round in a tie at 10-under par and finished the match only one-shot behind the leader.

The All-American had previously shot rounds of 67 and 69 in the first two days of the event and was on pace to potentially break the tournament scoring record.

Controversy: NCAA violations taint bowl season

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penalties years later like they did with the University of Southern California. Much like USC in 2005, Auburn reached the National Championship with a high-powered offense led by the Heisman Trophy winner, junior Cam Newton.

While no one will argue that Auburn is one of the top teams in the country, there are a few questions on how the team's star player, Cam Newton, ended up making Auburn his home. Newton's father requested \$180,000 from Mississippi State University in exchange for his son's quarterbacking

services. While the NCAA has taken the stance that it was Newton's father who violated the standards and not Newton, it's hard for me to believe that the 2010 Heisman Trophy winner is not receiving other benefits on top of his athletic scholarship.

This situation is eerily similar to that of Reggie Bush, who received almost \$300,000 in gifts from an agent while attending USC. The university had their wins revoked, lost their National Championship and Bush returned his Heisman Trophy.

A simple question needs to be asked: will the 2010 NCAA season end much like the 2005 one, with Auburn victories being negated and Newton

having to give up his Heisman Trophy as well?

The NCAA has turned a blind eye to these problems, and they will come back to haunt college football down the road.

While USC is facing the consequences for its actions in 2005, Reggie Bush got away relatively unscathed.

Current players at USC are feeling the ramifications of past misconduct; they are barred from postseason play until 2012.

The Ohio State players and Newton have the option of jumping to the NFL in the spring draft class and, thus, avoiding any future punishment passed down by the NCAA's commissioners.

The standard that has been set is that if a star player presently generates the NCAA revenue, violations and bad publicity are overlooked.

Television revenue would shrink without guys like Pryor and Newton, so they are allowed to play.

The NCAA should definitely take a page out of the University of Pittsburgh's book. The university recently hired Mike Haywood as their head football

coach. Then they fired Haywood after three weeks later after he was arrested on a controversial domestic violence charge.

Whether or not he is guilty remains to be seen. Pittsburgh acted quickly after Haywood violated standards that they set in place. They then hired Tulsa's Todd Graham to fill the void left by Haywood. Hopefully, the NFL learns from the University of Pitt and begins to require everyone to adhere to the standards so that future seasons are not tainted as 2010 may soon be.



Pressbox: Coaching and talent development hurting Deacs

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admittedly young Deacs turned in a paltry 3-9 record, losing nine games in a row.

Likewise, no one will ever forget the 2008-09 basketball season, when the Deacs came roaring out of the gate to win 16 straight and ascend to the top of the NCAA basketball mountain.

Unfortunately, in typical Wake Forest fashion and amidst high expectations, our team was bounced in the first round of the NCAA tourney by Cleveland State (yes, you read that right).

The following year was up and down, but some big wins had us high on the Deacs yet again,

as they bounced in and out of the Top 25. The season ended fairly, a loss to the ACC's worst Miami in the ACC Tournament, but the Deacs were dug out by a first round win over former No. 1 Texas in the NCAA Tournament.

Finally, it takes little investigation to see that this basketball season is more like another episode of *Growing Pains*, and I encourage you to be as optimistic for the future with this group as I am.

So what has been going wrong for our beloved sports teams? First, it is important to note just how tough it is to recruit top football players here at Wake Forest.

Despite how much we all love Wake, it doesn't have the draw that perennial SEC powers have,

with their multimillion dollar facilities and sold-out crowds of 80,000.

Second, the coaching has been suspect recently. Jim Grobe has done wonders for Wake Forest, but his voice may be getting stale in the locker room and he has refused to replace subpar assistants.

Finally, Wake is simply historically a bad program and we may have just been spoiled when good times came our way recently.

On the basketball side of things, recruiting should not be an issue. Many high school "diaper dandies" would love to come play in ACC country and compete with powers like Duke and UNC.

However, the development of that talent has been subpar. Just since we've been here, five star

recruit Ty Walker has been underwhelmed by what playing time he's had, and Tony Walker is poised for a breakout year, left for personal reasons. This left a great void in the paint as Carson Desrosiers to perform.

If this year's 12th ranked class doesn't prove by their junior year, I think the finger should be pointed to the bench. Nonetheless, Coach Bzdelik deserves the chance to develop his talent and continue to recruit.

While upperclassmen may not get the chance to see Wake do great things in sports, I hope the athletic department refuses to accept mediocrity and pushes the Deacs to the top.

Three wild card teams advance in NFL playoffs

By Dan McLaughlin | Contributing writer

Wild Card Weekend proved to be one of this NFL season's finest. The 7-9 Seahawks stunned the defending Super Bowl Champion Saints. The New York Jets always talk a big game and this time they played one too, snatching victory away from Peyton Manning in the closing seconds thanks to Nick Folk's right foot (sorry Rex, it had to be said).

The Baltimore Ravens dominated the upstart Kansas City Chiefs 30-7, forcing five turnovers in the process. Finally, the Packers contained Michael Vick and defeated the Eagles thanks to three touchdown passes from Aaron Rodgers.

This weekend also had one other important event take place; it marked the first of every NFL weekend to follow in which there will be no more Brett Favre. Finally, after years of the Favre retirement saga and enduring

weeks of the Brett Favre-Jenn Sterger fiasco, NFL fans will get to enjoy life without Favre. Now, we take a look back on the Wild-Card round and a look ahead to the Divisional matchups.

Seahawks 41, Saints 36. This was possibly the biggest upset in NFL playoff history, and hopefully will silence all those who thought a 7-9 team should not make the playoffs. The Seahawks are proof that it does not matter how you make the playoffs, it only matters what you do once you get there. Matt Hasselbeck played his best game of the year, torching the Saints' secondary for four touchdowns.

The best play of the game, however, came when the Seahawks were trying to run out the clock and Marshawn Lynch broke eight tackles for a 67-yard score. Up next for the Seahawks is a rematch with the Bears, who they beat 23-20 in Chicago back in Week 6. For the Seahawks to win, Matt Hasselbeck needs to exploit the Bears' soft zone

and the defense must pressure Jay Cutler into mistakes. However, I don't see lightening striking twice for Cinderella.

Jets 17, Colts 16. Rex Ryan finally got his payback against Peyton Manning, as the Jets' defense yielded just 16 points and the offense played keep away in the second half. Aside from the long touchdown pass to Pierre Garcon, the Jets' defense played lights out and stranded Reggie Wayne on "Revis Island" (Wayne: 1 catch, 1 yard).

The Jets had two long touchdown drives that are up the clock, and while Sanchez did not play well, he was clutch on the final drive which resulted in Nick Folk's 32-yard game winning kick.

Up next, the Jets head to New England to play the Patriots for the third time. Both teams won at home, with the last game being a Patriots 45-3 drubbing of the Jets. The Jets must run

the ball consistently to minimize the amount of time Brady has the ball and Sanchez will have to play mistake-free if they have any intentions of beating the Patriots.

Ravens 30, Chiefs 7. This was the only game that was not close, as the Ravens pounded the Chiefs throughout the game. At one point the Ravens were down 7-3, but they came roaring back and scored 27 unanswered points, ruining the Chiefs' surprise season.

The Ravens' outstanding defense was on display as they forced two fumbles and intercepted Matt Cassel three times, holding the Chiefs to only two first downs in the second half.

Up next for the Ravens is a rematch with their division rival the Steelers. Both split the previous two games this season by a combined total of six points. This game will be a physical, low-scoring contest. The winner will be the one who forces the most turnovers.

Packers 21, Eagles 16. Aaron Rodgers got his first playoff victory as the Packers held off a last-minute charge by the Eagles.

The Packers kept Vick and the Eagles' offense in check all day, the only Eagles touchdown came on a Rodgers' fumble gave the Eagles a short field. Rodgers threw two touchdowns, but the Packers were helped by a superb rushing effort by James Starks.

One of the things the Packers did was their ability to limit Vick's attempts and forcing him to stay in the pocket a majority of the game. He was not as effective.

Up next for the Packers is a rematch of their 20-17 Week 12 loss to the Falcons. Aaron Rodgers and the Packers are dangerous.

The offense is explosive and the defense is good enough to shut down the Falcons. Don't be surprised if the Pack pulls off the upset in Atlanta.

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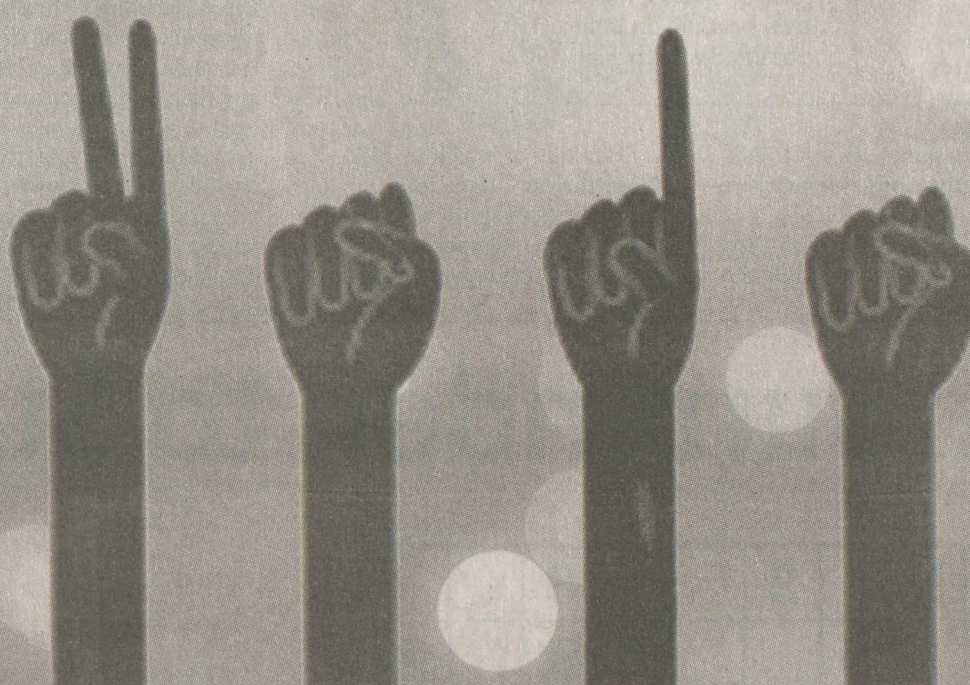
THE FOCKER SAGA CONTINUES:

Newest movie in the *Meet the Parents* franchise brings children into the picture, but not too much laughter. Page B6.

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BEST OF



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By Trevor Greene | Staff writer

It's that time of year again, when every publication in the country assaults you with their yearly "Best of 2010" lists.

So why should the *OGB* be any different? People need something to argue over before awards season kicks into high gear, so here is my list of what movies, albums and TV shows made 2010 worthwhile.

Music

First up, *music*. Whether they were surprises (like Killers' frontman Brandon Flowers' debut solo album) or popular bands that managed to live up to the hype (Arcade Fire's latest album — and longest yet, clocking in at a little over an hour), these artists made music that is worth a listen.

The top two albums, in particular, were both masterpieces that stood high above everything else this year.

10. Brandon Flowers: *Flamingo*
9. Titus Andronicus: *The Monitor*
8. Matt and Kim: *Sidewalks*
7. The National: *High Violet*
6. Beach House: *Teen Dream*
5. The Gaslight Anthem: *American Slang*
4. Sleigh Bells: *Treats*
3. LCD Soundsystem: *This Is Happening*
2. Kanye West: *My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy*
1. Arcade Fire: *The Suburbs*

Television

Without further ado my top 5 TV series of the year...

5. *Mad Men*: With season four of AMC's fan-favorite period piece, Jon Hamm cemented himself as the best actor on TV.

Hamm's Don Draper is one of the most wonderfully nuanced characters in television history.

This has never been more apparent than in the past year where Draper lost control and then struggled to find himself throughout the course of the season.

Anchored by "The Suitcase," the best single episode of anything in 2010, the combination of Hamm's Draper, wonderful supporting acting, and spot-on production design, *Mad Men* had its best season yet until its out-of-character finale left fans scratching their heads.

4. NBC Thursday Night: Featuring four of the funniest shows on television, NBC Thursday nights is a can't-miss block of television. In their sophomore seasons *Parks and Recreation* and *Community* have started to hit their stride.

Veteran show *The Office* is funnier than it has been in years — with Jim back to pranking Dwight, and the dependable *30 Rock* has been phenomenal. Apart from the racist, violently unfunny *Outsourced*, you can't beat NBC Thursdays.

3. *Friday Night Lights*: *Friday Night Lights* is the most underappreciated show on television. The show's most impressive feat was successfully handling the transition of losing mainstay characters to graduation and transitioning to new ones who are equally interesting: a rare accomplishment for a high-school set series.

Kyle Chandler is brilliant per usual as coach Taylor and Zack Gilford knocked a tough emotional arc out of the park to cement the fourth season as the series best.

Catch up now before the final season airs on NBC and we excitedly anticipate the next season of the action-packed football drama.

2. *Eastbound and Down*: The most irreverent and hilarious show on television returned for a second season with washed up antihero Kenny Powers living in

Mexico, once again attempting to make it back to the majors.

The first season felt like a movie broken up into six parts standing perfectly on its own, which made me slightly skeptical about a second season.

Despite my doubts, the genius creative team of Jody Hill and Danny McBride crafted an improbable second season that managed to outshine the first.

1. *Lost*: The final season of *Lost* represents the end of an era.

With the meteoric rise of Tivo, DVR and online television, appointment viewing has for the most part become a thing of the past.

I doubt another scripted hour-long will ever have the ability that *Lost* had to consistently draw viewers to the first showing of new episodes each week.

Lost was a generation-defining series that had a strong final season regardless of your thoughts on the endlessly debated finale.

The writers were also smart enough to end the series at just the right time, before it wore out its welcome and dragged on for too long; a great season to end one of the best series of the new millennium.

Movies

Last but not least we have *movies*. But before we get to the good ones — let's go ahead and get the bad ones out of the way.

There are three films that win the award of worst movies of the year, so "Congrats!" to them.

3. *The Kids Are All Right*: Manages to be mysteriously fawned over by critics while being offensively stupid and overtly clichéd.

2. *Charlie St. Cloud*: Don't over-think (or even think about) the plot and you might enjoy this, because hey, Zac Efron is fun to look at!

1. *Eat, Pray, Love*: If you enjoy watching spoiled, self-satisfied, insufferable jerks trying to find meaning in their "difficult" lives then watch this now. I cannot remember the last time I wanted to punch a movie so bad.

Now that the negative part is finished, here are the good ones! Before I get to my official top picks — here are a few honorable mentions that didn't quite make the list...

Best Documentary: *Exit Through The Giftshop*. Exploring the global underground street art scene, this doc was more entertaining than most feature films this year.

Best Unreleased Film of 2010: *The Loved Ones*. This Australian horror gem will hopefully make its way to the United States soon. When it does, make sure you go see it.

Best Films of 2010 Runners-up:

10. *The Kings Speech*
9. *127 Hours*
8. *A Prophet*
7. *True Grit*
6. *Greenberg*

And finally, what you've been waiting for (or what you skipped ahead to read) ... the top five movies of the year.

5. *Inception*: Chris Nolan spoils us with his blockbusters. Typically the movies that make the big bucks at the summer box office don't make you think very much, and the ones that do make you think don't make as much money.

Following up his *Batman* films with a passion project in development for over 10 years, Chris Nolan shows us that you can make a wildly entertaining summer film that also challenges you intellectually. In an otherwise terrible summer for film, *Inception* was one of the few

diamonds in the rough that really hit the big screen in a big way to get the popularity that it got.

4. *The Social Network*: Aaron Sorkin wrote the best script of 2010.

On the surface it concerns the origins of Facebook, but on a deeper level it reflects on society's obsession with technology through the lens of an insecure, love-lorn teenager.

Director David Fincher manages to draw exceptional performances from some of the best up-and-coming actors and the editing is flawless. Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross composed a hauntingly memorable score that was my favorite of the year.

All of these parts add up to one of the year's best, most polished films, but one that did not have quite the emotional impact on me as the next three films.

3. *The Fighter*: Crack addiction, domestic violence, police brutality, prostitution and selfish, wildly dysfunctional families are not plotlines typically incorporated into underdog sports films. *The Fighter*, while structured as a traditional sports film, is anything but that.

Christian Bale more or less locks up the supporting actor Oscar, and Mark Wahlberg proves that when paired with the right material and frequent collaborator David O. Russell he can be a legitimately great actor. Telling the real life story of boxer Micky Ward, Russell, deftly weaves together Ward's comeback story with a family drama that is both compelling and at times hard to stomach. The result is one of the best, most emotionally complex sports movies in recent history.

2. *Toy Story 3*: I cannot think of another film besides *Toy Story* that has spawned two unplanned sequels that are better than the original.

While the original *Toy Story* focused on the relationship between the toys and owner Andy, the following two see the focus shift to the relationship between the toys, which I find far more important.

This is illustrated in the most powerful, poignant scene of the year in which the toys are hopelessly trapped in the dump slowly being pulled into the furnace with no escape in sight.

As they realize that there is no way out, they silently accept their fate and join hands, symbolizing that the toys no longer need Andy, only each other.

The film is a rare species, combining humor that can be appreciated by all ages with some of the most surprisingly emotionally powerful material all year.

1. *Black Swan*: *Black Swan* is a perfect follow up to Darren Aronofsky's *The Wrestler*, a subdued character study of a broken wrestler. *Black Swan* is an over-the-top (in the best way), beautifully realized, highly stylized depiction of a girl grappling with the pressures and obsession that come with professional ballet.

Black Swan gives Aronofsky the material to indulge every one of his creative instincts resulting in the most visually astounding film of the year.

The dancing sequences are unbelievable; the breathtaking camera movements combined with the pitch-perfect choreography create an atmosphere in which you will not want to blink.

Natalie Portman gives an explosive performance depicting the career of a young dancer who loses the ability to distinguish reality from delusion.

The film will grab you, hold you on the edge of your seat, and scorch itself into your brain for quite some time.

Here's hoping that 2011 will be able to raise the bar set by 2010...



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Releases for Jan. 13

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The Green Hornet
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Barney's Version
The Heart Specialist
Down for Life
Looking for Palladin
Every Day

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The largest toy distributor in the world is McDonalds.

Word Play

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One-liner:

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level with experience.

Celeb Juice: This week's gossip update

- *Jersey Shore's* hot-blooded couple, Sammi "Sweetheart" and Ronnie have split up according to *Entertainment Tonight*. The pair has had quite the rocky relationship after Ronnie's infidelity last season. Sammi told *People* that the couple was "very much together" in Season 3, which was filmed over the summer.
- Longtime playboy Owen Wilson is going to be a father soon according to *People*. Wilson and girlfriend Jade Duell are expecting their first child after dating for over a year. Is marriage in the future?
- According to *E! Entertainment*, 15-year-old Kendall Jenner has just landed her first official modeling gig. The young *Keeping Up With the Kardashians* star is the new face of fashion line, MARCC.
- Jennifer Lopez, Leighton Meester and Robert Pattinson are among the first confirmed presenters for the 68th Annual Golden Globes Awards, which will air on Jan. 16.

Student Union



Cookies and Milk
 Jan. 14
 7:30 p.m.
 Campus Grounds

Think Fast!
Game Show
 Jan. 15
 8 p.m.
 Pugh Auditorium

Drink of the Week

Winter Breeze

Warm yourself up with this festive drink to celebrate being back at Wake, despite the ice and snow.

8 oz Hot Chocolate
 1 oz Bailey's Irish Cream
 1 oz Malibu Rum
 1/2 oz Crème de Cacao
 1 dash Cinnamon

Mix hot chocolate for taste, add alcohol, top with whipped cream and sprinkle with cinnamon for the perfect winter treat.

Book Review | *Safe Haven*

New Sparks book reveals a darker plot

By Samantha Hoback | Staff writer

As one of Mr. Sparks' biggest fans, even I must admit that the majority of his novels are warm and fuzzy, ooey gooey stories of love and loss, told from the perspectives of loveable, cookie-cutter characters who call the South home.

Sparks' most recent novel, however, is proof that he is capable of creating a much more complex and controversial story.

Safe Haven follows Katie after her arrival in the small town of Southport, North Carolina. Shortly after securing a job as a waitress at Ivan's, a seafood restaurant frequented by both locals and tourists, she begins to form strong friendships within the close-knit southern community.

She quickly bonds with her witty neighbor, Jo, over a mutual addiction

to coffee, and she befriends several co-workers, including Melody, and her boss, Ivan. In particular, she grows close with Alex Wheatley, a widowed local store owner, and his two young children. When she isn't working, Katie is busy fixing up her beach bungalow and running back and forth between her house and Alex's store. Although she is tentative to establish roots in Southport, she begins to feel safe, surrounded by Alex, Jo and the rest of the residents.

The Southport community is intrigued by the new arrival. She doesn't have a car; she buys the same groceries every week from Alex's store, she doesn't date, she lives alone and she has no family of which to speak.

Nevertheless, Alex, Jo, Ivan and the rest of Southport welcome her with open arms. Despite the southern hospitality, Katie continues to battle

with a dark past. Her haunting secret follows her to the sleepy town of Southport and threatens to destroy her new life in North Carolina, her new relationship and her potential new family.

Previous novels by Sparks have touched on themes such as the loss of a parent, aging, love across the miles and tragedy and his stories are more often than not resolved with a happy ending.

Safe Haven, on the other hand, explores a much darker, more controversial theme: domestic abuse. Instead of a traditional, heart-warming, fireside novel that is typical of Sparks, this latest novel borders on being classified as a thriller. Heart-racing moments, intense action and nail-biting anticipation make it impossible for readers to put this book down.

I may be a biased critic, but I must say that *Safe Haven* is by far my favorite novel by Nicholas Sparks. While

I enjoy the sugar-coated love stories that made him famous around the world, this new novel is a more gripping, more intense, more 'grown-up'



version of the stories I've grown to love. *Safe Haven* demonstrates Sparks' talent as a writer of more than just chick-lit fiction. I believe this new novel will attract a whole new group of readers.

Safe Haven is Sparks' 16th novel, published last September, as a film adaptation already in the works. Last year, two adaptations of Sparks' novels, *Dear John* and *The Last Song*, were released in theaters to positive reviews.

I would not be surprised if the film receives a more mature rating, as the story isn't for the younger Sparks fans. But for everyone else, *Safe Haven* is a must-read novel to add to your bookshelves.

Surrender to Sudoku

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Check back next week for the solution to this week's problem.

If you hadn't noticed, we like to keep people waiting in suspense.

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Movie Review | *Little Fockers*

Third movie in series fails to meet expectations

By Jasmine Harris | Staff writer

Anyone familiar with the mishaps of the bumbling, male nurse "Greg" Gaylord Focker, played by the talented Ben Stiller, certainly expected this latest film to be just as funny if not more so than its precedents, *Meet the Parents* and *Meet the Fockers*. However, any individual with such an expectation sadly left the theater partly amused but mostly wondering what happened to the comedic magic that the series was renowned for.

This film, like the others, stars Focker as a family man who has finally married his lovely wife Pam played by Teri Polo. He is also the father of a set of fraternal twins, Samantha and Henry.

Furthermore, he is the head nurse in the hospital in which he works, in addition to being a spokesperson for a drug company. He has finally begun to get a taste of the American Dream and has become rather transformed by his success, no longer the awkward fiancé in search of his father-in-law's approval. The film suffers because of it.

The comedic appeal of the first two films lies in the overarching theme that because Focker fears failing to impress the mistrustful father of his future wife, Jack Byrnes, who is played by Robert DeNiro, he behaves somewhat moronically.

As a result of his nervousness, Greg says all the wrong things, makes normal situations completely awkward and becomes entangled in various mishaps that he attempts to remedy. In this latest film, Focker and Byrnes have finally formed the bond appropriate of a father and son-in-law, with their relationship losing the conflict and tension audiences loved.

A bit of the old appeal resurfaces in the fact that the film operates under the premise that because Focker is finally a family man, Byrnes hopes that he can entrust him with the responsibility to carry the heavy weight of obligations that the patriarch of the family must bear.

Focker accepts the challenge and is therefore deemed the "God Focker," a title that affords at least a bit of a laugh seeing as how it is not only an allusion to the film *The Godfather* in which DeNiro himself stars but also a humorous phrase in itself.

Under the pressure of his newfound title, a bit of the old Focker and Byrnes chemistry reappears. As "God Focker," Focker decides that his first order of business will be to enroll his children in a private

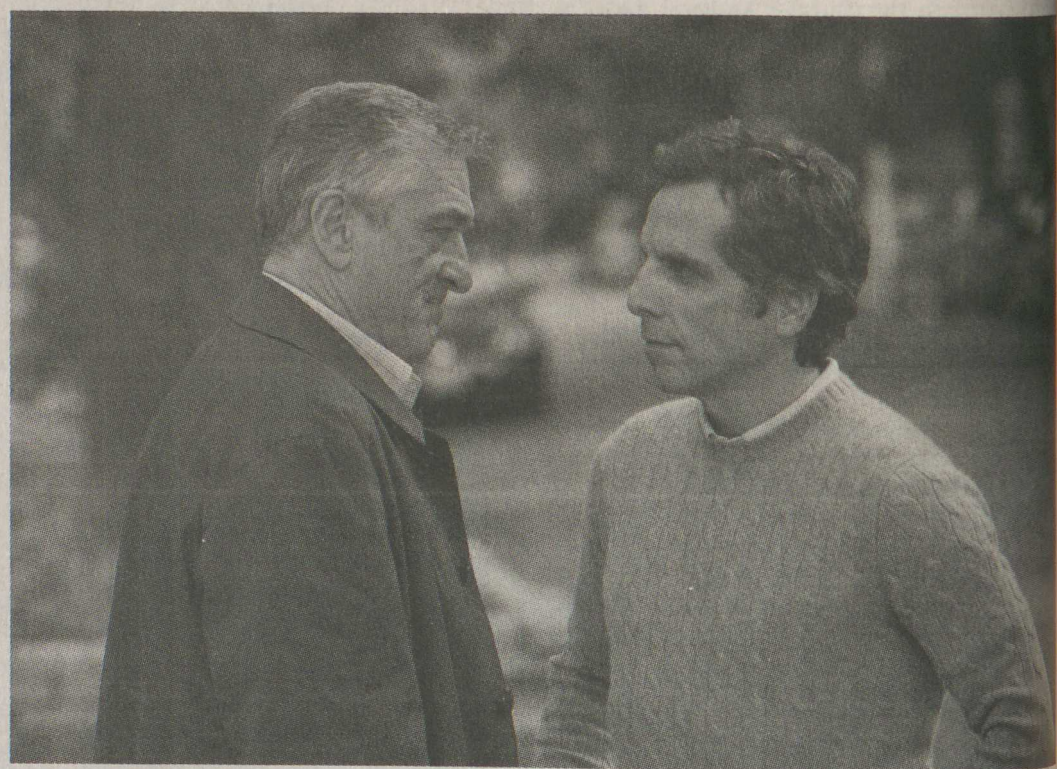


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Greg Focker (Ben Stiller) and Jack Byrnes (Robert DeNiro), go head-to-head in the latest Focker-film for control over the family.

academy to ensure that they receive the best education that money can buy. Unfortunately, Focker cannot afford the school on a head nurse's salary alone, so he is persuaded by a overly-cheery drug rep, Andi Garcia played by Jessica Alba, to make a presentation for a drug company that specializes in medication of the male erectile dysfunction variety. However, he would like to keep this decision a secret from the rest of the family to appear as though he has everything under control.

Focker begins to keep odd hours as a result of his supplemental employment, all of a sudden rushing off to late meetings without much explanation. He also conceals the fact that the individual working with him, Andi Garcia, is a beautiful, young woman.

As an ex-CIA agent, Byrnes attempts to discover why Focker has returned to secrecy. In one scene he drops his infamous line "I'm watching you" accompanied by the signature gesture which has

become famous as the franchise has grown into a popular series.

However, as opposed to cowering in fear as per custom, Focker cleverly responds "Yeah well I have eyes too so I'll be watching you ... watching me." They then proceed to part ways, staring one another down in the process, each refusing to break eye contact.

As the movie continues, more humor can be found in instances in which Byrnes uses such CIA tactics as following Focker on his way to a presentation for the drug company, attempting to conduct background searches, and questioning Focker as though he were a criminal.

Although the film amuses, it does not quite please as the first two did. All actors perform admirably but the main plot is forced to compete with numerous subplots that arise without warning. Many of the jokes made are simply not funny; most of all the franchise's magic is gone.

By the end of the film, both sets of parents decide to move into the neighborhood, implying that there might be yet another film in the Focker series. I strongly advise against it.

Little Fockers

Starring | Ben Stiller, Robert DeNiro, Jessica Alba
Director | Paul Weitz
Who is it for? | Ben Stiller fans
Running Time | 1 hour 38 mins
Grade | C+

Students are encouraged to embrace sexual minorities

By Ae'Jay Mitchell | Staff writer

So, Wake Forest, recently two of my friends' statuses changed to "in a relationship with" each other — a change that would usually be of no consequence. However, those two friends are both males in a legitimate relationship.

This was not the result of leaving a logged-in account unsupervised; no, this was an out and proud Facebook certified gay relationship — the first I've ever witnessed at the university.

I thought PROGRESS as I watched a video of Florence + The Machine's "Dog Days Are Over" posted on the couple's wall with the caption: "This is appropriate."

Just as homosexual Americans now fight in the military without pledging secrecy to their government, homosexual "Wake Forest-ans" now attend without pledging secrecy... to themselves?

When I left my conservative, southern Baptist, mid-to-upper middle class high school for a liberal arts university, I remember thinking of a group of students, varying in opinion, faith and fashion, co-existing on the quad in a sort of equality which promoted lively debate and reasonable disagreements.

I thought I had accomplished that until my junior year when a parent of a prospective student quite bluntly asked, "Is Wake queer-friendly?"

I didn't know what to say so I simply answered, "I have never witnessed anything to suggest anything to the contrary." Although politically correct, I knew that wasn't the most truthful answer. The more accurate answer would've been "don't ask, don't tell" seems to be the unspoken understanding." Key word: UNSPOKEN.

So, let's talk about the sexual minority. Let's talk

about the whisperings of a sorority not honoring a sister's engagement to her partner ... (shh); Let's talk about an a cappella group dismissing a member's gay relationship as a lack of leadership ... (shh); Let's talk about the necessary need for rainbows as a metaphorical drinking gourd to homosexual safety ... (shh); Let's talk about beer being poured onto two guys as they were mistakenly considered a couple while entering a certain fraternity... (shh).

Let's talk about how many same-sex couples you've seen holding hands at the University, or how many date functions you've attended where the date was not heterosexual.

Is it just that the admissions department has a special gift in picking the heterosexuals of the world or is there a statement of "Queer Affirmative Action Quotas" in their handbooks? I do not believe so.

I believe that the social climate of this institution is a hell of a carpenter creating nice and spacious closets for LGBT "Wake Forest-ans" to store away their sexuality and be "normal."

So are the dog days truly over ... perhaps not fully. But can we smash proverbial closets, without secrecy to oneself or fear of being an outcast ... most definitely.

I challenge to go into those terrains of the sexual spectrum — discuss, debate and find peace with its varieties and eradicate those hurtful dog days as our Congress eradicated our countries bigots. ones. Keep talking!

By Amanda Finney | Staff writer

"Faggot" ... "Dyke" ... "Fairy" ... "Homo" ... "Queer" ... each of these derogatory terms hits home for many individuals who consider their sexual orientation to be a part of who they are, but not what they are.

This violent treatment others cause out of fear or uncertainty ultimately has changed the hearts and minds of many Americans within the past year, as many lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual and questioning teens are taking their own lives, thinking they have no way out.

These young troubled teens struggle with the notion of how the world views them versus how they project themselves to the world.

The problem now is not in society allowing them to choose not whether to be gay, but rather to choose how their identity shall be portrayed to others.

Homosexuals are arguably the most hated group of people in the United States.

While other minority groups have gained some protection, members of the LGBTQ community have been on the outskirts for quite

some time.

Very few Americans use offensive racial slurs anymore, but the words above referring to one's sexual preference seem to get used throughout daily conversation. In addition to most heterosexual bias, HIV/AIDS is also means for negative reactions towards the LGBTQ community.

Picking on an individual because of ethnicity, class, religion, gender or race is taboo behavior, why should sexuality be any different?

But how can we reiterate to them that "it gets better?" Once you are out of school you can make your own choices and leave those small-town, small-minded people and find your own community, filled with acceptance regardless of whom you love.

But one must wonder, do we have that sense of open community here at Wake Forest? There are certain people that completely dismiss the LGBTQ lifestyle, such as the religious populace who believe it is their way or that long and narrow highway to hell.

I think our generation as a whole has the right mindset to be accepting of people of all races, ethnicities, religions, abilities, genders, ages, and last but not most certainly not least, sexual orientations.

But the actual means of doing it is harder than it sounds because it conflicts with the set values that parents and grandparents have abided by and indoctrinated into their children.

The university as a whole would be a fine home for members of the LGBTQ community but socially they would have to find the right group, whether Greek, religious or conservative.

Socially, it would be an undertaking, in the means of hookups and sexual escapades and of course Winston's metropolitan isn't bursting with LGBTQ individuals, which makes dating a struggle in some aspects.

Whether one is out and proud or still locked in the closet, the university is the picture perfect place to begin the journey before hitting the posh urban LGBTQ scene, drag and all and with abounding pride.

He Said



She Said

Trend Alert | Sequins

Sparkles brighten up winter clothing, accessories and even cosmetics

By Hilary Burns | Staff writer

The typical dull and monotone wardrobes of winter have been transformed this year due to a glitter and sequin overload. Designers have added sparkle this year to endless products from shoes to nail polish.

Suite101.com says, "the hottest women's fashion trends for winter 2011 include sleek and stylish sequin embellished fashion pieces and accessories."

While sparkles used to be more practical to wear out at night, they

are now incorporated in outfits for the day as well. There are a few ways to add sparkles to your day or night outfits without going overboard — or you may end in a mess of color and textures that screams Lady Gaga.

Cosmetics with hints of glitter are the perfect way to add subtle sparkle to your look. Glitter eyeliner can be purchased in Target's cosmetic section or Sephora to add attention and sparkle to your eyes. To add glitz to your cheeks, try Bare Escentuals bareMinerals Shimmer & Shine Collection

or Bobbi Brown Shimmer Brick Rose blush.

For nails, OPI created a Burlesque Collection of glitter nail polishes for this past holiday season. Nail polish colors from "Bring on the Bling," to "Sparkle-iscious" will act as jewelry for your nails as you receive endless compliments.

Sparkle accessories are a fun but still subtle way to make your outfits more interesting. Sequin ballet flats are cute and practical to jazz up your favorite jeans and sweater.

Not a ballet flat fan? UGG boots even created a line of "Classic Short Sparkle" boots, which were chosen as one of Oprah's Ultimate Favorite Things. While these boots may not be as practical for snow or slush, they will certainly turn heads.

Sequined clutches and purses also add glitter to jeans and a t-shirt without going overboard.

Beyond accessories, the essentials of your outfit can be covered in sparkles this season. J.Crew's "Drapey Sequin Tank" will have you glittering in the light while

their "Shimmer Pocket Tank" will add just a bit of sparkle to your outfit.

Sequin skirts purchased at discount stores like Marshalls and T.J. Maxx paired with tights, boots, and a solid color sweater matched with sparkling jewelry make the perfect evening outfits this season.

As Spring creeps closer, pair a sequined dress with cowboy or riding boots for a more casual but adorable look for evening. Taylor Swift was way ahead of this trend alert.

Celebrities across the board are shining in sequins this season. Ginnifer Goodwin, Anne Hathaway, Kate Moss and Audrina Patridge all sparkled at events from the MTV Australia Music Awards to movie premiers wearing sequined jackets, dresses and heels.

Be bold this season and don't sparkle on a top, skirt, jewelry, shoes or footwear. As you walk to class or enter frat parties this season, look around and see if you spot this winter's hottest, sparkling trend.

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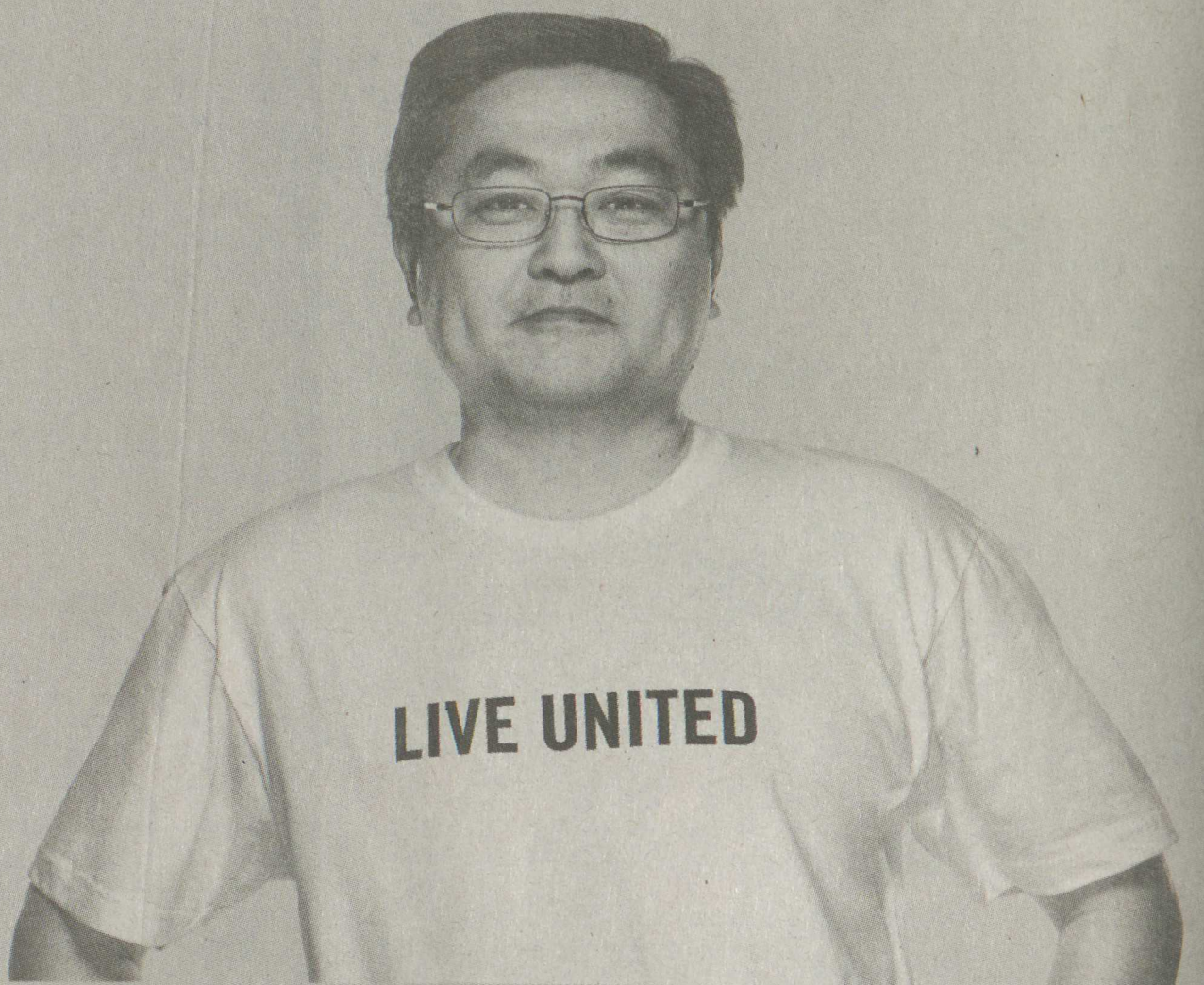
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