

Graduate Student Association Newsletter

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Editor's Notes

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Welcome New GSA Officers!!

Bowman-Gray Co-Chair

Sylvia Holcombe, Health Science Research



"I have the distinct honor of serving as the co-chair of the GSA for the '07-'08 school year. I'm a first year

student in the Health Science Research program (Bowman Gray) campus. In the upcoming year, I hope to continue the tradition of the GSA to be a center of support and unit of action for students."

Reynolda Co-Chair

Eric Merkel, Chemistry

"I am excited about serving the graduate student community. I look forward to learning the concerns and issues of my fellow



graduate students, and representing their best interests in meetings to the administration. I also look forward to coordinating

events for the graduate student community."

Treasurer

Hetal Pandya, Molecular Genetics



"I am happy to be serving as the treasurer for GSA for next year. It is my pleasure to be working for GSA. I am

sure this year is going to be as much fun as it was last year. Thank you!"

Secretary

Meghna Ostasiewski, Biology

"I'm a PhD student in the Biology Department on the Reynolda Campus. I will be your GSA Secretary for the upcoming year and I'm excited about keeping you informed about all of the GSA happenings. I look forward to meeting students from all depart-



ments across both campuses at a variety of events."

Newsletter Editors

Jennifer Kiger, Molecular Genetics



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Bake Sale a Delicious Success

As most of you can attest to, the GSA bake sale held this month in Watlington Hall was extremely successful. It not only provided you deserving graduate students with delightful treats, but also raised much-needed GSA funds. Thanks to your "donations,"

the GSA was able to raise money to help kick off the Spring Fling this coming Saturday.

Because of its enormous success, the GSA looks forward to hosting sales like this in the future.

We can't wait to bake for you again!



First Iraq Care Packaged Dispatched



Many items were collected for the Soldier Care Package drive

The GSA Soldier Care Package gift-drive has been tremendously successful and has helped to raise much-needed care items for our men and women overseas.

Items included donations from a local radio station, letters of support from local school-kids and items collected from Wake For-

est bins.

The first soldier care package was dispersed April 16th and is scheduled to arrive to the soldiers in 3-4 weeks. This package also included a postage-paid camera so be looking for photos FROM the soldiers soon!

Special thanks to all those

who have helped thus far with the drive. If you'd still like to help, the drive continues until September. Look for boxes placed in **all 25** departmental offices (Reynolda & Bowman Gray), Coy C. Carpenter library, BG Cashier's Office and Genomic Center Break Room. **May 13th is the next deadline.**

"...her outstanding commitment to graduate students..."

Faculty Excellence Candidate Chosen

Congratulations to Dr. Laura Veach of the Counseling Department. Dr. Veach was awarded this year's WFU Faculty Excellence Award. Dr. Veach was chosen because of her outstanding commitment to graduate students and to the overall growth of the

graduate program at Wake Forest University. She will now have the honor of hooding doctoral students at the 2007 graduation ceremony. Dr. Veach was nominated by a counseling graduate student, Elizabeth Hodges.



Dr. Laura Veach,
Counseling Dept.

Wake Forest Students Honor VT Victims



Thirty-three candles were lit for those lost on April 16th.

The tragedy that struck the Virginia Tech campus on Monday, April 16th shook the very foundation of every college/university campus across the country. Its impact will never be forgotten.

In remembrance of those who's lives were abruptly lost on that day, a memorial service was held at the Wait Chapel

(Reynolda campus) on the evening of Wednesday, April 18th. The service included interfaith religious readings and periods of musical reflection. The service ended with a silent march of 33 candle bearers, signifying the 33 that lost their life that day, and ringing of the chapel bells. Prayer books that were signed by those present are being sent to VT this week.

Hot Deals at the Rummage Sale

As one of their fundraisers, the GSA held the spring Rummage Sale on April 14th. The sale was a huge success.

Not only was the GSA able to raise much-needed funds, but graduate students and post-docs walked away with some *really* cheap furniture! Couches were going for \$18 and ta-

ble & chair sets for \$20! If you enjoy finding a good deal, be sure to come out in the fall.



Volunteers taking a much-needed break



VCR bargaining in-process



Who said volunteering can't be fun?

Spring Fling Pictures

The Spring Fling was held this past Saturday and had 100+ graduate students attending. The food was fantastic, the DJ spun some tunes and I'm pretty sure we had the record for most-number-of-graduate-students-on-a-dance-floor-at-one-time.



"Twas a FLING of a night."

GSA Website

<http://www2.wfubmc.edu/graduate/gsa.html>

GSA on MySpace

<http://www.myspace.com/wfugsa>

The main goals of the Graduate Student Association are to provide a means by which graduate students can actively influence and participate in student-related policies and to protect the rights of the graduate students while improving the quality of the environment for the students of Wake Forest University's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. The Graduate Student Association also strives to promote fellowship among graduate students and faculty.

Hey YOU!

It's time for a "Check Up from the Neck Up" on May 9.

In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month (May), an information fair will be held on Wednesday, May 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Ardmore Cafeteria. The goal of this event is to help decrease stigma associated with having a mental illness and to bring to the forefront the fact that mental illnesses are treatable, recovery is possible and patient problems have particular names with specific treatments.

Mental health professionals, including physicians, nurses, social workers and recreation therapists, and many community partner agencies will be on site to answer questions and provide information about available resources.

Questions? Contact Kim Hutchinson, RN, at 713-2238.