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FEATURES

THE REAL GREEK LIFE: The Greensboro Greek Festival



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While you wait in line, the savory scent of roasted lamb wafts through the air, mixing with the honey sweetness of loukoumades boiling not five yards away. You revel in the sound of the sharp jangle of the bouzouki contrasting with the low-

toned guitar. And when you finally sit down with your gyro, the rich taste of the wrap is cleansed by the refreshing bite of retsina wine as you watch the throngs bounce to the traditional 10-step folk dance.

All in all, the Greensboro Greek Festival is a sensual experience. Taking place annually on the third weekend

of September at the Dormition of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church, the Festival is a three-day taste of a vibrant culture.

I should know, for the Festival has always been a part of my life. Every third weekend of September until I turned 18, I was one of the Opa Dancers. Composed of the church's schoolchildren, the Opa

Dancers serve as the Festival's primary entertainment, performing authentic Hellenic steps once an hour to the syncopated rhythms of Greek folk music.

Greek music itself is unlike any other Western form. Often performed in odd time signatures with strange stresses of

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NEWS

False rumors call into question administrative policies

TENSION FELT BY STUDENTS TOWARDS PUBLIC SAFETY

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Rumors abound at Guilford College: undercover cops at The Pines, a snitch living rent-free in Hodgins Retreat, and Campus Life bringing drug dogs into Bryan Hall and falsely naming them "bedbug-sniffing dogs."

Students cite a tension among themselves, Public Safety officers and the administration, and these relationships were only further damaged in the

wake of the self-imposed party ban at Campbell House.

The main issues of concern appear to be underage drinking at on-campus parties and the general safety of Guilford students, although students and Public Safety view this through different lenses.

"People seem more on edge," said sophomore Ruby Brinkerhoff. "P-Safe is showing up earlier and kicking people out."

Public Safety officers view the semester as going smoothly, with one official saying, "There's nothing going on that we haven't be able to handle just fine."

There has been a noticeable rise in the number of negative rumors amongst students, mainly in relation to the control of students' party habits.

"I guess it's the secrecy that's upsetting," said Brinkerhoff. "I'm hesitant to believe (rumors) because a lot of them are exaggerated or completely untrue, but people believe them and spread them, and that makes for a bad relationship between students, P-Safe and Greensboro cops."

Brinkerhoff continued, "I think it's really important for students to have a good relationship with P-Safe. We don't have that right now. We're upset that Campbell got shut down, and now we're hearing all of these negative rumors."

A student who wishes to remain anonymous reported that Campus Life recently brought two dogs into his Bryan suite unannounced, asking for

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