

## Student Travels to Middle East

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## FCA Funds Low, But Spirits Still High

By Daryl Bryant

The funds for Fellowship of Christian Athletes this year have not been sufficient for the type of program the committee feels is needed. FCA started out this year with a fund of \$200 which is quite low for a program which usually invites people to come and speak at their Monday night meetings. The problem this year has been that the fund has been so low that the FCA committee has been subjected to invite only local speakers. FCA president Charlie Wilson protests, "Becca and I submitted a budget and I guess that it was lost on it's way to the budget committee. I think the only reason we got any money was because Becca was on the committee herself." FCA vice president Becca Wineka stated, "Last year our faculty supervisor, Roger Idstrom, at times had to spend his own money to pay for hotel rooms for those speakers who

were from out of town." So the funds last year were also not enough for what was actually needed. Another problem that had arisen was that Idstrom had left last year without telling anyone on the FCA committee. Although there is a lack of funds in the program, students have continued to come and join in worship and share thoughts. In the beginning weeks up through the past few weeks there has been a steady flow of students joining in the Monday night activities. Charlie Wilson exclaims, "Come to FCA and you'll find out that it's not just a place for athletes or just Christians, but for everyone on campus." Becca Wineka says, "If any faculty would like to speak and share thoughts they are more than welcome, but it doesn't have to deal with athletics." Despite the lack of funds, there is still a place for people to show up and express their own feelings and thoughts.

## Editor's Mailbox

### Do You Know Where You Are Staying For Break And Who You Are Rooming With Next Semester? Are You Sure?

Dear Students:

Break tends to be a tense time for students and staff alike. In the past, breaks have caused a number of difficulties that I would like to think have arisen from poor communication. This letter is an attempt to alleviate that problem.

I am sure you are all familiar with the signs that begin popping up about a week before break that say something like "you must be out of the building by..." No matter how stern these signs are, there are still a large number of students who approach their RD and ask to have an exception made. By now you should have all received a memo in your boxes stating that there will be no exceptions this year. I want to assure you that this is not because we dislike you and are anxious to get rid of you, but because we are concerned for the well being of the college.

As a provider of housing, we are responsible to maintain adequate supervision, not just for disciplinary issues, but for safety and security issues as well. This means if we leave the halls open for the *exceptions* and an emergency arises in which a staff member is not able to assist, we could be held liable.

There are additional reasons for shutting down the halls such as responsibility to constituents (such as your parents) and cost effectiveness that I would be happy to discuss with you.

In addition, we are more than willing to assist you in finding a place to stay over break. This usually takes place through finding a community member who has a spare room. The trick with this option is that it takes time. Please see me no later than December 9 if you need help.

Another important issue that comes up around this time of year is

vacant rooms. If your roommate is leaving or you have a private room that you are not paying for, be warned that you will most likely be given a roommate by the time you return next semester. If the idea of rooming with a stranger is awkward to you, please make sure you either pay for a private or make arrangements with another current student to move in together. I would be happy to help you with either option.

The bottom line is that we are here to help you, and are very happy to communicate with you concerning your needs and our policies. Just stop by and see me in the Student Services Office (second Belk) or call me at ext 3635. Thanks for reading and have a great break!

Sincerely,

Dave Sperry

Director of Residence Life