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Students Attend NACA Convention

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On Thursday, September 26, nine representatives of the Student Entertainment Association (SEA) headed out of Boiling Springs and into Winston-Salem for the 1991 National Association of Campus Activities Conference (NACA).

The conference showcased potential entertainment, educational sessions and exhibits for colleges to bring to their campuses. "Doin' it Right" was the theme of the conference, which featured comedians such as the 1991 Star Search champion Charles Zucker and former actor/comedian from the hit television show "227"--Barry Sobel. Another up-and-coming comedian enjoyed by the GWC delegates was Carrot Top, who is a mix of Robin Williams' wit and the zaniness of Howie Mandel.

Musical acts enjoyed by the SEA representatives were Maria Howell, who opened with Ray Charles for the grand opening July 4 celebration at the Blockbuster Pavilion in Charlotte; the Canadian band, One, that played high energy, rockin' reggae music that had the entire conference dancing; and Good Guys, a band with a dynamic stage appearance and songs that move the heart,

mind and feet. Good Guys are called one of the leading voices in the growing "Black Rock" movement and have opened for Living Colour and UB40.

Educational sessions included motivational speakers, panels, discussions and informational sessions that educated NACA delegates on how to better student entertainment and activities.

Exhibits included representatives from Cellar Door productions--Harry Connick, Jr., Jesus Jones, Jay Leno, Dennis Miller, Mario Joyner, Dana Carvey and Jerry Seinfeld.

Noel T. Manning, SEA chair, said that the conference was "like a full weekend jam session but that it was also a good time to get to know the other SEA delegates."

Karen Hough, who went to the conference in place of Audrey Sloan, summarized the weekend by saying, "Although it was a jam packed and tiring weekend, it was enlightening. I think we will be able to offer diversity to the students of GWC."

SEA delegates to the conference were: Jason Crook, Jill Galloway, Manning, Dan Mauney, Wendy Myers, Nicole Nichols, John Perrin and Aimee Stewart.

The Morning Man

By Barry W. Martin

Special to The Pilot

Erik Cummings is among the students who took advantage of opportunity over the summer.

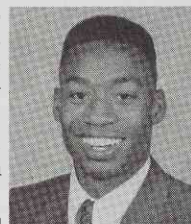
Cummings, a Miami native, was an intern at a Fort Lauderdale Christian AM radio station, WEXY 1520. He began his internship--in the sales department--one week after school let out last May. Two weeks later, he found himself holding the station's morning log book, staring at a microphone, his voice reaching a thousand people.

Cummings had gone from sales intern to on-the-air personality, the morning man. While he worked at the station, Cummings had to find guests to be on his show. That put him in a position to meet celebrities like Sandi Patti and BeBe and CeCe Wynans.

As morning man, he always tried to keep 'em guessin', (the listeners) thinking "I wonder what he's gonna do today?"

Cummings said his first time at the mic was scary. "My first time was jittery, but after the first song, and I cut the mic back on, it was a good feeling."

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International Club

By Donna Ham

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Have you ever wondered what other countries are like? What the people are like? Gaining personal experience about other countries and the people is very rewarding.

This year at GWC, the students and faculty have an even greater opportunity to meet international students.

Burdette Robinson and Carolyn McKinney are advisors for the International Students Club (ISC).

According to Robinson, there are approximately 30 international students from 14 countries enrolled at GWC this fall.

Robinson said that the club was formed to serve three main purposes: to provide a support system for international students, to give the students a chance for fellowship, and to allow the college to provide for the students needs.

This year, Marcos Bomfim, from Brazil, has been elected president of the ISC. He said he would like for all students to grow and learn together and to help the International Students get over culture shock.

Bomfim said, "No matter what language we speak or which country we come from, we can learn from each other always and in every way."

ISC will meet again on October 15. The club is currently planning their fall retreat to Mars Hill for Oct. 25-27.

World Trade Center

By Aimee Stewart

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On October 2, a World Trade Center was opened in the Dover Library. This center, an outreach program of the Research Triangle, will provide an international trade network to assist local businesses.

The center will be linked with about 200 other trade centers worldwide and serves as a showcase for regional products.

Drs. Keith Griggs and Anthony Negbenebor, both of the Broyhill School of Management, were instrumental in conducting research of businesses and entering into an agreement to establish an affiliate office of the World Trade Center on Campus.

Griggs notes that he is "excited about the potential" of this new center and hopes that the center will be used for academic hands-on experience for students and also as a service to business companies in their advertising efforts.

The center, housed in the Rare Books Room, officially opened on October 2, with a 1:30 p.m. public ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Dr. Igor S. Oleinik, Senior Fellow with the International center in Washington, D.C. and former member of the USSR Council of Ministers, was scheduled as the keynote speaker for the ceremony.