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How much does Installation cost?



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Heather Z. Killian (left) and Shalita M. Davis help themselves to food at the Student Celebration event held in Plemmons Student Union Sunday afternoon.

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Ain't no party like a Peacock party.

Thousands of dollars have been raised to finance a week of festivities to celebrate Kenneth E. Peacock's Installation as the sixth chancellor of Appalachian State University.

Interim Vice Chancellor for University Advancement Jerry Hutchens said he and the chancellor raised \$54,750 in donations for Installation events.

"We want to show the school off," Hutchens said. "We want our Installation to be as good, or better, as any other school's."

Hutchens said state funds cannot be used to finance

Installation events, so individuals, board members, corporations and foundations have all chipped in for expenses like food and decor.

People will travel from all over North Carolina for the Installation, he said.

Dr. Edelma Huntley is a co-chair of the Installation committee. Huntley said no guest speakers will be paid, and some food and decor will be donated.

"Many people consider it an honor to participate," Huntley said.

Huntley said ASU Food Services will be used as much as possible.

Sunday afternoon's Student Celebration in Plemmons Student Union was the kick-off event for this week's agenda of Installation activities.

Director of Multicultural Student Development Tracey L. Wright said this was for a good reason.

"As most students and faculty are aware, Chancellor Peacock lives by the mantra, 'students first, quality in all,'" Wright said. "Holding this event as the kick-off event serves as a powerful action to illustrate that that's what he truly believes."

Those in attendance enjoyed entertainment by a bluegrass ensemble, 4Taye, magician Joel Edwards, and Brent Brown, a sketch artist.

Appalachian Food Services provided the heavy hors d'oeuvres for the event.

Wright said that the celebration cost roughly \$5,500 and was paid for by fundraising.

Those at the celebration

had the opportunity to sign a keepsake book for the chancellor.

"Students can write notes of encouragement to the chancellor for him to look back on in the future," Wright said.

The Installation Gala will be held Saturday in the Holmes Convocation Center from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The Peace and Love Band will perform, and a very short program will begin at 10 p.m. and Chancellor Peacock will make a few remarks.

Dean of Students Susie L. Greene said guests should expect heavy hors d'oeuvres, including two chocolate fountains. The event also includes a cash bar and arm-bands will be provided. All profits from the cash bar will go to scholarships.

The Holmes Center will

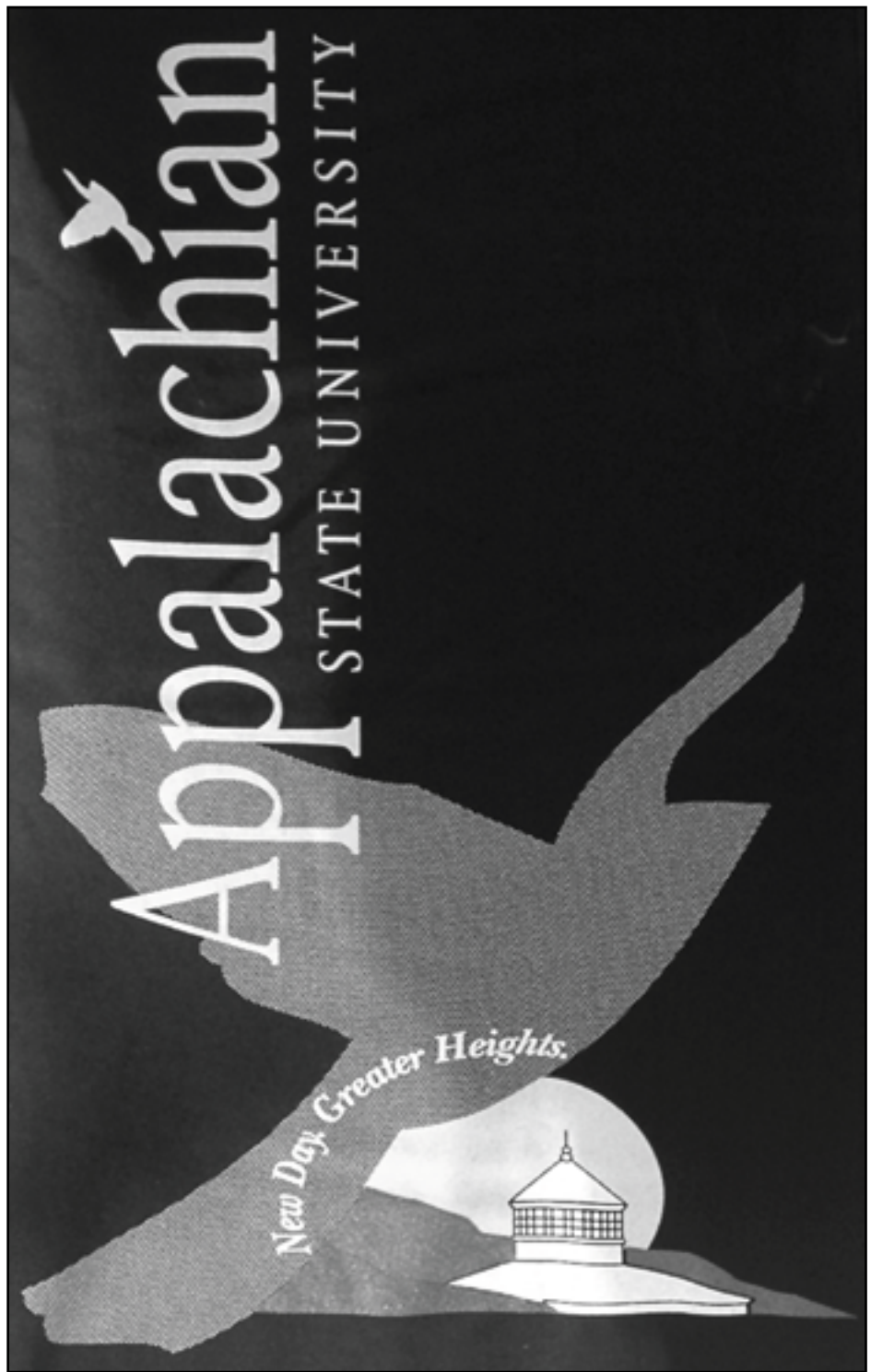
be well decorated for the event.

"It will be a wonderful evening. People will be amazed at what the Holmes Center will look like," Greene said.

Greene said semi-formal dress is required. Admission is free for students and \$15 for non-students.

"Even when the committee was considering charging students just \$5 to get into the event, the chancellor said no," Wright said. "He wanted all to be able to attend the gala."

Free parking for the gala is provided at the Horn in the West parking lot, the Broyhill Inn South parking lot, and in the parking deck. Shuttles will run from each of these lots to the Holmes Center every twenty minutes.



State SGA walks the plank

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Yo-Ho, Yo-Ho! It's a pirate's life for students at North Carolina State University.

Will "The Pirate Captain" Piavis won 40 percent of the vote during the N.C. State Student Government Association presidential election two weeks ago and gained 58 percent of the vote in the run-off election.

The Captain and his scurvy crew campaigned dressed as pirates and promoted an agenda (they call it a "plank") that includes better transportation, a literacy scholarship and getting students involved in SGA.

Another campaign promise was to work with other schools, according to his Web site.

"We pirates need to work together with the other schools an thar cap'ns and crew in this fine port of Raleigh," the plank states. "The more people in the same boat, the further the saber will cut into the coin purse when it comes time to deal with the dastardly Mayor and his rich council of merchants. More plunder! Yo-Ho!"

N.C. State saw 27 percent of students vote in the first election and 26 percent in the run-off election, the highest participation the university has ever seen in selecting a student body president.

The Pirate Captain was not available for comment as of press time.

"I'll be completely honest ... when he was running, I was definitely very concerned of the image that he put out and what that might do to the reputation of students in general," Association of Student Governments President-elect Zachary A. Wynne said. "At the same time, he definitely brings a fresh perspective, and I'm willing to work with whoever won, either Will Quick or Whil Piavis."

Wynne added he was hoping Quick, the other candidate in the run-off election, would have won.

H. Dustin Bayard, who served as the elections board chair for this year's SGA presidential race at Appalachian, said the campaign was a clever one and Appalachian students could learn from it.

"It's just a really organized campaign," he said. "They put a lot of thought into it, which is something we didn't really see on this campus this year as much as we have in the past. That's what I think most students should do: formulate a really good mission statement, have a good goal, have a slogan and work everything toward that, and they did that."

Bayard said the campaign might spark student interest in SGA.

Appalachian's by-laws for student elections do not prohibit candidates from running under a theme, pirate or otherwise.

While Wynne remains concerned the campaign could have a negative impact on students and important leadership positions, such as the student vote on a university's Board of Trustees, he said he looks forward to next year.

"I think it'll be very interesting," he said.

You're hired: Spada declared 'The Candidate'

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Brooke Spada, a senior art education major, was "hired" as Appalachian State University's first Candidate.

The two-week challenge had 15 students working to improve rooms at the Hospitality House, OASIS and the Watauga Youth Network.

"I think it was a really wonderful experience for all of them," Career Development Center's internship coordinator Patti H. Sanford said. "In a short amount of time, they had to do so much and they did an incredible job with it."

Holding back tears of joy and pride, Spada thanked her team of all of their hard work and promised to take them all out to dinner.

"This was such an awesome experience," she said.

Second prize went to senior French major and student body president Miriam N. Makhyoun.

"I'm just amazed at this entire opportunity, not just getting to know everyone but just being in this kind of



Brooke Spada (right), the winner of "The Candidate," and runner-up Miriam Makhyoun.

arena," Makhyoun said. "It's such an unusual experience that I think I'll never forget."

Makhyoun was presented with two \$500 travel vouchers.

Although both the Candidate and the runner-up were from Team H&H Renovate, the winning team was the Watauga Youth Network renovators.

Team WYN Renovation Coalition consisted of David Desourdy, Jonathan Kappler, Laura Limon, Sam Webb and Scott Williford.



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Team WYN Renovation Coalition, made up of David Desourdy, Jonathan Kappler, Laura Limon, Sam Webb and Scott Williford, celebrates their first place team victory.

Two children from the center came to thank the team for their hard work in creating a beautiful and functional new room.

The winning team was whisked away for a night on the town to celebrate.

They had appetizers at Coffey's, dinner at The Best Cellar and dessert at Twigs.

"Any kind of activity that brings students together to work on teams to do something for our community, I'm all for it," Chancellor Kenneth E. Peacock said after the event. "It really does show a commitment of students to find any venue to serve the community and serve our university."

Throughout the process, each participant was required to spend time in a taped confessional to discuss how he or she felt the event was going.

The Career Development Center will take those confessions, along with video of boardroom meetings and the students working, and create a mock show.