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Coffee talk

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Pikas move to south campus

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South campus has traditionally been the last stronghold of women on campus, but it is soon to be invaded in a big way.

In mid-October 18 months of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity reorganization will come to fruition when their new lounge in Luter Residence Hall is completed. How a fraternity lounge will impact quiet south campus has yet to be determined.

Since the Student Life Committee's actions in the spring of 1994, the Pika fraternity has been removed from its housing and lounge in Kitchin House, relocated to a 16-man block in Luter, and governed by its alumni through a charter receivership. A new lounge is only now becoming reality.

"The new lounge has really been the light at the end of the tunnel through all of this," senior Pika Mark Maxson said.

Living on south campus without a lounge has been a challenge to the brotherhood. From hosting parties in the Poteat House lounge to last spring's small rush, the Pikas have been set apart from the other fraternities on the Quad.

"This group was devastated when they lost their lounge space. As an alumnus of this very chapter, it hit me hard, but I am proud of these guys who stayed with the group, stayed focused, took their punishment, and now are accepting this new lounge," said Cook Griffin, the director of the Deacon Club and the Gamma Phi chapter's alumni adviser.

Griffin said former Pika president,

Brian Valente '95, was instrumental in initiating the Pika transition. "He and the fraternity's executive committee put together the receivership plan. The chapter was recognized this spring with a community service award and faculty adviser award from the Interfraternity Council."

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intermix(ing) Greeks with non-Greeks, and I'd say it's been an interesting perspective living down here. The Quad will always be the Quad, though," Maxson said.

The Pikas are by no means immune to administrative scrutiny since they have received a lounge. Maxson said their relations with the administration have come a long way. "There is no animosity harbored toward the administration, but our concerns are right on par with any other Greek organization," he said.

Maxson said he hopes the positive ground gained in the last 18 months will not be lost. "With the new leased

lounge review policies, we can't slack off," he said.

Maxson calls the lounge a reward for Pika's changes, but it is sure to make an impact on Luter. Connie Carson, the director of Residence Life and Housing, said, "(Luter is in) a different kind of neighborhood ... Luter does not engender itself to be a party place, especially with the proximity to Faculty Drive."

Arrangements have been made for students attending Pika functions to exit the lounge without walking through Luter and disturbing residents, a concern not relevant on the Quad.

Tim Burton, the assistant director of RLH, has directed much of the lounge construction and has been in contact throughout the summer with both the Pikas and the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, which will occupy the other lounge.

"These lounges fall in the middle as far as size is concerned. Primarily they are one large room with another room that can be used for storage or as a chapter room," Burton said.

The only major difference in the lounges, aside from being new, is they do not have patios. "Hopefully this will keep the party from overflowing outside, there won't be drinking outside and the fire codes will be enforced," Carson said.

Though the Theta lounge in Luter will be completed simultaneously, Carson said "(The Thetas) are used to calling Luter home (and their occupancy) is not as much of an issue because of their national policies governing their space."

Meyers

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of which was the Amazon.

One of the main issues in the country is what kind of trade-offs Brazil must make in order to achieve economic stability. Brazil has the largest debt of all the Latin American countries, so many of its debtors are urging development of its lands.

Ecologists, however, are worried about the high rate at which the country's tropical forests are being destroyed. According to Meyers, the forests are disappearing at a rate of 58 acres per minute.

Besides the threat to breathable air that the destruction of the forests poses, many species of flora and fauna are also rapidly disappearing. Meyers studied this problem as well, meeting with scientists, government agencies, non-government agencies and the private sector to gain a well-rounded picture of all aspects of the problem.

The concern of both American and Latin American students for the envi-

ronment impressed Meyers.

"The students show a much greater concern for the environment than older people, and they are willing to get involved," Meyers said. He said that the people of Brazil are aware of how fast their resources are being

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Brazil's culture was also fascinating to Meyers.

"In Brazil, there is enormous diversity and enormous discrepancy between the wealthy and the poor. The culture is full of rich music and rich food," he said.

Meyers said that there is a striking contrast in Brazil between the beauty of the forests and the destruction.

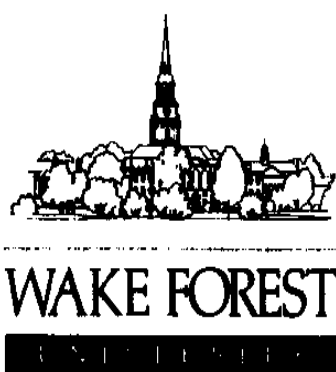
In general, the experience in Brazil was an overwhelming one for Meyers. "It was real intense," he said.

Though Meyers enjoyed his travels and learned a lot, he said he is glad to be back teaching again. He said that he missed teaching and the contact with his students while he was gone, and that his studies during his leave have reinvigorated him.

Meyers hopes that one lasting effect of his travels will be closer ties with these Latin American countries. He hopes that more Wake Forest students will spend time studying in these countries, and he wants Latin American students to be able to come here to study.

He said he thinks that American students can benefit greatly from such study, since many companies today are looking for employees who are not only bilingual, but who are also familiar with the customs and cultures of such countries. Meyers said that each Latin American country has its own unique characteristics, much as each region of the U.S. does.

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Shorty's

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Participating students would volunteer service time during the fall semester in order to raise money for the remodeling of Shorty's.

As with the rest of the proposal, the fundraiser requires administration approval. Cooperation of the Development Office must also be secured in order to organize the fund-raiser.

"Student government has drafted the proposed fundraising project as a show of good faith to the administration," said Goodrich.

Goodrich said the future of the Shorty's proposal de-

pends on the administration's response to it. If they like the plan, he said, they may offer to fund the entire project, making the student fund-raiser unnecessary. If the administration is not willing or able to finance it, Goodrich said students will have to raise money on their own to make the renovation a reality. There is also the possibility that administration officials will reject the proposal entirely, Goodrich said.

Though Goodrich said he could not offer exact figures on the cost of the project, he estimated that it could be as much as several hundred thousand dollars.

"We don't anticipate the decor to cost a lot of money. I imagine a lot of it may be donated or taken from the archives," Goodrich said. He said that the majority of the money would be used for plumbing and installing bathrooms in Shorty's.

Schippers said SG would like to see Shorty's completed by the spring of 1997 if the proposal is accepted.

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