

SG committees convene

Campus Life meets with local business owners

By Dan Durand
SG Beat Reporter

Student Government committee meetings this week were highlighted by the Campus Life Committee's plans to procure promotional deals for students with local businesses. The Appropriations and Budget Committee also convened, allocating funds for the First Campus Leadership Council.

In its ongoing mission to improve student living conditions on campus, the Campus Life Committee is currently engaged in talks with local businesses that students patronize.

It is the hope of the committee that it will be able to publish a booklet informing students of when and where they can obtain the best bargains in the Winston-Salem area.

The CLC is also exploring the possibility of a new student post office that would serve students living near Polo Road.

Since the opening of Polo Residence Hall next semester will increase the student population there, the CLC is presently lobbying for

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the establishment of a new mail pick-up in proximity to North Residence Hall, Polo and Student Apartments.

"I would like to make mail pick-up easier for students living in North," committee chairwoman senior Deborah Tyson said.

Last semester, the committee took the first steps towards getting a nutritionist on campus and voiced student concerns about pricing to ARAMARK management. This resulted in slight reform of ARAMARK cash register protocol, as students are now allowed to view the subtotal of each purchase and may request their meal card balance at any time.

Prices on certain items were even lowered in response to the CLC's efforts. Any legislation originating

from the CLC this semester will most likely lie in the ARAMARK arena as the Committee attempts to rework the ARAMARK legislation of 1997.

"Any upcoming bills will most likely deal with ARAMARK issues," Tyson said.

The Appropriations and Budget Committee approved funding for the First Campus Leadership Council. Despite its name, the FCLC is not a new organization, but rather an organization chartered last year under a different name.

Refused funding in 1997 under the moniker of Supercouncil, the FCLC will consist of the presidents of all the other committees in SG.

The effective goal of this organization will be to improve communication among the other organizations.

"As slow as things have been this semester, it was nice to see a group requesting funding," committee member freshman Jacob Kline said. "It was a pleasant reminder that SG can still make difference despite the near Utopian conditions on campus."

POLICE BEAT

Crime Stoppers call helps recover art

University Police located a stolen painting after receiving an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers Feb. 27.

The painting was taken from Carswell Hall between Nov. 25 and Dec. 1.

Theft

A portable cassette player and headphones belonging to a student were taken around 10:30 p.m. Feb. 22 from a golf cart used for pizza deliveries.

The stolen items were in a book bag left unattended in the cart, which was parked in the Benson University Center's loading dock.

A \$75 wallet and its contents were stolen from a visitor's briefcase left unattended in a seminar room at the Graylyn Conference Center between 12 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Feb. 25.

A student's parking decal was

reported as being either lost or stolen between 10 a.m. Feb. 23 and 2:30 p.m. Feb. 26.

Damage

The straps on a university employee's swimsuit were cut while the suit was hanging from a locker to dry in Reynolds Gymnasium.

The incident occurred between 11:30 a.m. Feb. 18 and 11:30 a.m. Feb. 20.

Four student vehicles were sprayed with a fire extinguisher between 10 p.m. Feb. 25 and 3 p.m. Feb. 26. The vehicles were parked in Lot J, behind Collins Residence Hall.

The granite portion of a brick wall was spray painted between 9:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. Feb. 27. The wall runs along Lot B, between Taylor and Davis houses.

A panel in a Taylor suite door was removed around 2:20 p.m. Feb. 28.

Miscellaneous

A university employee was issued a state citation for failing to

yield the right-of-way at the traffic light of Wingate and Wake Forest roads at 10:30 p.m. Feb. 23.

A student was issued a state citation for marijuana possession at 8:15 a.m. Feb. 27.

Earlier that morning, a University Police officer saw a suspicious substance on the console of a vehicle parked in Lot P, behind Huffman Residence Hall.

Once the student returned to the vehicle, the substance was seized and it tested positive for marijuana.

The incident was forwarded to Harold Holmes, an associate vice president and the dean of student services.

A trespass warning was issued to someone who resisted leaving Reynolds Gymnasium at 3:38 p.m. March 1.

The person, who was attempting to use an expired student identification card to enter the gym, became angry when asked to leave.

The person was escorted from the building.

University Police handled 51 calls from Feb. 23 to March 1 including 10 incidents and investigations and 41 requests for service.

Delta Sigma Theta sponsors forum, calls for diversity

By Daveed Gartenstein-Ross
Contributing Reporter

The campus is lacking in several types of diversity — racial, religious and diversity of sexual orientation — panelists at Delta Sigma Theta sorority's Diversity Forum March 3 concluded.

The panel, consisting of Delta Sigma Theta president senior Eboni Cohen, Jewish Student Organization president sophomore Julie Eling, Race Relations Committee chairman junior Omaar Hena, Asian Student Interest Association and Islam Awareness Organization founder senior Al-Husein Madhany, Black Student Alliance president senior Tiffany O'Neal, ASIA vice president sophomore Vaishali Patel and Gay and Lesbian Bisexual Association member freshman Martin Price, spoke about issues of diversity with a large audience consisting mainly of female minority students.

Madhany said: "Diversity is tolerated on this campus, but not appreciated. If diversity were appreciated, things like affirmative action, the Confederate flag debate and me not scheduling my classes at 2 o'clock on Fridays (because that is when Muslims pray) wouldn't be so contentious."

Patel said that she was aware of the university's goal of a certain percentage of minority enrollment, but that the goal was in place for the wrong reason, that of "not

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wanting to be left behind." Instead, she said, "We should be diverse to learn from each other."

Hena and Madhany addressed the few white students in the audience.

Hena said, "I want to know what white people think. I think this lies at the heart of things like why there's so much segregation on campus, and why my white friends ask me, 'Omaar, why don't you get over this racism thing?'"

In response, two white students said that the speakers had a legitimate claim and that campus diversity is lacking.

Several members of the audience questioned whether diversity entails the presence of many different groups on campus, or whether the goal of diversity is interaction between these groups.

They noted the absence of interactions between different groups and wondered if an increase in diversity would only increase the amount of segregation.

Patel likened an increase in diversity without an increase in interaction to the situation at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

She said that one reason she chose to attend this university was "because I didn't want to spend four years at college exclusively with Indian people, which is what I think would have happened if I'd gone to Carolina."

Hena said the situation that the university faces is similar to the fluidity within societies, noting that one reason America has been such a strong nation is its fluidity, in that people can move relatively easily from the lower to upper classes.

"Think of how many groups here, specifically Greeks, are segregated," Hena said. "They have the most power on this campus. Unless you create a more fluid society on Wake Forest's campus that can bring people together, you won't benefit anybody at all. A lot of these institutions need to be deconstructed. They constitute a class structure."

Hena's solution focused on increasing intellectual diversity on campus through an expansion in the school's majors.

"If the university were to make many of its minors into majors, then that would

bring diversity on an intellectual level," he said.

He pointed to such minors as environmental studies, women's studies and American ethnic studies, saying that the school could concentrate on attracting the top scholars from any of these fields and expanding it to a major, rather than spending its money on technology upgrades.

Hena pointed to the success of the communication department, which he said had been a minor in the past, in attracting some of the nation's top communication scholars.

Patel also said he felt that a change in the curriculum would aid diversity on campus. "Our school is the only school I know of that doesn't have a requirement that deals with diversity," she said.

"Usually people respond to this idea by saying they don't need more divisionals. But who needs to go up to literature in a foreign language?" she added. This comment prompted an emphatic round of applause from the audience.

Patel said, "Many of these divisionals are not as important as diversity would be."

Price said that he would give money for a quota of gay people on campus.

"My type of diversity isn't even recognized as a part of diversity," he said, expressing his dissatisfaction that the majority of the discussion had focused on racial diversity.

WORLD WIDE

Court Ruling Supports Federal Ban Of Same-Sex Harassment

WASHINGTON D. C. — In a case that gay-rights activists have kept a close eye on, the Supreme Court ruled that federal laws banning on-the-job sexual harassment applies to same-sex harassment as well as opposite-sex harassment.

A federal appeals court had thrown out the case of Joseph Oncale, a Louisiana man who said he was sexually harassed and pursued by his boss and two other men while working on a oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico.

By a unanimous vote the Supreme Court revived the case, saying that same-sex harassment violated the anti-bias law contained within Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Golden State's Latrell Sprewell suspension reduced in arbitration

NEW YORK — An arbitrator ruled in favor of Latrell Sprewell Wednesday in both of his grievances against the NBA. The Golden State Warriors tore up Sprewell's contract and the NBA suspended him for a year after Sprewell physically attacked and threatened his coach during a practice on Dec. 1. On March 4, arbitrator John

Feerick reduced Sprewell's suspension to five months and ruled that the Warriors could not tear up his contract.

Feerick rejected the NBA's claim that the attack was premeditated and further said that there is no history by the NBA or the team for imposing this level of discipline for violence.

This means that when Sprewell returns to the Warriors on July 1, he will be paid the remaining \$16.3 million over the final two years of his contract.

Floods continue in Pakistan, kill 75, leave 250 others unaccounted for

KARACHI, Pakistan — At least 75 people were killed and over 250 are still missing after flash floods swept through southwestern Pakistan.

The floods carried away hundreds of mud homes. The Pakistani government is trying to get help to the area.

However, continued rains have made it impossible for relief helicopters to land with supplies.

Most of the homes destroyed were built along a usually dry riverbed that flooded with heavy rains. Officials have said that it has been difficult to determine the extent of the damage because the floods destroyed the phone lines in the area, and officials fear that once communication is restored the death toll will rise.



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Candy Land

Sophomore Brooks Sykes digs in after deciding which treat she is in the mood for during a trip to the Benson University Center's candy stand.

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