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**Peace talk**

Mahatma Gandhi's grandson, Arun, will give a lecture today at 8 p.m. in Brendle Recital Hall in the Scales Fine Arts Center.

# Groups vie for lounges, offices

*Polo Residence Hall to provide little space for student organizations*

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More space for student organizations will be available next year due to the new residence hall and the availability of the soon-to-be disbanded Delta Gamma's lounge.

Richard Williams, a Reynolds professor of physics and the chairman of the Student Life Committee, said that, although limited space is available in the new Polo Residence Hall, there will not be any lounges for organizations.

"There is a cluster of four offices available for assignment, but each of the offices is too small to serve as a lounge. They really are offices," Williams said.

He added that two of the offices have been offered to the Euzelian and Philomethesian societies. The offices they currently occupy could then be used for other organizations.

Williams said that the two other offices in the Polo residence hall will be assigned

by a committee composed primarily of students that will work on many aspects regarding the new dorm.

Lounge space for residents will exist in the new residence hall. "The lounge space in Polo will not be assignable to one organization. It is an activity room with lounge furniture and tables, meant for informal use by residents at most times, but also available for reservation for special events by any group on campus," Williams said.

The assignment of next year's vacant DG lounge will probably be made next spring. The call for requests from student groups will be announced publicly in advance of that decision process.

Williams did say that Lambda Chi Alpha has a standing request letter for lounge consideration when one becomes available.

In order for an organization to obtain a lounge, it must have a charter recognized by the Student Government and the faculty, Williams said.

"That qualifies the organization to be considered for an available lounge space. The

chances of being assigned the space then depend on such things as purpose and history of the organization, service to the university community (and) size of membership," Williams said.

Organizations that currently have lounges must meet several different criteria in order to retain their space. Each organization holding a lounge or block housing is reviewed every three years, Williams said.

The most significant criteria are the judicial history of the organization, the facility of caring for the space, the size of organization's membership, contribution to residence hall community and how effective the group utilizes the area it has been given.

"We on the Student Life Committee are acutely aware that there is a shortage of lounge space on campus. This need for lounge space and study areas applies to most of the residence halls. The first things may not be lounges for assignment to organizations, but lounges and study areas for the students living in the halls," Williams said.

# ROTC cadets prepare for upcoming Ranger Challenge

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certified as a Ranger in the army, the student is trained in specialized tasks that a Ranger would be expected to know.

The events in the competition include a One-Rope Bridge, Map Reading, Orienteering, an Army Physical Fitness Test, a 10-Kilometer Ruckmarch, Marksmanship, Weapons Assembly and Grenade Assault.

"Rangers are an elite small unit fighting force. They have to be at the peak of their performance at all times. They're the ones who infiltrate first, and, while they might not necessarily engage in battle, are assets available for intelligence gathering.

"Because of their skills and techniques, we can insert them into a locale, and have them gather information, and then pull them out," said Captain Chris Abell, an

assistant professor of military science.

The events that gauge individual talent, such as marksmanship or the APFT, are tallied by averaging the scores of all of the cadets.

Events like the One-Rope Bridge, in which the team must clear a water obstacle by attaching Swiss Seats to a rope that the team secures, and the 10-K Ruckmarch assess the group's ability to work as a unit. In both types of competition, mistakes cause points to be deducted.

These events stress the importance of teamwork in Ranger work.

At the end of the weekend, trophies are awarded to the top three schools in every event, as well as the top three overall programs.

The competition allows the various battalions in the Fifth Brigade to bring together the cadets that are among "the cream

of the crop."

Larger schools, however, have a slight advantage.

"Schools like the Citadel and VMI (Virginia Military Institute) have a collective body, mainly because they are military schools," Sergeant Elton Richards said.

"They have the ability to pick their best cadets to participate, whereas we accept volunteers.

"Our goal with Ranger Challenge is to go down and represent Wake Forest and our program as best we can, and anything we win in the process is bonus," Richards said.

In order to prepare for the competition the team members have Physical Training three times a week at 6 a.m. and a two-hour lab every Tuesday.

In addition to this activity, the team runs the 10-K Ruckmarch every Monday in full

uniform, carrying a 35-pound rucksack full of provisions and a dummy M-16 rifle.

The training that Rangers must undergo, in addition to their normal ROTC routine, is what sets them apart from the other cadets at the university.

The Demon Deacon Battalion has five returning seniors this year, which, since they are also hold ROTC leadership positions, is indicative of the students devotion to the program.

"(Being in Ranger Challenge) allows cadets to excel past their peers. The time that you put into it is more than a normal cadet, so it gives you a differential between 'the eggs,' so to speak.

"If cadets devote that much to it it's going to pay off: one, because he is recognized with the Ranger Challenge tab, that he gets to wear on his Class A uniform, and the ROTC Ranger beret; and, two, with the

amount of training he does, he ends up far exceeding his or her peers on a physical fitness level," Richards said.

Team commander, senior Tom Falcon, is enthusiastic about the upcoming competition, and feels that the group has prepared appropriately for this weekend's Ranger Challenge with what resources were available to them.

"We've trained really hard for the physical events, so we expect to do well in the APFT and the Ruckmarch.

"Unfortunately, we haven't had a lot of access to weapons, so we've been using a special program for Super Nintendo with a laser rifle to prepare for the marksmanship event," he said.

"Also, I think we'll do well in the orienteering event, because we've set up a course on campus that will be similar to the one at Compton," Falcon said.

# Music students seek lounge

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Music students longing for a place to informally socialize, perform, and chat with professors may soon get their wish.

The music department is weighing a recommendation submitted to create a lounge in the music building. Senior Holly Jarrell, a member of the committee, said that many music students spend a great deal of their time in Scales Fine Arts Center attending classes and practicing.

There is not, however, a space in the building for students to hang out, take breaks or hold informal performances and discussions, she said.

Teresa Radomski, an associate professor of music, said she suggested to some students that they work on a proposal for a music lounge.

The students responded and formed an informal committee, studied the possibility, and confronted the faculty of the department with their ideas.

"Students are really looking forward to the possibility of having (a lounge) available," Radomski said.

The proposed lounge would take the place of a room currently used for storage.

The room would require some basic renovation in order to accommodate musical performances, Jarrell said.

The department faculty endorsed the proposal after hearing from the committee, citing that the lounge would help to foster the intellectual climate that the university administration has been promoting for all students.

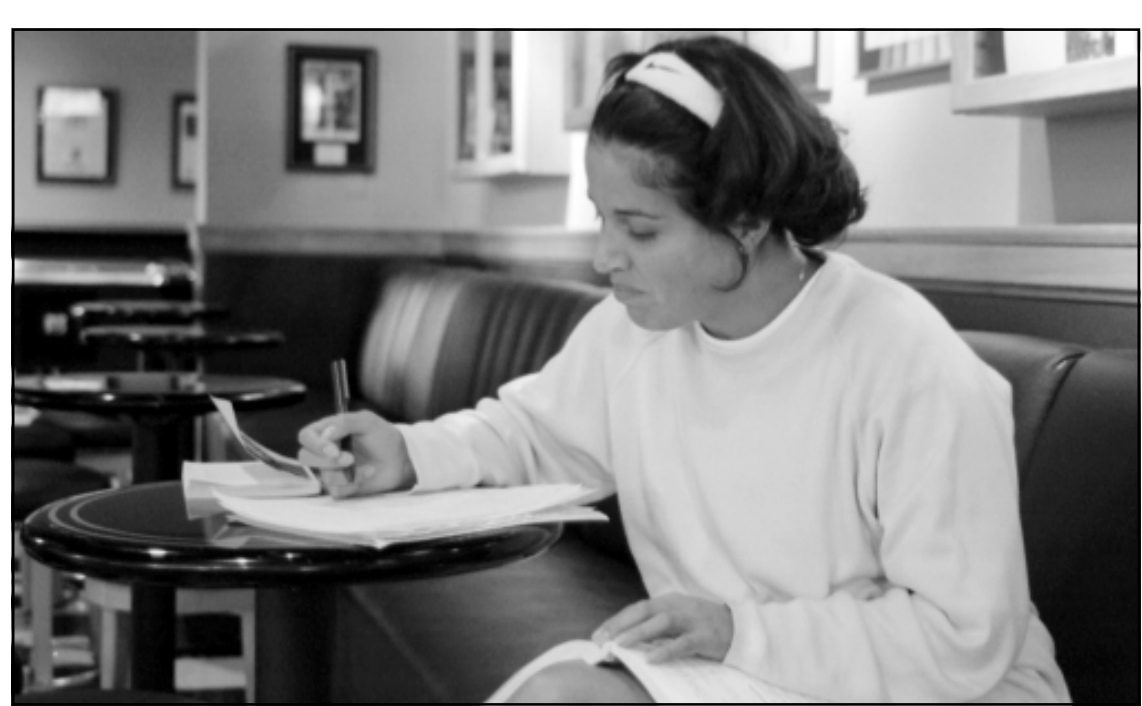
Students also see room for academic and intellectual development in addition to the social advantages. "We have interest in more faculty-student interaction away from class," Jarrell said.

Radomski said that because the project is a department initiative, no official approval from a university physical planning committee would be necessary.

The music department is now trying to secure a funding source for the proposed lounge. The funding may come out of the department budget, Radomski said.

Once funds are solicited, the project would likely take only about three weeks, Radomski said.

Optimally, the lounge would be available by spring semester but most likely renovations would take place over the summer and the new lounge would be ready next fall.



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**Study Break**

Exchange student Sandra Ordonez takes advantage of Shorty's coffeehouse atmosphere to get some studying done.

# Postal employees work hard, but enjoy job

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went behind the wall? A labyrinth of boxes and overcrowded hallways with magazines, packages and mail. These three women provide mail services for an entire campus of students. "I've served up to 526 people at my window in one day," Heidel said.

It's not uncommon for the women to help around 500 students a day at each window — an eighth of the student population. If that doesn't seem like much, compare the university's post office to the rest of Winston-Salem. "We receive more mail and more packages than any other post office in Winston-Salem," Denny said. "That's not even counting the endless flow of free on-campus mail and the additional 240 P. O. boxes that were added this semester. "We could definitely use another employee," Denny said.

Padgett has been filling student's boxes with mail for the past eight years. "There's always a full tray of US mail everyday," she said. A full tray holds an average of 550 letters, any campus mail and the

bulk rate advertisements that are often seen scattered about the post office floor. Mondays are her busiest days, "but everything that's in order and addressed right should be out by 2 or 3 (p.m.)," Padgett said. "For the rest of the week the mail should be out between 12 or 1 (p.m.) unless it's a holiday."

Though students may complain about the supposed unfriendliness of these women, in reality they are often the ones who have to tolerate attitude problems. During the interview in the post office well after office hours, several students banged on the door and the window, yelled through the walls and rang the door bell repeatedly.

One student even started cursing because he wanted to retrieve a package.

"This happens everyday," Denny said. "It's unbelievable how rude students get; they'll swear and shout at you," Heidel said. "But if a student is polite and respectful, I'm happy to help them, even after hours," Denny said.

The post office's closing time of 4 p.m. causes problems for many students, especially on Fridays.

What puzzles some students is that after the windows close at 4 p.m. the postal employees are still in the building and can be heard through the walls.

"What students don't realize is that once the windows go down we only have half an hour to do our Federal Post Office paperwork that's due with our last mail pick up at 4:30 (p.m.)." Denny said. To complete this paperwork the postal employees have to add the day's totals, which involves counting a lot of small change, and write up a report. "Sometimes there's two to three thousand dollars to count," Heidel said.

Also, all three women live outside Winston-Salem and have fairly long commutes to their homes in Walkertown, Marion and Germantown.

"Students should be thankful we're open as much as we are," Denny said. "The hours used to be from 8:30 (a.m.) to 12:30 (p.m.) and then from 1:30 to 3:30 (p.m.)."

Overall, Denny, Padgett and Heidel are very understanding of students. "We all have kids ourselves," Padgett said. Denny and

Padgett each have two sons, and Heidel has one son and one daughter.

Many of their children are college age, so these ladies understand what being a student at the university is like. "I like talking to the students and meeting people. I try to find out something specific about you so I can remember you later, but there's just really no time to socialize," Denny said.

Overall the ladies sympathize with students over their problems with postal service. "The lines are just too long," Heidel said. They offered tips on how to decrease the amount of time one spends waiting in line.

They said that students should try to buy more than one stamp at time, ask about how to ship overseas mail before they actually have to send it and petition for a better stamp machine that sells different amounts of stamps.

They also suggested that students who really do need their packages but can't make regular office hours, should try stopping by on Saturday and politely knocking on their door.

# Students' Atlanta trek proves futile to some

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adding that she felt she could have obtained the information simply by going to the library.

Couch said that companies representing a wide variety of fields were at the fair.

She said that people who work in the banking, medical, legal, real estate, advertising, public relations and corporate communications industries were in attendance.

According to Hallman, a number of the alumni representatives told her that their companies do not fill their open positions with undergraduates.

Hallman said that she went to the Career Fair for the sole purpose of speaking with representatives from Delta Airlines and Coca-Cola.

Coca-Cola was one company singled out by both Greer and Hallman. They mentioned their conversations with a company representative as indicative of the fair's problems.

Hallman said that she was told Coca-Cola requires three to five years of experience and a masters degree to be eligible for the jobs in which she was interested.

Greer concurred and said that she was informed that Coca-Cola does not hire people straight out of college.

Couch said that it was her understanding that Coca-Cola does hire recent graduates and that the Coca-Cola employee was simply speaking about the foundation department in which he works. "That would have been for his particular area," she said.

Hallman suggested that in order to make the fair more effective in the future, Career Services should only have companies that are looking to hire students who just graduated.

Despite the complaints, Couch said that she felt that overall, the students who attended had a positive experience. "I had several students say to me that they got a lot out of it," she said.