

# SG presentation promotes 'strength in diversity'

By Suzanne DuBose  
News Editor

Beginning next week, students will see numerous displays around campus highlighting diverse members of the student body through artistic photographic renderings and personal essays.

"These works represent not just racially or religiously diverse students, but also just students with different philosophies," said junior Jessica Murray a Student Government race relations committee member.

According to race relations committee secretary sophomore Surupa Dasgupta, the committee is sponsoring the photo-essay exhibits, titled "Strength in Diversity," to "acknowledge the fact that diversity takes many forms and is a daily part of each

student's life."

"We have chosen to represent to a greater extent the voices that are often unheard or generally misunderstood, and we hope to dispel myths, rejecting negative stereotypes that debilitate dialogue," Dasgupta said. "The goal through the project is just to take the time and consider these students' points of view."

The race relations committee asked organizations to nominate students they felt would be able to best contribute to the project. Approximately 25 students were nominated and will be featured around campus in locations such as the Benson University Center, residence hall lounges and Reynolda and Tribble halls.

The chosen students were asked to pose for photographs and to write an essay.

"We just asked them to describe themselves, to write on what symbolizes you," Murray said.

"They just told us to write a reflection, and my topic dealt with diversity and beauty," said Junior Vishali Patel, one of the candidates chosen.

The project used the assistance of both John Pickle, an assistant professor of art, and his "Introduction to Photography" class and David Finn, an assistant professor of art, and his first year seminar course.

"John Pickle's class did the pictures while David Finn's first year seminar class took on the role of art directors," Murray said. "They edited the articles, found spots for the exhibits, arranged them, and really made artistic decisions. These classes really did most of the work. They were really impor-

tant to the project."

The race relations committee was reformed last year in order to tackle problems dealing with diversity and racial understanding on this campus.

"The committee's goal is just to create a positive environment and to encourage people not to base their opinions on stereotypes and to increase awareness of other lifestyles," Dasgupta said.

Through this project, the committee hopes to reach to provide a very accessible and visible way for students to learn about the struggles and opinions of some of their most diverse classmates.

"Actually stop and read the essays, don't just look at the pictures," Patel said. "There are some really bright and intelligent students who wrote these essays."

The project will first appear in the display room of Scales Fine Arts Center at the beginning of next week.

"They'll be presented next week in Scales with detailed explanations of the project," Murray said. "Hopefully they'll be ready by Monday."

Maps of each of the photo-essay presentations will be available next week.

"There will be key maps coming out in the next couple of days. They should be available in the SG office, in Benson 340, as soon as they're ready," Dasgupta said.

Also, a commemorative booklet will be available at the end of the year featuring both the artwork and the essays of each of the chosen students. To find out more information on how to acquire one of these booklets, call Murray at Ext. 6672.

## LEAD proposes dry cleaning services

By Jessica Reigle  
Old Gold and Black Reporter

A project to bring a dry cleaning service to campus is currently being worked on by a LEAD group. The initiative is currently in its beginning phases, but it has already received much positive feedback from students.

The goal of this project is to set up a contract with a local dry cleaning service that would provide its services so that students would have a convenient way of getting their laundry dry cleaned. LEAD has not yet reached a decision on which local dry cleaning service would be used.

A drop-off/pick-up point would be established on campus for students, and LEAD is currently looking for rooms in Benson to serve this purpose. According to Meredith Aughtry, who is part of the LEAD group working on the project, the group is hoping to have a trial period and then if the response is favorable it will set up the service on a permanent basis.

Currently, several rooms in Benson are being considered for the trial period, such as a room in the basement next to the fitness center, a storage room next to Pizza Hut or a vacant room on the third floor. Ideally, students would be able to charge the dry cleaning costs to their Deacon Dollars. A survey was conducted and students responded very fa-

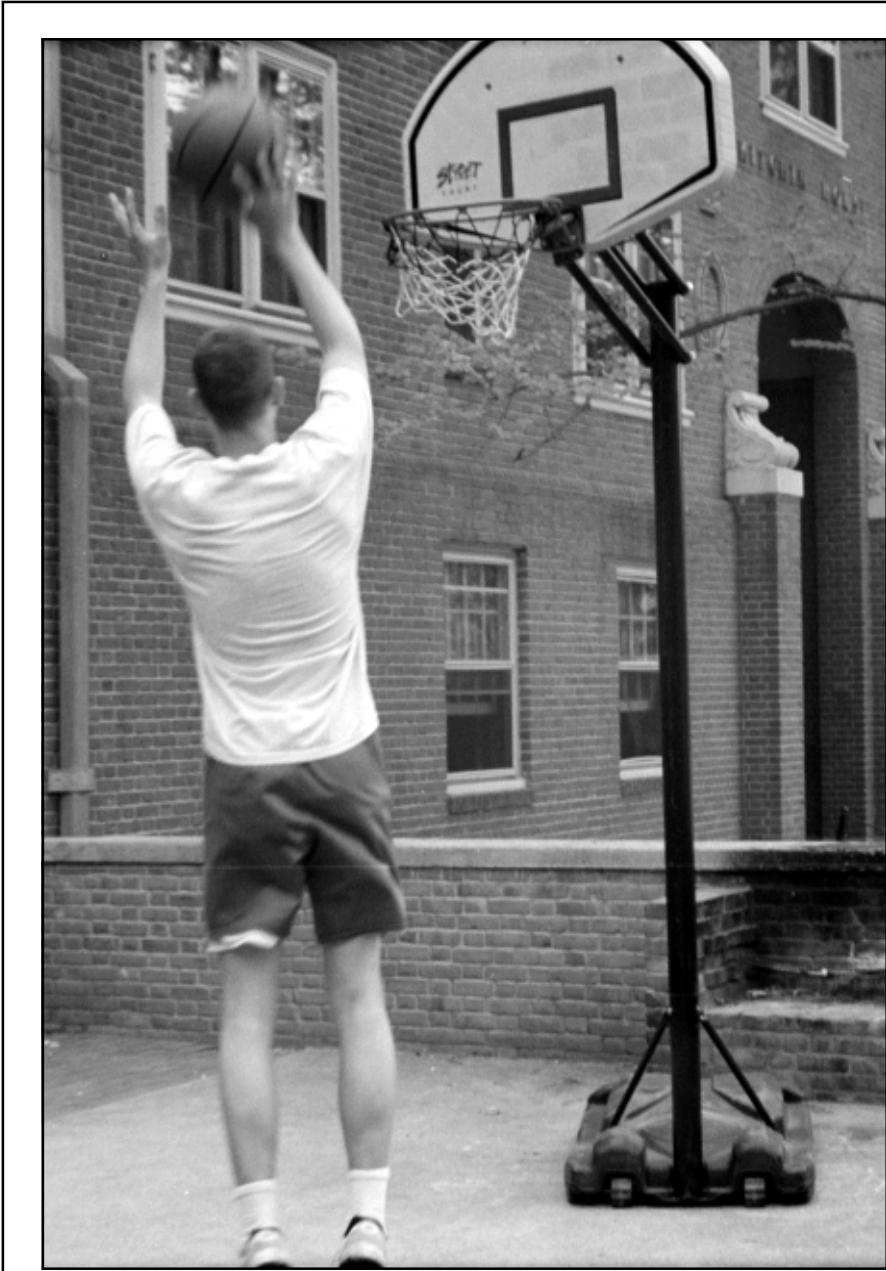
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vorably. When asked what they would be willing to pay for such a service, students on average quoted a price that is 15 percent higher than what normal dry cleaning would actually cost.

This is very encouraging, according to Rob Holland, a LEAD student working on the project, since the additional cost students are willing to pay would cover any extra costs that may arise, such as small fees for delivery and convenience.

Typically, dry cleaning establishments in the Winston-Salem area charge around \$1-\$2 per shirt, \$4 per linen pants and \$7-\$8 per dress or suit. "Feedback has been very positive so far," Holland said, who predicts that this project will not have a problem gaining student support.

LEAD is working closely with Benson University Center director Joanna Iwata and associate director James Buckley to put this plan into action. According to Iwata, the next step is to have a follow-up meeting with the LEAD group to discuss the possible locations in Benson where the trial period could take place.



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### Spring fever!

ABOVE: Two Theta Chi brothers play a unique form of baseball outside the Theta Chi lounge, substituting a broom for a baseball bat and a football for a baseball. LEFT: Freshman Alpha Sig brother Drew Gregory takes advantage of the warm weather to shoot some hoops outside the Alpha Sig lounge. Students took advantage of the warming spring weather by playing sports, sunbathing, doing homework outside or participating in any number of springtime activities. Professors also caught the fever, it seemed, as many classes were held outside in the warm weather.

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## BRIEFLY

Campus organizations may have their announcements listed by sending e-mail to [news@ogb.wfu.edu](mailto:news@ogb.wfu.edu), faxing to Ext. 4561 or writing to P.O. Box 7569. The deadline for inclusion in each week's paper is 5 p.m. Monday.

### Jewish Organization hosts Passover Seder

The Jewish Student Organization is sponsoring a Passover Seder at 6 p.m. today in the Magnolia Room. Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP to Julie Eling at Ext. 8104.

### Psychology presents speaker on atrocities

The department of psychology will present "Massacres: A non-objective psychology of collective atrocities" at 3:15 p.m. April 9 in Winston C.

The event's guest speaker will be Robert Zajonc, a professor in the department of psychology at Stanford.

### Symposium to feature Arkansas judge

Susan Webber Wright, the chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, will be the featured speaker at the university's Law Review's annual Business Law Symposium April 9.

"Balancing the Equities: The Evolving Law of Sexual Harassment," will be held at Graylyn International Conference Center from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with lunch from noon-1:30 p.m.

Many other prominent state officials will be joining Wright as speakers at the symposium.

### ACE Fellows deadline approaching soon

The ACE Fellows program is accepting applications for the 1999/

2000 academic year through April 9. Applications for the program, which seeks to provide opportunities and incentives for faculty fellows to explore and implement service-learning into existing courses or first year seminars, are available in the Teaching and Learning Center, in Z. Smith Reynolds Library room 330.

For more information, contact Katy Harriger at Ext. 5449 or Paige Wilbanks at Ext. 4549, or e-mail [tlc@wfu.edu](mailto:tlc@wfu.edu).

### Applications for City of Joy due by April 9

The City of Joy Scholars Program sends 10 students and a returning faculty member to Calcutta, India over winter break to volunteer from Dec. 11 to 28 with Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity.

Pre-trip group meetings prepare the chosen volunteers for their journey and focus on building a close-knit team.

Applications for the program can be found on the door of the Volunteer Service Corps. office, Benson 345, and are due April 9. For more information call James Han at Ext. 1639.

### Spring for SCAN FunRun on April 10

The First Annual Spring for SCAN FunRun will be held April 10 on the university campus.

There will be an 8K certified course at 8:15 a.m., and a 2K FunRun at 8:30 a.m. with all participants receiving a custom designed T-shirt.

All proceeds of the road race will benefit Exchange SCAN, a local organization involved with the prevention and treatment of child abuse

and neglect.

Interested parties are encouraged to e-mail Leslie Minehan, the race director, at [ScanRun@mba.wfu.edu](mailto:ScanRun@mba.wfu.edu) and ask for an application.

### Peace activist to speak at Friends meeting

Father Daniel Berrigan, a nationally renowned peace activist, will lead a panel discussion from 2-4 p.m. April 10 at the Winston-Salem Friends Meeting, at 3151 Reynolda Road.

The discussion will focus on the crisis in Iraq.

Berrigan was active with Dr. Martin Luther King in the civil rights movement and has long been a leader in the non-violent protest of U.S. military policy.

He wrote 50 works, including collections of poetry and religious commentary, an autobiography and a Broadway production.

### Symposium to focus on human behavior

The driving factors of human behavior and thought will be the focus of a symposium April 10.

The symposium, "Mind, Culture and Behavior: Discussions on the Interplay of Social and Evolutionary Processes," will feature programs with three well-known researchers.

Frans de Waal, a psychologist and ethnologist, is an expert on primate behavior. Richard Shweder, a psychological anthropologist, is one of the founders of cultural psychology. Hazel Rose Markus is an influential figure in the socio-cultural study of self and social behavior.

The event is open to the public and free to students, faculty and

staff. A \$10 registration fee is required of individuals not affiliated with the university.

All programs will be in Benson 401. For more information, call the psychology department at Ext. 5750.

### Graduation session to be held for seniors

Graduating seniors are requested to attend a graduation information session at 11 a.m. April 13 in Wait Chapel.

Speakers will include representatives from the Registrar's Office, the Commencement Activities Office (Public Affairs), the Faculty Marshals, the Senior Class and the University Administration.

Topics to be discussed will include graduation certification information, commencement schedules, important commencement procedures and conduct, and a rain plan.

### Wellness Fair to be promote good health

There will be a Wellness Fair and De-Stress Fest on Tuesday, April 13, on the Benson front patio from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be free food for those in attendance, giveaways, information, health assignments and activities designed to help people unwind.

### Discovery Series leads to 'the good life'

"What is the Good Life?" is the next topic of discussion featured in Benson's Discovery Series.

Andrew Cross, an assistant pro-

fessor of philosophy, Jay Ford, an instructor of religion, Batja Mesquita, an assistant professor of psychology and Jan Caldwell, an assistant professor of English, will be guests at the discussion. Joanna Iwata, director of the Benson University Center, will host the event.

"The Good Life" will be discussed 11 a.m. April 13 at the third floor lounge of Benson

### Children Celebration to be held at mall

Volunteers are needed to assist with arts and crafts, face painting, storytelling, assisting children in rock climbing and in the batting cage, escorting cartoon characters and handing out ribbons to children for the Celebration for Children to be held at Hanes Mall from 5:30-8:30 p.m. April 14.

Volunteers are asked to work in time slots of at least one hour and 15 minutes.

Interested parties are encouraged to call Terri Gillispie at Ext. 1696 or Alice Bullock at 722-1991 with the Association for the Benefit of Child Development.

### Volunteers needed for SciWorks Earth Day

SciWorks is looking for volunteers to hand out free sodas, do face painting, work as exhibit interpreters, collect admissions and more at their Earth Day celebration to be held April 17.

Information on the event is available from Terri Gillispie at Ext. 1696 or Lorelei Elkins at 767-6730 Ext. 161 at SciWorks.

### Tai Chi master to hold workshop April 20

April 20 in Benson's third floor lounge, students can find out new ways to alleviate stress and live a

life on wellness based on utilizing Tai Chi exercises.

Master San Gee Tam from the Golden Flower Tai Chi School of Winston-Salem will present an interactive workshop on Tai Chi.

### Overseas physicals offered for students

The last day for routine gynecological exams, physicals and overseas travel immunizations at the Student Health Service this semester will be April 30.

Students who need one of the above are encouraged to call Ext. 5218 to schedule an appointment as soon as possible.

### Correction

In the April 1 editorial "It's not always wise to believe one's eyes," the percentage of Greeks was incorrectly stated. As of the spring 1999 semester, 44 percent of the undergraduate population is Greek.

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