

Multicultural divisional discussed at forum

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"This is neither the end, nor the beginning, but a continuum," senior Daveed Gartenstein-Ross said as he opened up discussion Sept. 4 on the proposed multicultural divisional requirement for the fall of 1999.

The talk was led by Earl Smith, the chairman of the international studies and sociology departments. Attendance was large, consisting of faculty and students of all racial backgrounds.

It is a proposal not yet structured in its content or form. No decisions have been made with regard to whether this multicultural requirement will be its own divisional.

Thus far, two main recommendations have been made: one, that the multicultural requirement consist of a non-western subject area; or two, that it group all

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the newer disciplines, such as American ethnic studies and women's studies, into one divisional. The latter is opposed by Smith because it would isolate all minority disciplines, almost putting them on the back burner. The whole objective, according to Smith, is to "expose students to the realities of a multicultural society."

When giving the introduction, Gartenstein-Ross suggested that students "be advocates for change through education and see the fact that apathetic students exist in our community as a good thing," it since challenges and enhances others' efforts for change.

This spirit can be utilized through the realization and practice of one word: choice.

Smith said that students have the choice to play an essential part in the amending of the 48-year-old curriculum.

Several students had already inquired about the possibility of structuring a concrete format for the discipline.

Because they possessed presumptions of what the format would constitute and that Smith had not yet been informed of any details in the planning, some students experienced mixed emotions on the outcome of the talk.

"The talk was helpful and important things were discussed," senior Omaar Hena said. "From Smith's talk, it seems that these classes would frankly discuss these issues through objective, disciplinary education. Students wanted to feel reassured that the multicultural divisional was going to explicitly discuss the complex forms of oppression being experienced daily."

Smith said that it is important to realize that any consideration of such a requirement is a positive step toward the development of the intellectual climate and diversity of this campus.

"I am excited about the potential of a multicultural requirement, but it is only a first step. We need to ensure that these classes are transformative. Dialogue must be encouraged and students need to be engaged," senior Anne Egleston said.

Students interested in learning more about the proposal or expressing an opinion can contact Smith or Claudia Thomas, an associate dean of the college.

POLICE BEAT

Three bicycles reported missing as campus bike thefts continue

Three students reported their bicycles were stolen. In the first incident, a student's bicycle was taken from a bicycle rack at Johnson Residence Hall between 10 a.m. Aug. 20 and 1 p.m. Aug. 24. The bicycle was worth approximately \$300.

Another student's bicycle was taken from a rack at Bostwick Residence Hall between 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Aug. 31. The bicycle was worth approximately \$1,500.

Between 12 noon and 3:30 p.m. Sept. 7, a student's bicycle worth \$100 was taken from a Reynolda Hall rack.

A wheel was removed from a student's bicycle between 5 p.m. Sept. 3 and 9 a.m. Sept. 4. The bicycle was secured to an iron railing outside the College Bookstore.

Theft

Someone broke into a university employee's vehicle, which was parked in a maintenance lot, and took several items between 9 a.m. and 12:40 p.m. Aug. 31. The items, two speakers, a compact disc player and a compact disc, were worth a total of \$760.

Miscellaneous

An underage student was found lying in front of Huffman Residence Hall at 12 a.m. Sept. 6 after drinking alcohol.

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

An underage student who had passed out in Davis House was found at 12:37 a.m. Sept. 6.

The incident was forwarded to the dean's office.

An underage student in Davis Residence Hall was reported for drinking 2:45 p.m. Sept. 6.

A university employee in Winston Hall received several obscene voice mail messages between 5 p.m. Aug. 28 and 9:30 a.m. Aug. 31.

At 10:34 a.m. Sept. 2, University Police received a report about a vending machine in Calloway Hall, which was broken into and was missing food items.

Two juveniles seen tampering with bicycles on campus were issued trespass warnings around 11:30 a.m. Sept. 7.

University Police handled a total of 49 calls, including 11 incidents and investigations and 38 requests for service from Aug. 31 through Sept. 6.



Laura O'Connor/Old Gold and Black

Lights, camera, action

Kent Griffin, Rob McMullen and Thomas Gary set up lights in Reynolda Hall for an event which is to be held there on the night of September 11.

WORLD WIDE

Starr submits evidence in Clinton investigation

WASHINGTON — The sex-and-perjury investigation of President Clinton continued yesterday as special prosecutor Kenneth Starr delivered a 500-page report and 18 boxes of supporting evidence that he collected to the House of Representatives. The boxes of supporting evidence were the second half of a previous delivery Starr made. All told, a total of 36 boxes of evidence concerning Clinton were introduced.

The evidence submitted by Starr is under the control of House Speaker Newt Gingrich until he forwards it to the House Judiciary Committee. The House is expected to authorize a Judiciary Committee review of the material by voting on a resolution no later than tomorrow.

Charles Bakalay, a spokesman for Starr, refused to make any remarks on the contents of the evidence, but he said that the Office of Independent Council had fulfilled its duty by delivering the material.

Students continue protest in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Singing patriotic songs in front of several hundred riot-prepared policemen, approximately 200 students completed a second day of protesting outside of the Parliament building.

The students, who are demanding the resignation of President B.J. Habibie, proceeded to a campus in the vicinity of Parliament after police asked them to disperse.

With many of their fellow countrymen left in poverty as a result of Indonesia's drastic economic problems, the students' current demonstration is the largest the country has seen since May.

The previous incident, in which 1,200 Indonesians were killed in riot-related violence, succeeded in forcing Habibie's predecessor, Suharto, to resign.

The Antara press reported that the riots have rendered two students hospitalized with bayonet wounds and several others in treatment for tear gas inhalation.

Five Indonesian police have been injured, and similar violence is taking place in nearby Indonesian cities.

Dozens of Italians injured in earthquake

ROME — An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.5, as measured by Italy's National Institute of Seismology, killed one person and injured dozens more in the mountains 210 miles southeast of Rome Sept. 8. Many of the victims remain hospitalized with various injuries or shock.

The earthquake took place around noon and the most devastating damage took place between the towns of Castelluccio Inferiore and Laino Borgo.

A significant amount of destruction resulted from the earthquake, leaving several buildings on the verge of collapse. The mayor of Lauria estimates that 70 percent of the buildings in the town have sustained at least some damage.

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Parties

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action if a student at a party violates a state or university law, and it is brought to the attention of the school.

However, Hipp encourages students who live off-campus to be respectful of their neighbors and to act responsibly.

According to Roberts, residents in the nearby neighborhood have long tried to bring their concerns to the attention of the university.

Roberts believes that a June 7, 1998 letter from the homeowners' association to the *Winston-Salem Journal* citing the associations' frustrations has aroused the attention of the university.

Over the summer the association met with university officials to discuss some of the problems that the residents are facing. Another meeting is scheduled for today.

Neighbors have long complained that the noise from student parties has prevented them from being able to sit on their porches, entertain and even sleep, with the noise level escalating as students become more inebriated.

Guests at the parties often cross property lines, with some of them urinating on residents' lawns.

According to Roberts, residents have been cursed by student partygoers, with one resident even being threatened a few years ago.

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Roberts said she is afraid that if the problems do not stop, something drastic will occur, citing cases in which annoyed people have been driven to violence.

The number of cars has also posed a problem for the neighborhood, which is composed of narrow, winding streets with little room for parking.

"The cars have been known to prevent trash trucks and emergency vehicles from getting through," Roberts said.

After meeting with Winston-Salem alderman Wanda Marshall last spring, the association formed a plan of attack in preparation for the first few weekends of parties in late August and early September.

Marshall commissioned the help of the Winston-Salem police and the city zoning board, which is investigating possible zoning violations in houses occupied by students.

The association feels that some houses may contain more students than zoning laws allow.

Students living in the university-area neighborhood have noticed an increased amount of police activity in their neighborhood in the past few weeks.

Senior Kim Alexander, of 137 Rosedale Circle, said that two Winston-Salem police officers and one University Police officer arrived at her house at approximately 10 p.m. Sept. 6, after neighbors complained about noise coming from her yard.

Alexander said that eight students had been talking on her porch while waiting to be picked up.

She said she feels that the arrival of officers was rather extreme. "Why can't our neighbors call us if they have a complaint? There was really no need to alert the cops because eight people were standing in the front yard talking," she said.

The officers explained that because of neighbor complaints, their chief specifically told them to be extra strict and to patrol more often around the Polo Road, Rosedale Circle area.

Roberts said that residents and students need to develop good relationships, but acknowledges that it is difficult because of the constant turnover of student renters.

A house of cooperative students one year may be replaced by a house of disruptive students the next year.

"We aren't trying to ban students," she said. "We would just like them to respect our civil rights."

Student killed while leaving party

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BATON ROUGE, La. — A Louisiana State University student was shot and killed early in the morning Sept. 5 as he was leaving a party in the Gardere Lane area.

Benjamin Carter, 22, of West Garfield Street in Baton Rouge, was transported to Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center and was pronounced dead at 5:12 in the morning, said Paul Maranto, the captain of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office.

Carter, who had previously left the party, returned with his brother and another individual to retrieve one of the men's alarm clock, Maranto said.

Carter was leaving the party at 1844 Jasper Ave. for the second time when he was shot.

Parish deputies arrested Lavar Riley, 17, on charges of second degree murder Sept. 6. Riley, along with a group of young men in their late teens and early 20's, were asked to leave the party at the apartment earlier Sept. 7 evening because they were causing problems.

Riley allegedly came back to the party approximately 30 minutes later armed with a semi-automatic pistol.

As the three men exited the apartment, the gunman opened fire and killed Carter.

Police responded to the initial phone call at 4:16 a.m. Sept. 5.

Riley probably got frustrated when he was thrown out of the party earlier that evening and was coming back to retaliate, Maranto said.

The gunman was probably startled when Carter and the other two men were leaving the apartment, leading to the gunfire.

Carter's brother and the other individual walked out of the apartment in front of him, but Carter was the only one hit in the gunfire.

"He just happened to be a victim of circumstances," Maranto said.

Police have no reason to believe the individuals involved knew each other before the incident.

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