

Justices discuss inter-cultural relations

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Everyone should work toward inter-cultural understanding and dialogue, according to two New York State Supreme Court justices and a national representative from the Anti-Defamation League who spoke March 5 in Pugh Auditorium in the Benson University Center.

The Jewish Student Organization sponsored the event, which featured Judge Milton Tingling, who is black, Judge Shannon Taylor, who is Jewish, and Jeffrey Ross, the national director of campus affairs and higher education for the Anti-Defamation League.

Taylor and Tingling belong to a group called Blacks and Jews in Conversation, which was founded in the aftermath of New York's Crown Heights riots, which Ross described as "a situation of open warfare in the streets between one segment of African-American society and the ultra-religious Jewish community in New York."

In response to the riots, many New York judges decided that they must act to promote cultural understanding. Ross said that the judges thought it was important that they "get out there, not only into the streets

but also into the schools."

In the organization's programs, students would come to the courts to engage in dialogue with other students.

"They knew these other students only in stereotype," Ross said, "but the program helped them realize that they were really the same, all holding dreams and aspirations."

Ross said that the need for the organization is not limited to New York.

He pointed to such instances of hatred in our society as holocaust revisionist Bradley Smith's advertisements in campus newspapers throughout the country, Asian students at the University of California at Irvine whose lives were threatened over e-mail and gay and lesbian students who are verbally and physically assaulted on campuses everywhere.

The group's name is a misnomer, Ross said. "It isn't only about blacks and Jews, but deals with the general issue of bigotry and stereotypes."

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"Ignorance plus indifference is a feeding ground for bigotry."

Tingling, providing an example of the observation, said, "At Guilford College the student body president had been receiving hate mail over e-mail, was actually physically attacked and someone wrote on the wall, 'Nigger lover.'"

Addressing the audience, Tingling said, "You are the people who will have a say about what relationships will be like in the next 10 to 20 years — make a decision not to be indifferent about the things around you. If you do that, I will be able to retire in peace."

Tingling addressed Ross's statement about the rise of Holocaust revisionism, saying, "There are those individuals whose indifference would allow them to go to a

Holocaust denial lecture, then turn around and believe it. You affect those who are indifferent by going to one of those functions, and standing up and saying, 'You are entitled to your opinion, but I don't believe this.'"

During the question and answer session with the audience, Ann Haywood, '95, recounted her experience in the Peace Corps after she graduated.

"I lived with dark Pacific Islanders and realized my own prejudices," Haywood said. "When I look at my own experiences at Wake I think of this as a place with very gifted individuals and very conservative people with very strong stereotypes that are dangerous."

"When I was a student, I didn't hold my peers accountable because I saw them as Christians, full of love. I think we need to call people to accountability at this school where there is so much intelligence."

Junior Kimberly Lo, who said that she lived in a town known as the least segregated in the United States before coming to the university, said she was shocked to see the hidden racism here.

"There is a lot of hidden racism on this campus that is just as big as people hanging a flag with a swastika or using racist names,"

Lo said. "Just look at how people segregate themselves and who they associate with. I hope when I send my kids to Wake Forest people will be more accepting and more tolerant."

Ross said he felt that Lo's comment was the most important of the evening. He said that students should view the program not as an ending, but as a beginning.

"One of the things that has to be done is forums like this where you can address these problems," he said. "Diversity is not just putting different people in the same place, but what you do with them when they're there."

After the forum, Taylor said that students should make an effort to interact with other groups while they are still in college.

"This is *Paradise Lost* compared to what comes after," Taylor said. "If there are teachers with anti-Jewish or anti-black sentiments, they should be exposed. Jewish holidays should be observed, just as if one wants to observe the Islamic holy day, tests shouldn't be held on Fridays."

"There are many other days for tests — why Fridays? I'm not saying that if there are no Jews in the class that you should avoid a Sabbath. But if there are, you should observe it."

POLICE BEAT

Driver damages trees at Polo Road entrance

Two trees near the gate at the Polo Road entrance were damaged between 4 p.m. Feb. 27 and 2:50 p.m. March 2 when someone allegedly attempted to drive between them.

A vehicle with front and side damage was later discovered in Lot Q, next to the Scales Fine Arts Center. The vehicle's owner, a student, admitted to driving on the grass and damaging the trees.

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

Theft

Computer software belonging to a student was taken between 10 p.m. Feb. 18 and 12:30 a.m. March 3 from a Babcock Residence Hall

room. The software was worth \$70.

A painting worth \$300 was taken between 8 a.m. March 2 and 9:45 a.m. March 3 from the Worrell Professional Center.

Sixty dollars worth of food and \$120 in currency were taken from a vending machine between 10 a.m. Feb. 3 and 11 a.m. March 3 in Palmer Residence Hall.

Food worth \$5 was taken from a vending machine between 1:20 p.m. March 3 and 1:30 p.m. March 10 in Piccolo Residence Hall.

Damage

Multimedia equipment in Carswell Hall was vandalized between 5 p.m. Feb. 27 and 1 p.m. March 3.

Miscellaneous

A student living in a university-owned residence on Polo Road received several harassing phone calls

between Feb. 18 and March 4.

Around 5:20 p.m. March 15, a woman leaving Reynolda Village noticed someone following her vehicle and trying to get her attention. The woman drove to Lot C, near the University Police dispatcher's office in Davis House, and the other driver then left the area.

Two people in Reynolda Village were issued a state citation for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana at 12:10 a.m. March 9. A University Police officer discovered the illegal items after approaching the suspects, who were sitting in a vehicle.

A student driving on Wingate Road was issued a state citation for a traffic violation at 10:35 p.m. March 4. A student driving on Wake Forest Road was issued a state citation for a traffic violation at 1:45 a.m. March 5.

University Police handled 78 calls from March 2 to March 15, including 13 incidents and investigations and 65 requests for service.

WORLD WIDE

Doctors end Yeltsin's hospital stay due to improved condition

MOSCOW — Doctors released Russian President Boris Yeltsin to return to work in his home office west of Moscow March 18.

Yeltsin is recovering from an infection of the larynx, which doctors say is unrelated to his previous heart problems.

The Kremlin canceled Yeltsin's appointments for the week the previous day.

Though the illness forced Yeltsin to cancel a meeting scheduled for today with all or most of the 12 presidents in the Commonwealth of States, he will meet with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and French President Jacques Chirac March 25-26 in Yekaterinburg.

Collector opts against auctioning Kennedy's personal articles

NEW YORK — Several "intensely personal" articles of former president John F. Kennedy memorabilia will not be auctioned off as they were scheduled to be,

following an agreement between the Kennedy family and the collector. Robert L. White has agreed to give two of the former president's handwritten journals and a clock from the oval office over to Caroline B. Kennedy and John F. Kennedy Jr. rather than sell them.

In exchange for getting those items, the Kennedy family has given up all claims to the other items. The items were given to White by Kennedy's personal secretary, Evelyn Norton Lincoln.

Publisher refuses Willey book deal because of conflicting stories

WASHINGTON — A publisher who considered giving Kathleen Willey a book deal about her experiences with President Clinton said that the story she told on CBS' "60 Minutes" was different from the story she told him.

Micheal Viner said that Willey's lawyer came to him and asked for a \$300,000 book deal which presented Willey as "a fan, a friend who cared about President Clinton."

In her appearance on "60 Minutes," Willey said that Clinton hugged her, kissed her, put his hand on her breasts and placed her hand on his genitals. Clinton has denied doing anything improper.

Journal prints student works

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we're doing is simply reviving the journal under a new name, which is significant because *Revenant* means 'to come back to life,'" Johannesmeyer said.

Johannesmeyer compared the new journal to *The Philomathesian*, but suggested that the *The Philomathesian* caters to general interests whereas *Revenant* is directed towards specific interests within a given field of study.

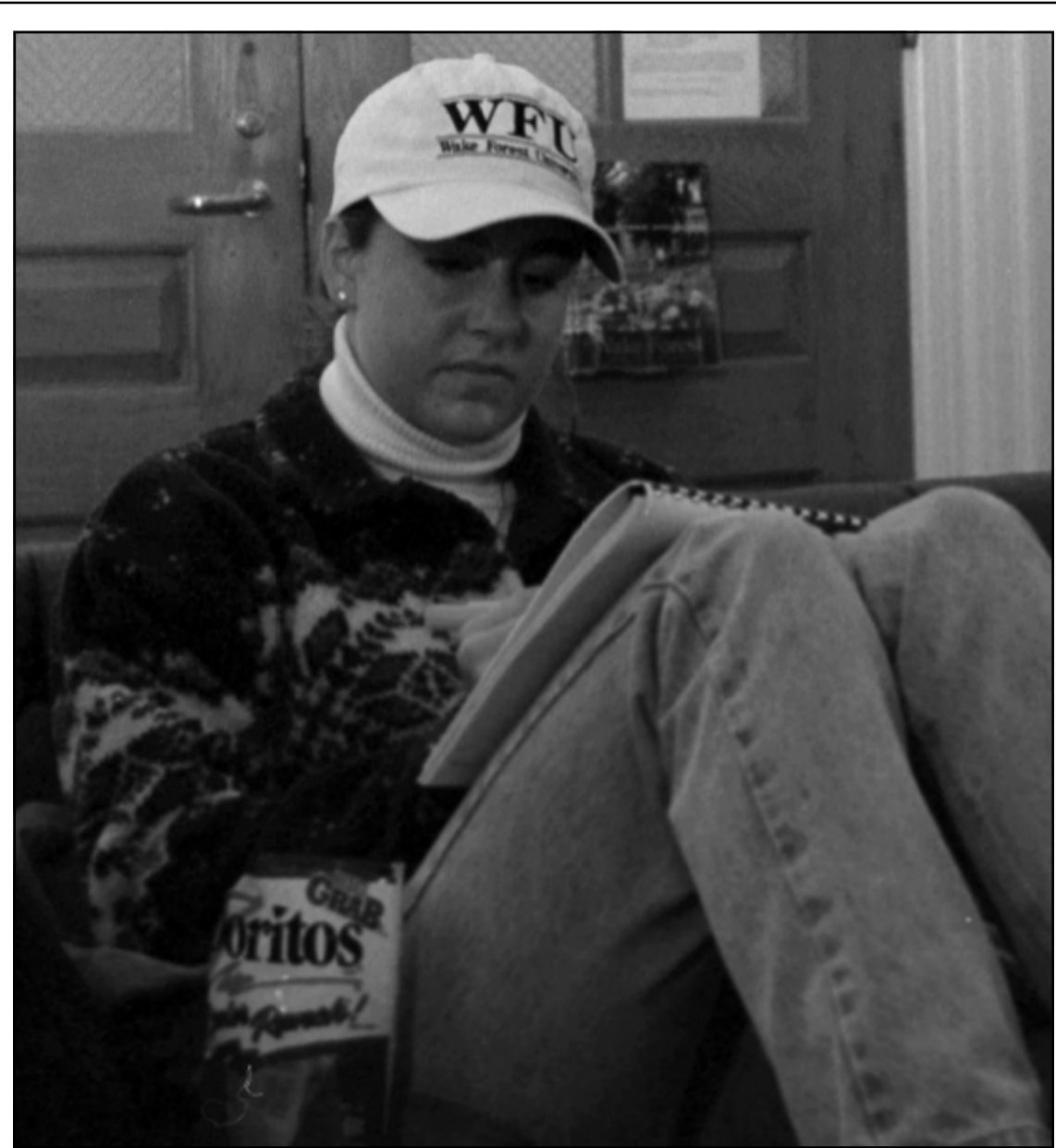
from Sigma Tau Delta's old journal in that it will include submissions pertaining to various academic fields, rather than just English. However, senior Sarah Hammons, a member of the *Revenant*'s editorial board, does not expect this change to be permanent.

"We're hoping that next year or the year after we can limit the scope of what is included in the journal to just English department submissions, but at this point we're taking things from humanities fields such as social sciences and the arts to

ensure that we have enough submissions," Hammons said.

The *Revenant* will include the two winners of last year's prize-winning papers from the department of English's Shakespearean studies class. The recipient of the writing award for the freshmen composition classes will also be included in the journal.

Although the *Revenant* is no longer accepting submissions, students are urged to contact the magazine next year with any papers they would like published.



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Crunch time

Senior Laura Tucker studies hard in Reynolda Hall. Back from spring break, seniors have less than seven weeks before graduation.

RLH announces changes for south campus, Quad

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back doubles in Davis House were converted into singles. The total conversion of all back doubles in the houses on the Quad will take five years, Carson said.

All the lounge spaces that were converted last summer into rooms will be converted back into lounge space. Many of the lounges in Babcock Residence Hall were converted into triples, as were some of the lounges in Palmer Residence Hall and Poteat House last summer when there was an over-subscription for on-campus housing.

"We don't anticipate that being a problem this year," Priddy said.

If there is housing over-assignment, RLH has made a list of single and double rooms, lounges and suites that will be the first to be converted into doubles and triples.

During room selection, these rooms will be flagged as the first rooms to be converted so that students who select these rooms will be forewarned.

Polo, which is scheduled to be finished for next year, will house a total of 194 students.

"From just the walk-in traffic we have received, demand for Polo will be very large," Priddy said. Polo will consist of townhouse suites with four single rooms and studio apartments with a two-person room.

Junior Vidya Prakasam said she would like to live in Polo next year.

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kitchen was the main reason of her wanting to move to the new residence hall.

The application for Polo is based mostly on the applicant's being Greek or independent. Since this is the first year, the application process is still experimental and will be evaluated next year, according to Priddy.

The second and third floors of Babcock Residence Hall will house freshmen next year.

This year freshmen lived on the third floor, while the basement, first and second floors had upperclassmen.

"I understand they want to move more of the freshmen to south campus, but the upperclassmen who don't want to live in the Quad won't have many options," junior Tamara Beavers said. Beavers currently lives on the second floor of Babcock.

Also this summer, Babcock will be renovated for improvements.

The houses on Student Drive, off Polo Road, will no longer be used for undergraduate housing.

The university will retain the houses for its own use. Five other houses on Polo Road will still be used for theme housing.