

Theta Chi celebrates 50th anniversary of chapter

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Last weekend, Mar. 27 to 28, Theta Chi Fraternity held a 50th anniversary ceremony for the Gamma Omicron chapter at the university. The chapter was founded in 1948 at Wake Forest College.

Junior Brad Preslar, the current president of Theta Chi Fraternity, said about 70 alumni came, including some of the founding brothers.

The weekend began on the evening of March 27 with a barbecue at the Theta Chi house. Both alumni and current brothers of the fraternity attended. Preslar said the barbecue had a very relaxed atmosphere and was mainly a closed party for the alumni to socialize.

March 28, there was a breakfast and a memorial for brothers who have died, including Greg Wilson, a member of the fraternity who died earlier this year.

A dinner and dance were held that night

at the Benson Convention Center with two keynote speakers, Ernie Accosi, '63, and Doug Waller, '71.

Accosi is currently the general manager of the New York Giants. He transferred to the university his sophomore year. Accosi has been a sports writer for various newspapers, worked with Joe Paterno at Penn State and was once NFL commissioner assistant. He said that although he has worked with many great people, Paterno was one of his greatest influences. Accosi spoke of the

bond that being in the fraternity gave him, saying he probably would have transferred out of the university had he not been in Theta Chi. "I don't think I would be where I am today without Theta Chi," he said.

The other keynote speaker was Doug Waller, '71. While at the university, Waller was co-editor and editor of the *Old Gold and Black*. After graduating, Waller worked as a copy editor and later a reporter. Now Waller now writes for *Time* magazine as a national security correspondent.

Waller advised the current members of the fraternity. "I hope that when you come back you'll remember these as the best years of your life and remember each of your pledge brothers," he said.

He emphasized the bond the brothers share and told them to appreciate the time they will share together.

"I was amazed at how much has changed (since the speakers went to school). They had a lot to say about goals and accomplishments," Preslar said.

Euzelian society sponsors Renaissance week festival



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Audience members listen in a lecture by Elizabeth Brown, a visiting professor of English at the university. The Euzelian society is holding a Renaissance Week festival this week.

Festival features poetry readings, costume banquet

By Mark Rabuano
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The Euzelian Society's Renaissance Week festival began March 30 and continues through the weekend, with its members' hopes to pique the student body's interests in the society.

The activities included a discussion of the Harlem Renaissance by Elizabeth Brown March 31 and discussions on the meaning of "Renaissance" and of the versatile Renaissance men. There is a poetry reading of Renaissance-inspired literature 4 p.m. April 3 in Shorty's and a Renaissance costume banquet April 4, which is by invitation only.

Senior Elizabeth O'Donovan, a member of the society and the Spring social chairwoman said, "We consider the theme particularly appropriate for our organization because the Euzelian Society was founded in an attempt to embody Renaissance values (of) excellence in endeavor, well-rounded interests and a lively curiosity about everything."

The Renaissance Week festivities were initiated in the fall of 1996, when the society decided to plan a different sort of event like this with the help of the A.C. Reid Lecture Fund and the office of student life. Prior to this year's Renaissance Week, the society held a banquet during the spring to honor speakers and guests from that year.

The primary objective of the event, besides generating student interest in the society, is to create an awareness within the society about the certain goals and values that should be celebrated.

O'Donovan said, "We have some very interesting speakers and I have no doubt that our colloquia will be very lively."

She continued to assert her confidence in the level of curiosity that will be on display during the week. She said, "This event should particularly appeal to Wake students because most of us are curious (and) deeply interested in a variety of activities, both social and academic, and we also have a certain responsibility to educate ourselves."

WORLD WIDE

Cosmonauts repair Mir space station

KOROLYOV, Russia — Two cosmonauts took a planned six-hour space walk to repair a damaged solar panel on the space station Mir April 1.

This space walk is one of five that cosmonauts Talgat Musabayev and Nikolai Budarin are scheduled for this month to make external repairs to the 12-year-old space station.

The solar panel was damaged when it was hit by an unmanned supply ship this past June.

The space walk was initially scheduled for March 3, but after breaking three wrenches on a stub-

born lock on the hatch the excursion had to be postponed.

Crowd honors slain in school yard shooting

JONESBORO — A crowd estimated to be near ten 10,000 gathered to remember the five victims of the school yard shooting that took place there last week. The service, which was at the Arkansas State University Convocation Center, focused on the theme of faith, hope, love and healing.

Heads were bowed in silence to remember the five victims, and a taped message from President Bill Clinton was played where he asked for all to pray for the five victims, as

well as the two suspects.

New Zealand first hit with cyclone, then rain

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Only a few days after cyclone Yali tore across New Zealand the country was again battered by high winds and pelted by rain April 1.

Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, was hit with winds of over 80 miles per hour that caused problems with the general public, including canceled ferries and airline flights. Rescue teams were forced to make a number of daring rescues of a number of fishermen who became stranded in the high waves and winds.

SG begins screening execs

By Dan Durand
SG Beat Reporter

In the spirit of augmented honor screening for Honor and Ethics Council members, which Student Government recently endorsed as part of its platform for Judicial Review, SG put into place a screening system for executive candidates at its March 31 meeting.

Coming into effect in the 1998-99 school year, an amendment introduced by SG president senior Scott Plumridge and passed by SG will ensure that students with honor violations will be barred from running for executive office.

Those with all other judicial violations will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis similar to the one outlined for HEC members that received overwhelming student support as part of judicial reform.

"This bill will ensure that the members of the Executive Committee will have been held up to the same scrutiny as members of the HEC," Plumridge said.

Other bills passed included a charter recommendation for the Nation Residence Hall Honorary Society and a bill advocating the organization of campus-wide parties to emphasize unity among the student body.

In the bill regarding the campus-wide parties, Article II, Section 1 of the Student Constitution was cited as stating "the function of the student legislature shall be to promote, organize and fund programs to benefit the student body."

Special Business consisted of speaker Ben Davids, an advocate for Major League Baseball in the Triad.

Davids gave a talk highlighting the positive aspects Major League Baseball, namely the Minnesota Twins, would bring to the Triad.

Salient among these were the \$140 million yearly revenue expected from the club, the \$4 million fans it would attract to the Triad yearly and the prestige it would bring to the Triad.

"This would be a great thing for the Triad area and Wake Forest," Davids said.

Davids also cited the increased

prestige of the Triad that would result from the Twins possible relocation.

"A new Major League Baseball stadium in the Triad would immediately become the single largest tourist attraction in North Carolina," an information flyer distributed by Vote Yes! says.

Following Davids' talk, a vote was brought to the floor by Plumridge. He urged that SG include on next week's ballot a form for North Carolina voter registration.

This would be done in the interest that students would be able to vote on the upcoming baseball referendum scheduled for May 5.

However, this met with resistance from the legislature and was not passed.

Student representatives voting no on this issue cited common motives.

Principal motives include a doubt that SG, as a student organization, has the right to promote such an off-campus initiative.

As a result, it was agreed to leave the issue off next week's ballot for executive elections.

POLICE BEAT

University investigates string of incidents

University police are investigating the following series of incidents that occurred on March 26.

Several items were stolen from the Quad area. Signs from Poteat, Taylor and Kitchin Houses were found hanging in a tree around 4:58 a.m. The signs were valued at \$150.

A United States mailbox was taken from outside the campus post office and placed on the grassy area of the Quad.

A table also was removed from the post office.

In addition, a trash receptacle was removed from the sidewalk and then thrown onto the Quad.

Around 10 a.m., a banner worth \$150 was taken from outside the College Book Store.

A traffic light belonging to a campus organization was taken from a Taylor House lounge between 2 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Several incidents of property damage and breaking and entering on March 26 may also related to the incidents on the Quad.

Three windows in North Residence Hall were damaged at 4:03 a.m. when someone tried to enter the building through the windows.

Someone entered a lounge in Taylor House at 4 a.m. and stole a campus

organization's composite. The composite was recovered later that night.

Someone tried to enter an organization's lounge in Kitchin House at 3:45 a.m. A bulletin board belonging to the organization was damaged.

At 4:28 a.m., University Police recovered a missing composite photograph belonging to an off-campus organization. This incident was forwarded to Harold Holmes, an associate vice president and the dean of student services.

A net in Leighton Tennis Stadium was damaged between 6 p.m. March 25 and 10 a.m. March 26.

Plants in Pugh Auditorium were torn out of their containers between 8 a.m. March 26 and 6:35 a.m. March 27.

Window panes in Reynolda Hall were damaged between 6 p.m. March 26 and 8:11 a.m. March 27.

The following is a summary of other incidents and investigations occurring from March 23 to March 29.

Theft

Two videocassette recorders were taken from an unlocked classroom in Tribble Hall between 3 p.m. March 6 and 9:30 a.m. March 24. The items were valued at \$400.

A \$200 bicycle belonging to a student was taken between 2:45 p.m. and 4:25 p.m. March 23. The item was left unlocked near

Hooks Stadium.

A pair of \$25 gym shorts were taken at 10 a.m. March 19 from a study area in the Worrell Professional Center library.

A student's check card was used to make \$187.41 worth of unauthorized purchases between 10 p.m. March 21 and 11 a.m. March 24.

A student's hockey tickets were taken from his Taylor House room between 3 p.m. March 26 and 5:20 p.m. March 29. The items had been left in his desk.

Damage

A storm window on a university-owned residence along Polo Road was damaged around 4:50 a.m. March 29.

A door handle in Davis Houses was damaged between 2:45 p.m. March 27 and 4:30 p.m. March 29.

Miscellaneous

A person was issued a trespass warning and then escorted off campus at 5:26 p.m. March 26. The person had walked into a Reynolda Hall office and could not give a legitimate reason for being on campus.

University police handled 58 calls from March 23 to March 29, including 19 incidents and investigations and 39 requests for service.



Foot-eye coordination

A student plays hacky-sack in a parking lot on campus. Students can be seen playing various amateur and impromptu sports on campus when spring begins.

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