

# Elders discusses healthcare at medical school

Former Surgeon General invited by SNMA to speak at honors banquet for seniors

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Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders, the first black woman to hold the post of Surgeon General, visited Wake Forest University School of Medicine April 21.

Now as a pediatric endocrinologist she is listed among the "Distinguished Women of America."

The university chapter of the Student National Medical Association invited Elders to speak at the Fifth Annual Medical Excellence Banquet to honor 14 graduating seniors among the organization.

Valerie Cothran, the university president of SMNA, said the organization had worked since last August to convince Dr. Elders to speak at the event.

During Dr. Elders' tenure as Surgeon General, she was a controversial figure in U.S. government; her scientific correctness was not politically correct in Washington, D.C.

As Surgeon General, Dr. Elders sought to change the health care system, a task she remains dedicated to.

In her banquet speech Dr. Elders labeled the American health care system as a "sick-care system." Although \$940 million is spent on healthcare, less than 1 percent is spent on measures to prevent illness before it occurs.

Elders advocates preventive measures through education and awareness. She mentioned that America is too busy teaching the traditional curriculum of reading, writing and arithmetic to educate about health.

Elders said she feels everyone deserves the right to proper medical attention. "Every criminal has a right to a lawyer. Why shouldn't every sick person have a right to a doctor? We have a responsibility to our society to educate and reform the health care system," she said.

Many doctors are concentrated in the urban settings, therefore access to medical attention is maldistributed to inner-city and rural communities.

Elders urged ministers and businessmen to help achieve universal access to health care.

She gave words of advice to the graduating seniors of SMNA. Elders urged them to care, not to fear failure and have the courage to stand up and speak out, because one person with courage can make a majority.

The national vice president of SMNA, Tom-meka Archinard Thibidideaux sent a resounding message. "Tough times never last, but tough people do," he said.

Most of the attendees were medical students, undergraduates or medical affiliates of the university.

Prior to the banquet, SMNA held a silent auction to help fund the organization's alternative to violence programs and one-on-one contact programs to steer adolescents in the right direction. SMNA is the nation's oldest and largest medical student organization focused upon professional excellence and moral principles.

Through sponsorship of minority youth programs and dissemination of information specific to minorities, SMNA seeks to provide quality education for minorities and women.



Courtesy of Wake Forest School of Medicine  
Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders was the first black woman to be named Surgeon General.



Courtesy of the Howler

## Open wide

Freshmen Amanda Major looks on as Audrey Parker generously shares a taste of her Freshens yogurt with Martin Price.

## WORLD WIDE

### Ruling may have effect on Paula Jones lawsuit

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court has announced that it will hear a case which is expected to have an effect on Paula Jones' lawsuit against President Bill Clinton.

Kimberly Ellerth is suing Burlington Industries, because she said her supervisor allegedly made sexual advances on her, saying he could make her job "very hard or very easy."

The company however, says that since Ellerth suffered no retaliation for rejecting her supervisors advances, the company cannot be held liable.

A federal judge in the Paula Jones case ruled earlier said that an employee can only collect damages if they suffer from on the job retaliation.

A victory by Ellerth in this case

could have an effect on that ruling.

### Robber's death blamed on medical response

LOS ANGELES — After having been shot 29 times by police, bank robber Emil Matasareanu was not given proper medical care in a swift manner by police and died as a result.

According to *The Los Angeles Times*, after the gun battle which Matasareanu and Larry Eugene Phillips Jr. waged with police following their hold up of the Bank of America, Matasareanu was left to die by police.

According to the *Times*, Matasareanu was initially believed to be dead after being shot, and when they discovered he was still alive, delayed calling an ambulance for help.

A doctor at UCLA Medical Cen-

ter has said that Matasareanu could have survived if he had been given "standard emergency care."

### Cosmonauts make space walk, repair Mir

MOSCOW — Cosmonauts Talgat Musabayev and Nikolai Budarin made another space walk this week.

During the course of the walk, they spent over six hours installing an engine on the outside of the Mir space station.

This was an orientation engine, which is responsible for keeping the solar panels pointed toward the sun.

The engine replaces one that ran out of fuel early this month.

It appears to be installed properly and working fine and ground controllers will fire it up in a few days.

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# Senior found not guilty after 20 minutes of deliberation

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made it clear he was to be suspended immediately. "They were trying to get me off the campus as fast as possible," he said.

"That case should have never made it past the interim panel," Howard said. He maintained that he was innocent even after the appeal and chose to seek outside help. "I had to hire lawyers to fight my case in front of (the Judicial Council)."

His lawyer and a student counselor, senior Matt Silversten, on Howard's behalf, requested another hearing Feb. 2. Howard was informed Feb. 6 that he would be granted a new hearing, which was April 21.

Usually the Honor Council tries to hold the hearing a couple of weeks after the charges are made, but the complicated nature of the case extended the period of investigation, according to junior Matt Jamison, the chairman of the Honor Council. "We had serious trouble contacting witnesses," he said.

Silversten said he was happy that the Honor Council reached a not guilty verdict, but was disappointed that it took over 100 hours of work to get to this point. "I'm very happy for Haslyn that this can finally be put behind him. It's kind of sad that it took seven months of his senior year."

Howard is looking toward the future now,

waiting to see if he will be accepted to the two law schools to which he applied, he said. He had planned to apply in the fall, but he decided to delay applying until this case was resolved, he said. "It has destroyed every iota of faith I had in Wake Forest and the Wake Forest system," he said.

After two and a half hours of testimony, it took 20 minutes for the Honor Council to come back with the verdict of not guilty.

"I think it did work for Haslyn Howard. This is proof positive the Wake Forest judicial system is not a toy of the administration. ... It was a very positive note to go out on," freshman and member of the Honor Council Brian Sumner said.

"The system worked well tonight; that can't be said for any other time during this case," Silversten said after the hearing was completed.

Howard was charged with cheating on an Oct. 2, 1997 exam in British Romantic Poets taught by Ed Wilson, a professor of English. Wilson said he was not directly accusing Howard, but that it was his responsibility to forward the matter to the Honor Council. "I was simply reporting what happened," he said.

Junior Jim Childs said he believed he saw Howard pick up a test as he entered the room and then leave a few minutes later with the test in hand. Howard said that he

had a few papers in his hand when he walked in the door and it was those papers the student saw him with as he left a few minutes later.

Five witnesses testified in the hearing: Howard, Childs, senior Hollie Stevenson, senior Kiana Aaron and Wilson.

The Honor Council hearing under the current system ended well for Howard, but he hopes that the new system will treat accused students better. "I'm very glad the system is reformed and hopefully those reformations will serve the students," he said.

Managing Editor Theresa Felder contributed to this story.

## \$1,900 for charity raised by students

By Jared Klose  
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Over 50 university students participated April 18 in the annual TeamWalk Piedmont fund-raiser for the Greater Triad Chapter of the March of Dimes.

Patrick Phillips, an assistant director of admissions and university team captain for the event, said that seven student organizations combined to raise \$1,900 worth of pledges for the cause: fraternities Delta Sigma Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon; sororities Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma; and the Volunteer Service Corps.

The Thetas raised the most money, and donated \$513. The \$300 collected by Sig Ep was the most raised by any fraternity.

"We had 14 people fill out forms," said junior Shaun Smith, an event organizer from Delta Sig. "We were able to raise \$168, but we wanted to do better," he said.

Registration for the April 18 walk began at 8 a.m. and marchers got underway on the 10-kilometer course an hour later at the Dixie Classic Fair Grounds. The path

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Delta Sigma Phi event organizer

included a stretch through the campus, as walkers entered the university gates from Polo Road. Walkers then followed Wingate Road and Wake Forest Road, turned back onto Wingate and preceded down Wake Forest Road to leave campus at the University Parkway entrance.

Bonnie Poindexter, the executive director of the Greater Triad Chapter of the March of Dimes, said that it held the first of 11 walks two weekends ago in Guilford county. Other than the Winston-Salem walk, fund-raisers took place in Lexington, Yadkinville and Asheboro last April 18. An additional five will take place in different Piedmont communities this weekend.

Poindexter had estimated that 3,000 would participate in Forsyth County and hoped to raise \$230,000. Overall, she expected 15,000 walkers and \$907,000 in contributions.

## POLICE BEAT

### University Police to investigate campus fight

A dance last weekend in Reynolds Gymnasium ended early after police officers were called to break up fights among some people attending the event, according to University Police chief Regina Lawson.

Approximately 200 people, including students from other universities, attended the dance sponsored by a campus organization.

The first fight occurred just minutes after midnight April 18 between a couple of individuals. Within minutes, a few other fights started. Each case involved two or three people.

In one case, university officers found it necessary to use pepper spray to stop fighting among two or three people, Lawson said.

No one requested treatment for the spray, although campus emergency medical technicians were called by police to the scene in case treatment was required.

No one was arrested for fighting. Lawson said that, in every case, those involved in the incidents disappeared into the crowd before their identities were learned by officers.

University Police officers, assisted by Winston-Salem Police officers, closed the party and dis-

persed the crowd without further problems, Lawson said.

The organization sponsoring the program cooperated with police in quickly concluding the event, she added.

No one at the dance reported to police that they were injured.

### Theft

A university-owned television was taken from the Babcock Residence Hall parlor between 3:30 a.m. April 18 and 1:20 p.m. April 19.

Golf clubs, a golf bag, a tool box and tools were taken from a student's locked vehicle between 12:45 p.m. March 22 and 10 a.m. April 9. The vehicle was parked in Lot J, near Collins Residence Hall. The total value of the items was approximately \$965.

A student's ThinkPad worth \$2,500 was taken from an office in Reynolds Gymnasium around 9 a.m. April 14.

A radar detector and a radio/CD player were taken from a student's locked vehicle parked in Lot Q, next to the Scales Fine Arts Center, between 1:30 p.m. April 13 and 12:30 p.m. April 14. The items were worth \$490.

A student identification card, which was left in an unlocked room in Potat House, was taken at ap-

proximately 9 p.m. April 13.

The license plate on a student's vehicle was removed between 11:30 p.m. April 9 and 9 a.m. April 10. The vehicle was parked in Lot R near North Residence Hall.

Snack foods totaling \$75 were taken from a vending machine in Luter Residence Hall between 1 p.m. April 9 and 10:45 a.m. April 13.

### Damage

Vehicles belonging to two university employees were damaged by soccer balls accidentally kicked out of a practice field area in North campus around 4:15 p.m. April 13. The vehicles were parked in Lot R.

### Miscellaneous

University Police are investigating in incident involving a student's vehicle that was apparently damaged by another vehicle at 3 a.m. on April 16. The student's vehicle was parked in Lot J.

Cable locks securing a bicycle outside Collins Residence Hall were damaged at 1:34 a.m. April 13.

A student living in Huffman Residence Hall received several harassing voice mail messages between 1:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. April 13.

A student living in Davis House received obscene phone calls around 9:10 a.m. April 18.

A student living in Taylor House received obscene phone calls around 9:45 a.m. April 19.

A fight between two food service employees occurred around 12:44 p.m. April 15 in Reynolda Hall.

Two underage campus visitors who were staying with a student consumed alcohol in Davis House between 10:12 p.m. and 10:56 p.m. April 18. The incident was forwarded to Harold Holmes, an associate vice president and the dean of student services.

An underage student, who had been consuming alcohol, was outside Luter Residence Hall around 1:35 a.m. April 19. The incident was forwarded to the dean's office.

A student was issued a citation for resisting arrest while being intoxicated around 1:03 a.m. April 18 in Lot A, behind Efir Residence Hall.

The student was among a group of students running across the Quad without wearing clothes. This incident was forwarded to the dean's office.

University Police handled 69 calls from April 13 to April 19, including 20 incidents and investigations and 49 requests for service.