

# PREPAR speak out aims to raise awareness

## Emotional testimonials, ceremony close Tie-A-Yellow Ribbon week

By Lauren McSwain  
Contributing Reporter

The Tie-A-Yellow-Ribbon commemoration of last week culminated in a Speak-Out Feb. 11 as nearly 600 students filed into Wait Chapel for a solemn, eye-opening experience.

The new pledges of the fraternities and sororities on campus, along with interested students, faculty and staff, attended the annual Speak-Out presented by the Policy Group on Rape Education, Prevention and Response.

"It was great because it accomplished two things at once; the new Greek pledges had to go as part of the Alpha series to raise awareness of important issues, and yet it was an event open to the campus, for anyone who wanted to come," said freshman Kirsten Nogay.

During the Speak-Out, Temporary Reprieve performed two *a capella* pieces, and several faculty and staff members spoke, including Mary Gerardy, the vice president for student life; Stephen Boyd, a professor of religion; and Jeryl Prescott, an assistant dean who read an original poem on the topic of rape.

PREPAR sophomore and co-chairwoman Olivia

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Freshman

Zink introduced the speakers and shared some sobering statistics.

Every two minutes a woman is raped in the United States, and three out of five of those rape victims are under the age of 18. One in three women and one in six men will be victims of rape or attempted rape in their lifetimes, and every male will be touched by it in some way by the end of his life.

"Accept the fact that you are a potential victim," Gerardy said. "It can happen to you. So take steps to reduce your risk."

She urged women to take advantage of the Rape Aggression Defense program offered by University Police, to listen to any uneasy feelings, lock doors, avoid driving alone, stay sober on dates and above all, "if you mean no, say no."

"If you are assaulted, be observant so that you can report your attacker and your surroundings. And do report it," she added.

The speakers all urged students to have a more concerned attitude and to do their part to work together against the crime of rape.

"It begins with just one man determined to change things," Prescott said at the conclusion of her poem.

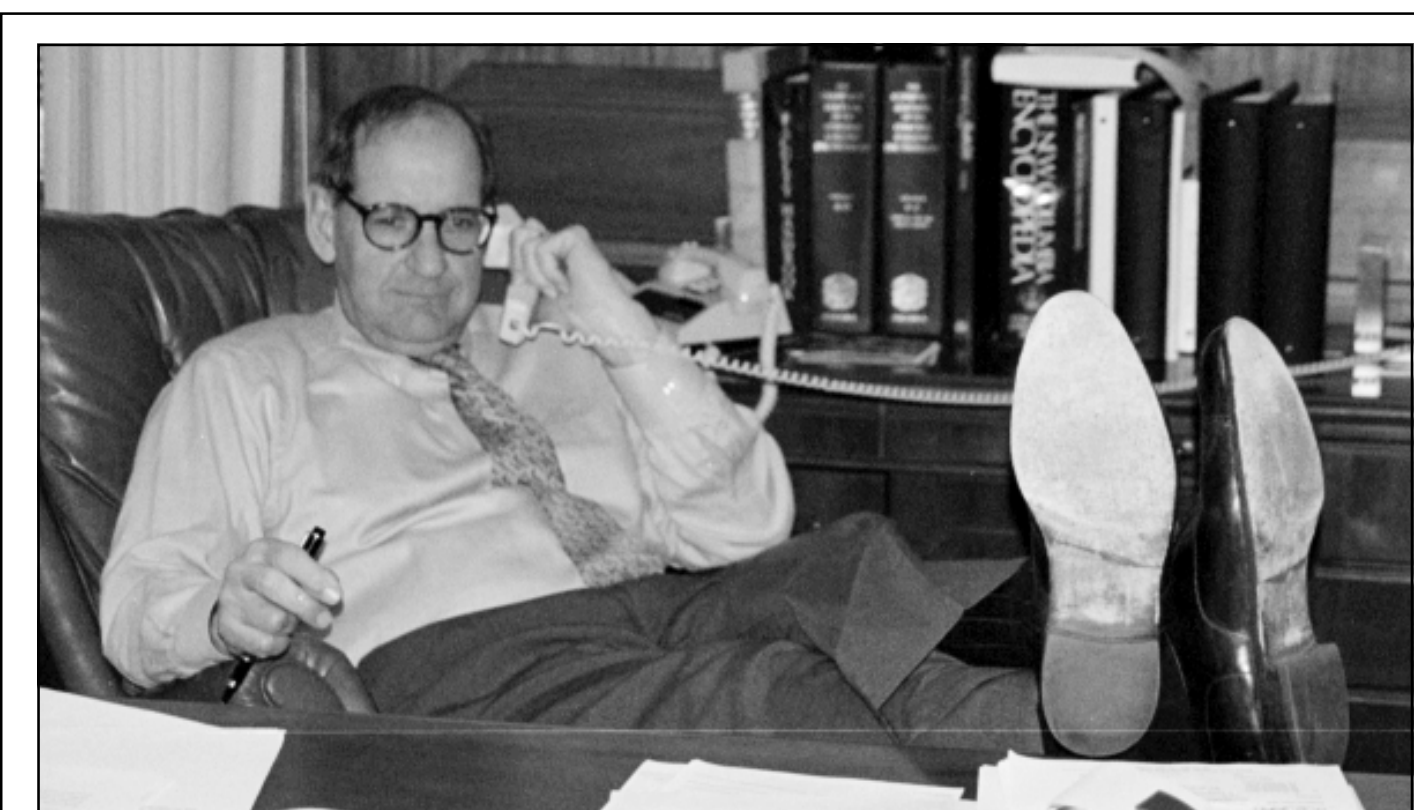
The evening's message was most effective, however, during the candle lighting and the reading of the testimonials, students said.

"It was really real for me," freshman Erin Marietta said. "The candles were lit one by one, every two minutes, to signify that somewhere a woman was being raped, right then."

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Kirsten Nantz/Old Gold and Black  
**Mary Gerardy, an assistant vice president, supported PREPAR's Rape Awareness Week by speaking at the organization's Speak-Out Feb. 11. Eight testimonials of sexual assault from university students were read at the event.**



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### Hard at work

University President Thomas K. Hearn Jr. makes himself comfortable during a phone conversation in his office. Hearn's everyday duties include attending university events, hosting university guests and meeting with the board of trustees.

## Dominick named dean of ICCEL

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The university named Jay Dominick the associate dean of the university's International Center for Computer Enhanced Learning.

In his new position, Dominick will continue his responsibilities as assistant vice president for information systems and chief information officer at the university.

Through a combination of programs and

consulting services, ICCEL assists kindergarten through high schools, colleges and universities to take advantage of information technology to increase learning.

The university formed ICCEL more than a year ago after implementing its own extensive information technology initiative.

Dominick joined the university in 1991. He was named assistant vice president

and chief information officer in 1996.

Dominick received a bachelor of arts degree in mathematical sciences at UNC-Chapel Hill, a master of arts in national security studies at Georgetown University and a master of business administration degree at this university.

Before coming to this university, he was an officer in the United States Air Force and worked at the Research Triangle Institute in Research Triangle Park.

## Sorority dance funds scholarship

By Allissa Mears  
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With the proceeds of its scholarship ball, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. awarded junior Brandy Peaker an academic scholarship.

For the past nine years the scholarship has been presented to an independent black female based on her academic achievement and involvement in the community.

Each applicant of the academic scholarship explained in an essay how she contributed to both the university and the Winston-Salem community. Peaker wrote about her goal to be a role model for other students. She also described her symbiotic relationship with the children she tutors, and her hope to make a positive impact on their lives.

"The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.'s scholarship has rewarded my efforts of contribution to the community and hopefully it will continue to stimulate others to also become involved in their communities," Peaker said.

At the ball, the sorority also recognized a university male who is active in his community and encourages the sorority's efforts. This year, the Deltas crowned senior Marcus Ingram as Mr. Crimson and Cream.

Senior Meredith Summers, he chairwoman of the ball, said, "This event is important because it not only provides financial aid for non-Greek African-American females, but it also provides a service to the Wake Forest student body via a fun and elegant stress-free evening. In addition, we are upholding a Pi Omicron tradition that we hope will continue

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Summers said the event went well. "In my experience of the past four years, this year's ball was definitely the best," she said.

Junior Maryam Rahman-Esene agreed that the ball was successful.

"It was really nice, other members of the community who were not students also came to the dance to support the cause," she said.

The Deltas were the first national sorority established on campus in 1988. As a service sorority, the sisters work both in the university and in the Winston-Salem community.

The sorority has five programmatic thrusts: Educational Development, Economic Development, Physical and Mental Health, Political Awareness and Involvement and International Awareness and Involvement.

The scholarship ball is one of the sorority's popular philanthropy events to promote its focus on Educational Development.

## 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.

### Applicants sought for student assistantship

Applications are being accepted for a student assistantship at the Worrell House in London. The student will arrive in London on May 21 or 22 and depart July 1 or later.

The student will assist with functioning of the house during visits by students and faculty from the Calloway School of Business and Accounting and the School of Law.

To apply submit a letter of application and at least one letter of recommendation to Paul Orser, an associate dean of the college, Reynolda 104, by Feb. 22.

### Armada to discuss journalistic experience

Spanish playwright and war correspondent Alfonso Armada will present several Year of Globalization and Diversity events.

Armada will discuss his experience as a journalist in Bosnia, Sarajevo and Rwanda at 7 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Museum of Anthropology. There will be a dramatic reading

of his play "The Souls of the Objects" at 4 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Scales Fine Arts Center's Ring Theater followed by a discussion with Armada.

All events are free and open to the public.

### Law school to host philosophy lecture

The Law School Steintrager lecture will be at 4:15 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Worrell, Room 1302.

William Eskridge, a Yale law school professor, will speak on sodomy laws in the United Kingdom, "Jeremy Bentham and the Shift in Anti-Gay Discourse."

### Sophomores must declare majors soon

The time is here for sophomores to declare a major. Sophomores should sign up for an advising appointment at the department(s) of their choice Feb. 22-26.

Advising conferences will be held March 15-26. Any sophomore who does not plan

to declare a major at this time or who does not plan to return to the university in fall 1999, must notify Hallie Arrington in the Registrar's Office.

Sophomores interested in declaring a health and exercise science major must attend one of the two following meetings: 4 p.m. Feb. 22 or 11 a.m. Feb. 23. Both meetings are in Reynolds 308.

Contact Gary Miller at Ext. 1901 for more information.

### Aramark employee to receive SG honor

The Student Government Advisory Committee on Dining Services is sponsoring a campus-wide campaign to search for the employee who students deem most friendly and helpful.

The committee will collect ballots for the "ARAMARK Ace" until Feb. 26 in the Benson University Center food court, the Pit and the Information Systems Building food court.

Students may vote for anyone, who is not a university student and who works in any of those locations or the Sundry Shops, the

Magnoliaom and Shorty's. Students may vote only once and are asked to find the name of the employee, write it on a ballot provided and drop it into the one of the three voting boxes.

The employee will be presented with a gift.

### Hispanic writers discuss profession

Rosario Ferre, a Puerto Rican writer, and Cristina Garcia, a Cuban-American writer, will discuss "Who is the Writer? How Does She Write and What Does She Write?" at 4 p.m. in Scales 102.

### Applications available for Hearn scholarship

Applications of the Thomas K. Hearn Jr. Scholarships for Excellence in Leadership and Service are available in the Volunteer Services Office and by the Benson Information Desk.

Rising seniors who have demonstrated leadership and service to the university and have accumulated at

least a 2.75 grade point average are eligible to apply. The deadline is 5 p.m. March 16.

Applications should be submitted to the Provost Office in Reynolda 204 or sent to P.O. Box 7688.

### Applications being accepted for Spain

Applications are now being accepted for study abroad in Salamanca, Spain, during the spring 2000 semester.

See Cathy Harris in Tribble B201 for an application, or contact Violeta Padron, an instructor of Romance languages, for more information.

### Summer jobs available in Benson Center

Benson is taking applications for a summer manager.

The job is 40 hours per week, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

It will run from May 24 through August 7.

If interested, stop by Benson 335 and pick up an application.

For more information, call Gale Newport at Ext. 5230.

Applications for part-time summer employment will be available in March.

### Sorority showcases black history figures

The Pi Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will hold its annual celebration of black history with "Celebrating Our History Through The Voices of Our Black Men," a showcase of talented black men.

Nat Irvin will be the keynote speaker.

The event will at 4 p.m. Feb. 21 in Pugh Auditorium.

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