

Marrow drive created in honor of student

By Jessica Reigle
Old Gold and Black Reporter

A bone-marrow drive will be held April 24 from 11-4 p.m. at Benson University to honor the memory of Amanda Edwards. Edwards was a student who died of leukemia Sept. 29, 1997, at age 22 after she was unable to find a perfect match for a bone-marrow transplant.

The Amanda Edwards Memorial Bone Marrow Drive is being organized by Isabel Newton, who met Edwards while studying abroad in Venice. Newton supported Edwards throughout her illness and witnessed firsthand the tragedy of leukemia. She feels strongly that this bone-marrow drive is extremely important, since 9,000 people like Edwards die every year while waiting for bone-marrow transplants.

The goal of this drive is to increase the number of potential bone-marrow donors in the National Bone Marrow Registry by at least 100 and as many minorities as possible.

According to Newton, it is especially vital to increase the number of potential minority donors since this number is currently extremely low.

In order to participate in the drive, the volunteer must be between the ages of 18 and 60 and must be in good general health. The actual procedure is very simple and painless and involves having two vials of blood drawn.

After the blood is drawn, it will be typed and screened for six HLA antigens, and the results will then be put into the NBMR database.

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are relatively low, but if a match is made, the potential donor will be contacted. If they then choose to donate their bone marrow, the harvesting will occur at a hospital on an outpatient basis. This procedure is also relatively simple and painless, since anesthesia is used and the harvesting usually only takes about an hour to complete. "Many people report muscle soreness, like they fell down ice skating," Newton said.

However, the benefits far outweigh the pain in this case. "By doing this, you can save a life," she said.

Although the cost of the bone marrow test is usually around \$75, Newton is currently raising money to help cover these costs.

For instance, if she can raise \$7,500, the first 100 people who want to participate in the drive can do so for free.

Regal Ford has come forward as the drive's first corporate donor, and Newton is extremely grateful for this, as it will greatly help in the effort to raise money.

The drive has also gained the support of the administration and is organized with the help of several student organizations, including the Volunteer Service Corps, the Resident Student Association, the members of Delta Gamma, Student Govern-

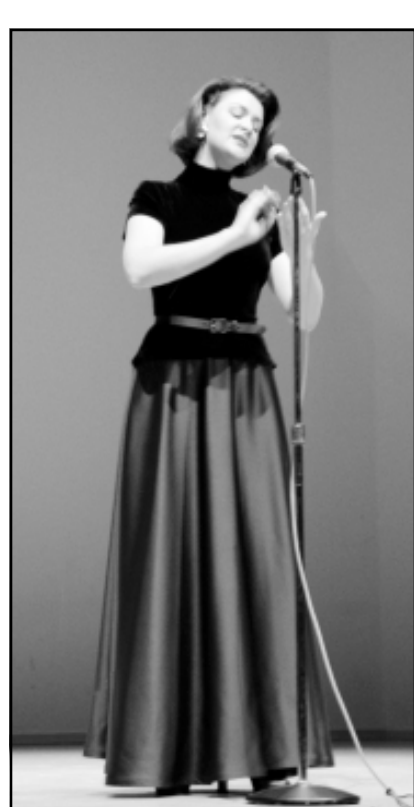
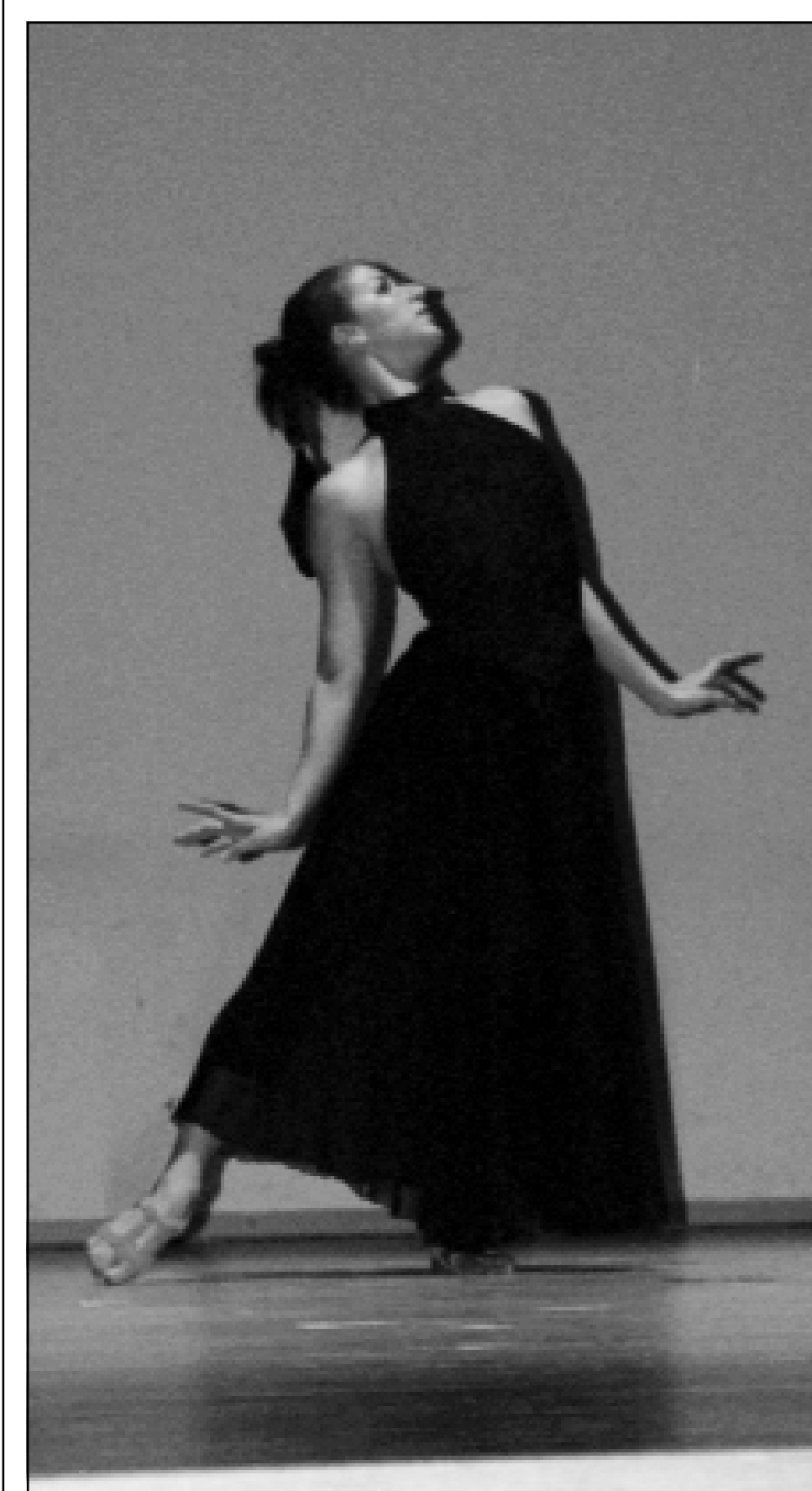
ment, Ken Zick, the vice president for student life and instructional resources, Alpha Epsilon Delta, the Emergency Response Team, the Presbyterian Fellowship, the Baptist Student Union, the Wesley Foundation, Delta Delta Delta sorority and the Allied Health Association.

In addition, a fund-raising event will take place April 15 to continue to raise money for the drive.

This event is called Meals-Out for Marrow, and numerous local restaurants will donate 10 percent of their profits that day to the Amanda Edwards Memorial Bone Marrow Drive.

A list of the participating restaurants will be available prior to April 15.

For further information about the drive, contact Isabel Newton at Ext. 1504, or e-mail her at isabel@alumni.princeton.edu.



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Fame!

ABOVE: Junior Hayden Drass sings "Vanilla Ice Cream" from *She Loves Me* by Jerry Brock at the Excellence in Action program March 21.

LEFT: Sophomore Catherine Lewan dances to "Paradox," choreographed by Andre Tyson and composed by Antonio Carlos Scott at Excellence in Action. The event is a showcase of the talents of the Presidential Scholars. The yearly event is put on for Presidential Scholar prospectives and their families during their interview weekend. The prospectives were on campus March 21-23 for interviews and auditions.

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GSSA Pride Week returns with promise

By Suzanne DuBose
Editorials Editor

Next week marks the return of the Gay-Straight Student Alliance's Pride Week.

Last year the organization, then known as GALBA, created Pride Week as an attempt to make the student body more aware of the concerns and issues of the gay and lesbian students in their midst.

This year's Pride Week shows even greater promise, according to GSSA chairman junior Jeremy Bishop.

"Last year was the first time we did this, and there were only three or four people really involved," Bishop said. "This year we have a good group of 15 to 20 people working on it."

Once again, students will be barraged with chalked messages, fliers, speakers and events so that the presence and struggles of gay and lesbian students on campus will be promoted.

"The purpose of this week is to let people realize that there are gay and lesbian students on campus and that there is a history behind this movement."

A weeklong series of events has been planned starting March 29. At 7 p.m. in Benson 407, Katy Harriger, an associate professor of politics, will be leading a discussion entitled "Lesbian Issues."

Students are invited to a Hate Crime Eliminator vigil March 30, that asks students to light a candle for those who have experienced hatred because of their sexual orientation and in the hope that such hatred can be eliminated.

Political action will be discussed at 7 p.m. on March 31 in Tribble A4.

"We'll talk about the past historical movement of gay and lesbian rights, where it's going and what we can do about it," sophomore Tyrese Howard, GSSA secretary, said.

A drum circle poetry reading on behalf of Pride Week will be held in the Delta Sigma Chi fraternity lounge starting at 10:30 p.m. April 1.

This event will be "a chance to hear things that have been written by or about gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual people,

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culture and issues," according to the GSSA Web page. "If you can, bring something to read — either your original work or something you like by someone else."

The final Pride Week activity will be held April 2. This event features a forum on homosexuality and the church at 7:30 p.m. in Scales 102. Ministers and religious leaders from numerous faiths have been invited to share their views on homosexuality. A question-and-answer session will follow.

"We invited several leaders from the local community," Howard said. At present no one has responded to GSSA's invitations, but regardless interesting viewpoints and opinions will be discussed, Howard said.

Also, throughout the week GSSA members will be sitting at the second-floor tables in Benson.

"We want visibility to show GSSA does exist, and we want people to come up and talk to us if they have issues or if they want to become involved in the group," Howard said. "Basically it's an awareness thing just to make people aware and to get them involved."

Also throughout Pride Week, GSSA is sponsoring a number of movies to be shown free to the public in Tribble A3. The movie schedule is as follows: *Fire* will be shown at 9 p.m. March 29; *Wilde* will be shown at 9 p.m. March 30; and *The Adventures of Priscilla Queen of the Desert* will be shown at 9 p.m. March 31; *Boys on the Side* will be shown at 8:30 p.m. April 1; and *Ma Vie En Rose* will be shown at 9 p.m. April 2.

BRIEFLY

Campus organizations may have their announcements listed by sending e-mail to 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.

Fulbright scholar to lecture on WWII music

Jan Vicar, a Fulbright Scholar from Prague, will present a guest lecture, "Music Against the War: Music and Musicians for Central Europe During World War II," at 11 a.m. March 30 in the Scales Fine M103.

Admission is free. Vicar is spending the year as a Fulbright Scholar at St. Cloud State University.

He grew up in the Czech Republic and has taught music theory and music history at Palacky University in the Czech city of Olomouc. For more information, call Ext. 5026.

Professor to host Casa Artom info meeting

Helga Welsh, an associate professor of politics, will hold an information session at 5:30 p.m. March 31 in Tribble A302 for students interested in studying with her in Venice for fall of 2000.

Peter Kairoff, associate professor of music, will present a slide-show presentation.

Applications for study will be available there.

Students from all disciplines are encouraged to apply.

For more information, call Welsh at Ext. 5452.

Meeting to focus on careers in biology

Beta Beta Beta, the biological honor society, and Career Services are sponsoring "More than Med School ... What You can do with a Degree in Biology" March 31.

The event is open to all students, and check-in will be in the Winston Hall foyer.

Speakers will talk about their careers at 3 p.m.

The following careers will be represented:

resented: a SBI crime lab, an environmental attorney, a master scientist at RJR and R&D, a clinical research trials team manager and a section head of environmental science and ecology at Carolina Biological Supply.

At 4:30 p.m. speakers in the following professions will present on their careers: technical writer, pharmaceutical consultant and veterinarian.

For more information, contact junior April Stuart at Ext. 1549 or stuaan00@wfu.edu.

Professor to address Clinton impeachment

Michael Gerhardt, a former law school professor, will speak on "Impeachment: What Have We Learned" at 12 p.m. April 2 in the Worrell 1302.

Gerhardt, who taught at the university from 1987-90, was the only expert to be called to testify by both parties during the House Judiciary Committee during the Clinton impeachment.

He was also CNN's expert commentator throughout the proceedings.

The talk is free and open to the campus community.

Writer to lecture on love, race, domination

Writer bell hooks will present "Love, Race and Domination" at 5 p.m. April 6 in Pugh Auditorium.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Hooks is a feminist activist and social critic. Her works explore topics such as African American feminism, the civil rights movement and capitalism.

The lecture is sponsored by the history department, women's studies, the Student Life office, the Black Student Alliance, Asian Student Interest Association, the Student Union Fine Arts Committee, the Women's Issues Network and the Alliance for Cultural and Racial Harmony.

Panel discussion to address crisis in Iraq

Father Daniel Berrigan, a nationally renowned peace activist, will lead a panel discussion from 2-4 p.m. April 10 at the Winston-Salem Friends Meeting at 3151 Reynolda Road.

The discussion will focus on the

crisis in Iraq and in particular the negative effects that economic sanctions have had on the health and nutrition of the people.

Father Berrigan was active with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in the civil rights movement and has long been a leader in the non-violent protest of U.S. military policy.

Symposium to focus on human behavior

The driving factors of human behavior and thought will be the focus of a symposium on April 10.

The symposium, "Mind, Culture and Behavior: Discussions on the Interplay of Social and Evolutionary Processes," will feature programs with three well-known researchers.

Frans de Waal, a psychologist and ethnologist and an expert on primate behavior; Richard Schweder, a psychological anthropologist and one of the founders of cultural psychology; and Hazel Rose Markus, an influential figure in the sociocultural study of self and social behavior will all speak at the symposium.

The conference will focus on the degree that human behavior and culture are best explained in terms of social processes or as evolutionary adaptations.

The event is open to the public and free to students, faculty and staff.

A \$10 registration fee is required of individuals not affiliated with the university.

All programs will be in Benson 401.

For more information, call the psychology department at Ext. 5750.

Correction

An item in the March 18 was incorrect.

A book, discarded by the man after he set off a Z. Smith Reynolds Library alarm March 9, does not belong to the library's rare books collection.

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