

# 'Truth' begins series

First discussion of series to confront gender issues at university

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The Discovery Series, a monthly discussion dealing with a wide array of issues, will begin its third year Sept. 22 with the program "The Truth about Men and Women at WFU."

The programs will be in the third floor lounge of the Benson University Center on Tuesdays, starting at 11 a.m. and lasting from 45 minutes to an hour.

Programs for the remainder of the year will be "Civil Rights: Can We Do the Right Thing?," "He Said, She Said: Sex and the Law," "Fathers and Daughters," "Portraits of Terrorism," "Heaven Can Wait: Getting a Second Chance" and "What is the Good Life?"

The Discovery Series began two years ago under the leadership of Joanna Iwata, the director of Benson. She began the program in response to a study that indicated the administration needed to connect students' academic and social lives.

"As a university center, we ought to promote programs to bring the community to us," Iwata said. "Because [the sessions] are informal, it doesn't feel like sitting in a lecture being lectured to, and because they're interactive, they're fun."

Iwata said that some professors have given extra credit to students

who attended the discussions, although most students attend because of their interest. She hopes that the students will "gain a new insight on the discussion and leave with a different perspective."

Many of the guests on the sessions will be university professors and administrators.

Scheduled for upcoming events are Wei-Chin Lee, an associate professor of politics; Linda Nielsen, a professor of education; Paul Ribisl, the chairman of health and exercise science; Randall Rogan, an associate professor of communication; James Ford, an instructor of religion; Yomi Durotoye, a visiting associate professor of politics; Peter Brubaker, the director of cardiac rehabilitation; Andrew Cross, an assistant professor of psychology; professor emeriti Mac Bryan; Mike Ford, the director of student development; Gloria Agard, an assistant director of human resources, and Ken Zick, the vice president for student life and instructional resources.

Cross, who will take part in the "What is the Good Life?" show in April, said that the discussion should benefit the students academically.

"It is an opportunity to contribute to the Wake Forest intellectual life outside of the classroom," Cross said.

One of Iwata's goals for the year is to increase the audience of the ses-

sions. Although they have had some media coverage in the past, she hopes to have this year's shows either broadcast on the radio or televised on local cable.

Although student participation has always been a large part of the programs, another of Iwata's goals is to increase student involvement this year. In addition to having interaction from the audience, she is planning to recruit more students as guests than in years past.

One of her student guests will be senior Sarah Speeg, who thought of the idea for the first Discovery Series.

She chose to participate in the program as a means to become a peer facilitator for Policy Group on Rape Education, Prevention and Response.

"I'm a big fan of the Discovery Series, and I think it's a good opportunity to bring up a discussion of issues between men and women," Speeg said.

Iwata agreed that generating discussion and new ideas is the ultimate goal of the shows.

"Part of the college experience is to explore and examine different types of topics, things that tie into personal and academic life," Iwata said. "My hope is a series like this will be an opportunity for people to come and explore different perspectives."



Laura O'Connor/Old Gold and Black

## Light reading

Junior Julie Eling reads over her mail in the newly renovated post office. The university expanded the service area and relocated the mail drop-off/stamp purchase facilities.

# SG, environmental group hope to raise awareness

By Travis Langdon  
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As part of an effort to address important environmental issues both locally and nationally, two student organizations have initiated a plan to informally combine their efforts with the ultimate goal of raising awareness among students and the community about the delicate state of our planet.

The groups most actively involved in the effort are an environmentally focused branch of Student Government and a new group on campus known as the Student Environmental Action Coalition.

Under the leadership of sophomore Ria Battaglino, the SG environmental group assumed the function of a previously existing campus organization called ECOS. In spite of Battaglino and her co-workers' work, the organization has faced a significant degree of difficulty in publicizing itself and gaining financial support.

During last year's Earth Day festivities, Battaglino first collaborated with SEAC, a group that senior Bill Scheidt had recently started at the university. After the event, the two organizations began regular correspondence, and their ongoing collaborative efforts began to take shape under the umbrella of SEAC. The two

groups met together, for the first time with new members, Sept. 8 to begin discussing future projects.

"It is so wonderful that we were able to get in touch with the SEAC members, because it gave people with environmental concerns a much more powerful voice on campus. SEAC has a lot of hard-working people in their organization, and we have relatively easy access to SG executives, so it seemed like a logical idea to merge our efforts. So far, things have been going great," Battaglino said.

SEAC is a national organization with 1,500 chapters around the country, and, after hearing about the program at Bucknell, Scheidt decided to generate support to start a chapter here. The group is currently awaiting the approval of its recently ratified constitution so that it can receive funding and be acknowledged as an official campus organization.

Right now, the group is focusing the majority of its attention on two upcoming clean-up projects. The first of these is a statewide event called "The Big Sweep" that will take place Sept. 19. For the program, SEAC will take a group to help clean up trash around local streams and waterways. The group's second major project is a similar inwardly directed initiative that will be called "The Little Sweep." This project is aimed at

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Bill Scheidt  
Founder, SEAC Wake Forest chapter

cleaning up trash from the areas in and around Reynolda Garden.

Scheidt anticipates a good turnout for both events and shares Battaglino's enthusiasm for collaborative efforts with anyone who wants to help. Alliances are a major point of focus in the organization's preamble, and a SEAC contingency is taking this idea further in a meeting tonight with a local chapter of the Sierra Club. Scheidt sees these efforts as parallel to the traditional ideals of the university.

"The whole idea behind Wake Forest is Pro-Humanitate, that is, being involved in helping the community. One of our primary goals is to follow up on that. This means, not only being active on campus, but

also building ties with the community. We want to work with anyone who is concerned with environmental issues, even if they're not students," Scheidt said.

Although SEAC is already entrenched with current projects, it has not yet elected officers. However, the organization considers the ideas of its members the driving force behind its actions and considered all opinions when drafting its constitution.

As the group awaits approval from the university, it has gained administrative support in the form of its new faculty adviser Ralph Black, a visiting instructor of English. SEAC has also been able to gain support from members of the Environmental Studies Department. Scheidt said he feels that this support will be essential in the success of SEAC's long-term goals.

"Getting support from faculty is going to help us in several ways. First of all, as new members come and go, having faculty contacts will provide SEAC with a certain level of continuity for the years to come. They can also help us in just by providing expertise and ideas for the program. Professor Black and our other faculty allies have been involved in environmental organizations in the past, so they have a lot of good ideas about organization and projects," Scheidt said.

SEAC meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Davis Lounge.

## 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.

### Walter Flory memorial service in Wait Chapel

The university will hold a memorial service for Walter Flory at 1 p.m. Sept. 12 in Wait Chapel. Flory was a Babcock professor emeritus of Biology.

### International Studies to host open house

The Office of International Studies will host its annual Study Abroad Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 18 in the main lounge of Reynolda Hall.

The fair will include representatives from university and non-university programs.

They will talk to students about programs in all areas of international studies, including study abroad and internships for the summer, semester or year.

Australia, China, Europe, Great Britain, Japan and Latin America will be among the areas included.

### MBA program to hold information sessions

The Babcock Graduate School of Management will hold information sessions for its evening and executive MBA programs from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 in both Charlotte and Winston-Salem. Anyone interested in learning

more about the programs is invited to attend.

The Charlotte session will be offered starting in January 1999 on the school's Morrocroft campus.

For more information on the Winston-Salem program, call Ext. 4584. For more information on the Charlotte session, call (704) 365-1717 or (888) 925-3622.

### Cycling club to hold informational meeting

The cycling club is having an organizational meeting at 8 p.m. Sept. 15. The event will be held in the Green Room.

If you have any questions, call Taylor Carrington at Ext. 1676.

### Business executive to speak at Babcock

The president, chairman and chief executive officer of General Signal Corp. will kick off the Babcock Leadership Series with a lecture Sept. 18.

Michael D. Lockhart will speak at 2 p.m. in room Worrell1312.

The lectures are free and open to the public.

### Scavenger hunt open to all students

The Student Union Games Committee will sponsor the annual university scavenger hunt from 7 to 9

p.m. Sept. 23.

The scavenger hunt is open to all students, and the first-place prize is \$300.

There is no limit on the size of the team. Entry fee is \$5 per team, and registration forms, which are available in the office, should be turned into Benson 335 by Sept. 22.

### Women's groups plan fall initiative

Women's studies, Women's Issues Network and the Women's Health Center of Excellence at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center will sponsor a fall initiative to benefit charity.

The program includes three seminars: one from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sept. 24 in Pugh Auditorium in the Benson University Center; a community seminar from noon to 2 p.m. Sept. 25 in the Ardmore Cafeteria at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center; and a seminar for health care professionals from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in rooms 3 and 4 of the Ardmore Cafeteria.

The groups will also host the "Excellence Triathlon" Sept. 26. Proceeds from the event will benefit domestic violence programs in Forsyth County.

The event, which begins at 8:30 a.m., is open to male and female individual or team competitors. A 1.5-mile fun run will begin at 10 a.m.

Registration is \$35 for individuals, \$75 for teams and \$12 for the fun run. All participants will re-

ceive a free T-shirt.

For more information, see the initiative's website, <http://www.wfubmc.edu/women>, or call Kristin Kidd at 777-3946.

To volunteer, call Jan Lawlor at 716-4327.

### University Police make RAD's fall schedule

Rape Aggressions Defense will hold fall classes for women on campus.

The course is offered through University Police and taught by certified RAD instructors.

The classes will be given from 6-9 p.m. on the following dates: Sept. 22, 24, 29 and Oct. 1; Oct. 20, 22, 27 and 29; Nov. 3, 5, 10 and 12; and Nov. 16, 17, 18 and 19.

The fee is \$10, which covers the cost of the materials.

Call Ext. 5591 to register or for more information.

### Mock LSAT offered free for all students

The PreLaw Society and Princeton Review will offer a free mock LSAT Sept. 12 in Worrell 1310.

The test will run from 9 a.m. to noon.

A Princeton Review consultant will return scored exams and offer a test strategy session Sept. 16.

Sign up in Tribble B111 or leave a message at Ext. 6989.

### Study-abroad grants now available

Applications are available for the Fulbright grants for graduate study abroad in the 1999-2000 academic year.

The deadline is Oct. 1. Proposals may be in any field including the creative and performing arts.

For applications and information, contact Peter Siavelis, an assistant professor of politics, at Ext. 5451 or Timothy Sellner, a professor and the chairman of German and Russian, at Ext. 5363.

### Upperclass Carswell Scholarships available

The committee on scholarship and student aid is accepting applications from sophomores, juniors and seniors with outstanding records to compete to become Thomas E. and Ruth Mullen Scholars of the Upperclass Carswell Scholarships. The scholarships are worth an annual \$1,500 and may be renewed for the remainder of the undergraduate education, pending continued academic and extracurricular achievement.

Applicants should submit to the scholarship committee a letter about the student's major area of interest, extracurricular activities and desires for future study or work before and after graduation.

Each applicant must also have two faculty letters of recommendation to be sent by a selected faculty member to the scholarship committee.

The deadline is Oct. 15. There will be an interview phase and scholarship awards will be announced Dec. 15.

### Research fellowships available students

The National Science Foundation will award 1,000 graduate research fellowships for master's and doctoral degrees in science, mathematics and engineering.

Each three-year fellowship provides a stipend of \$15,000 for 12-month tenures and a cost-of-education allowance of \$10,500 per year.

The deadline is Nov. 5. For more information, call (423) 241-4300.

### Lost items available in Chaplain's office

Items lost at Preschool may be picked up in Chaplain Ed Christman's office, Wingate 104. Lost items include linens, pillows, duffel bags and sleeping bags.

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