

# Power will discuss 'A Problem from Hell'

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Samantha Power, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and author of "A Problem From Hell: America and the Age of Genocide," will speak about U.S. foreign policy toward genocide at 7:30 p.m. Monday in McCrary Theatre.

Many Elon students will be attending Power's lecture since it relates to the freshman required reading for this year, "Escape From Slavery," Francis Bok's account of his flight from slavery in Sudan, and his September speech at Elon. The talk further relates to Joyce Leader's talk about the U.S.'s policies toward genocide in Rwanda, "The Origins of Rwandan Genocide."

"We've been hearing stuff about genocide all year and Power is an expert on that," explained Erin Barnett, freshman.

Admission to Power's discussion, "The Age of Genocide," is by ticket only and is sponsored by the Liberal Arts Forum and General Studies. Tickets for Power's discussion can be obtained for \$12 or free with Elon ID. Reserve tickets by calling the Elon Box Office at ext. 5610, or pick up tickets at the Box Office from 12:30-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"... The U.S. government knew enough about the genocide early on to save lives, but passed up countless opportunities to intervene," Power wrote in a 2001 article entitled "Bystanders to Genocide" in The Atlantic Monthly.

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**Samantha Power**  
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tions about 'never again,' many of them did sit around, and most certainly did allow genocide to happen," she continued.

Power, an Irish-born, Yale and Harvard Law graduate, has reported for U.S. News and World Report, The Economist, and The Boston Globe. Her articles have been featured in well-known circulations such as The New Yorker, The Atlantic Monthly and Time Magazine.

Power spent 1993 to 1996 investigating the Yugoslavian wars, and worked with the International Crisis Group in Bosnia as a political analyst in 1996.

She later served as the executive director of the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy of Harvard from 1998 to 2002.

Power's book, "A Problem From Hell: America and the Age of Genocide," earned her the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction, the Council on Foreign Relations' Arthur Ross Prize for the best book in U.S. foreign policy and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

In this work, "Power seeks to show that American policy makers have knowingly turned a blind eye to massacres," writes Jacob Heilbrun of the Los Angeles Times.

Laura Secor, in a book review for the New York Times, agrees that Power's informative work "doubles as a prosecutor's brief: time and again, Power recounts, although the United States had the knowledge and the means to stop genocide abroad, it has not acted."

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## Breaking through the Bubble

### Man glued to toilet seat, sues store

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - A Colorado man who had a panic attack when he found he was glued to a toilet seat in a Home Depot restroom has sued the home improvement giant for negligence, saying staff ignored his plight. Retired electrical engineer Bob Dougherty, 57, said on Thursday he was stuck in the stall with his pants down for about 20 minutes and that two years after the 2003 incident he was suffering from post-traumatic stress, which has triggered diabetes and heart complications. "I have these nightmares every night where I am locked in this dark room, with no windows, no doors, no fresh air, no route for escape. I wake up in these cold sweats," Dougherty said. Spokesmen for Home Depot Inc. could not immediately be reached for comment. Dougherty said in a lawsuit filed last week in Boulder, Colorado, that he thought he was having a heart attack when he realized his buttocks and legs were stuck to the toilet seat in the Home Depot restroom in Louisville, Colo. He explained his plight to an employee who came into the restroom but other Home Depot staffers thought it was a hoax and he had to wait until someone else came in to again summon help. Dougherty is claiming unspecified damages for help with medical and psychiatric bills, for humiliation and for the diabetes he said he has developed as a result of the stress. "Home Depot not only ignored my plight, they refused my plight," he said. Dougherty said he suspected the glue had been placed there as a prank by three teens seen earlier in the store.

### New reality show with gorillas

PRAGUE (Reuters) - Big Brother is about to become monkey business. Inspired by the television reality show, Czech public radio and television broadcasters began airing a new show Nov. 7 that will follow the lives of four gorillas living together at the Prague Zoo. The show, to be called Odhaleni (Discovery), will see the primates — one male, two females and one baby — battle it out for a grand prize of 12 melons, a delicacy for gorillas. "What the gorillas do is up to them," said Prague Zoo gorilla trainer Marek Zdansky. Czech Television will set up 15 cameras to monitor the gorillas, and viewers and listeners of the show will be able to vote via phone messages (SMS) for their favorite contestant. Proceeds

from the show will go to helping save the wild gorilla population in Africa, organizers said.

### Snail mail: postcard lands 50 years later

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) - A Swedish postcard bearing a lottery number arrived 50 years after being sent to a retirement home on the Baltic island of Gotland. The card to a former employee at the Avallegarden retirement home in Klintehamn was mailed by a friend in Finspang, some 90 miles away on the Swedish mainland. Sent in October 1955, it arrived last month. "Now and again a letter that has gone astray like this surfaces somewhere ... but it is very unusual," Swedish Post Office spokesman Markus Trautmann said Monday. The postcard included the number of a lottery ticket that the two women bought together, local paper newspaper Gotlands Allehanda reported. It was not known if they won.

### Three die playing catch with grenade

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia (Reuters) - A hand grenade being used instead of a ball in a game of catch exploded early on Saturday killing three youths in this Bosnian town, police and news agencies said. Two youths, ages 19 and 20, one of them from neighboring Croatia, were killed instantly while a 20-year-old woman died on her way to hospital, police said. Her sister was slightly injured but two other youths suffered serious injuries. The blast occurred at 2:00 a.m. in the western town of Novi Grad at a place in the town center frequented by youngsters. Police said an inquiry was under way and declined further comment. It was not clear why the grenade exploded. ONASA news agency quoted witnesses as saying the youths tossed the hand grenade to each other before it exploded in the hands of one of them. Bosnia is awash with illegal weapons left over from the 1992-95 war and tragic incidents are frequent despite several successful campaigns by international peacekeepers and police to get people to hand over illegal weapons.

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