

Womens' Successes Celebrated

■ A campus women's group will sponsor an achievement award for University women.

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Throughout March, as part of Women's History Month, people on the UNC campus and across the nation will celebrate the struggles and achievements of women.

Marian Traub-Werner, a freshman from Toronto and co-chairwoman of the Women's Issues Network, said Women's History Month activities on campus would include a women's achievement award, sponsored by WIN and a social event for women leaders, hosted by student government.

"We want to recognize the contributions of women to this campus, because there are a lot of women on this campus who work really hard. This is an attempt to bring them out from behind the scenes and say 'good job,'" she said.

The award will recognize an undergraduate woman who has made outstanding contributions to the University. Applications should be available after Spring Break, Traub-Werner said.

"Women's History Month, like Black History Month, is a small opportunity to bring these groups that have been erased from history back to the forefront. One day, hopefully, we won't need these months, because these issues should be a part of everything we talk about," she added.

This year's presidential election gave Women's History Month an even more powerful political relevance, Traub-Werner said. "I think any issue we raise will be related to the upcoming election," she said. "Another key is bringing to the forefront women leaders of the past and recognizing them."

Amy Swan, student body vice president, also emphasized that Women's History Month should be important to the University.

"It's an opportunity to throw the spotlight onto women's issues here. We have Rape Awareness Week in the fall, but that just focuses on one issue among many," she said.

At the end of March, the Chancellor's Task Force on Women would issue a report about women on campus, Swan said. "We will be talking about a lot of issues that will be a part of Women's History Month, so it will be a very timely report."

Visiting Director Presents Film, Discusses Language Barriers

BY KATHLEEN BLILEY
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Imagine you are a 10-year-old kid. You have just moved to the United States, and it is your first day of school. You know no one, and you neither speak nor understand English.

Most people would probably see the experience as something they would like to forget, but Korean-American filmmaker Jay Koh chose to set in stone the memory of his first day of school in the United States with his film "My Brown Eyes."

Koh, a 26-year-old Vancouver Film School graduate, shared his film with students Wednesday night at a discussion given by the Asian Students' Association. ASA president Jeff Huang said the group

was eager to host Koh, because he represented a non-stereotypical Asian role model.

"Filmmakers like Koh open up the audience's eyes to the diversity within the Asian-American community," Huang said.

"My Brown Eyes," a 20-minute piece, told of a Korean boy's struggle to cope with the loneliness and isolation of not only being the new kid in school, but of being new to the country, Koh said.

Koh came to California with his family in 1979. The language barrier made finding work difficult, and his parents worked long hours to make ends meet, he said.

Koh's experiences, as shown in the film, were no cakewalk, either. He was the first non-English-speaking child in his school and spent most of his first day in the

principal's office after getting in a fight with a group of boys.

"It is a lot for a youngster to come to a different country, where people are speaking another language," Koh said. "It was a very moving experience in my life, and that is why I wanted to make this film."

The film represented not just the Korean experience but the immigration experience as a whole, he added.

"I think, as human beings, there are a lot of experiences we share," he said. "I'm interested in finding commonalities, because we are so enamored with our differences."

For Sijing Xu, a sophomore from Cary, the film hit close to home. "I liked the film a lot," Xu said. "I came here (from China) three and a half years ago, and my experi-

ence was about the same. I was so lonely, and no one helped."

Although "My Brown Eyes" is Koh's first directing effort, he has worked as a film technician for television shows and films such as "The X-Files" and "Little Women" and "Rumble in the Bronx."

Koh used his savings from working to finance "My Brown Eyes," which cost \$15,000 to produce and four days to shoot.

He said he used the film as a way to test his directing ability before committing himself to filmmaking. "I wanted to try it out to see if I could really do it," Koh said.

Experiment or not, the film has gotten international attention and has won awards at film festivals in San Francisco, Hawaii and New York.

Koh's career has taken off as well. He

spent last summer directing and producing Korean commercials for Madonna and Coca-Cola and has plans to direct a feature-length film called "Ice Cream Story."

In the future, he plans to give up films and teach high school and start a family.

"I found out that the film industry is a tough business," Koh said. "A lot of times it is not rewarding. I feel like being involved in education is very important."

Koh got a head start on his education career this week by holding film workshops at Triangle area high schools. Students watched "My Brown Eyes" several times in a row and then analyzed the techniques Koh used in its production.

"I never pass up an opportunity to work with high school kids or university students," Koh said.

Area Businesses Prepare for Slow Week as Students Leave

■ Restaurant managers say their businesses suffer when students pack their bags.

BY GIBSON PATE
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As University students leave Chapel Hill and head off to sunny beaches, snow-filled slopes or relaxing locations for Spring Break, one thing is certain: their patronage and presence will be missed by Franklin Street businesses, bars and restaurants.

The pizza establishments, which provide many students with a staple of their college diet, see a significant drop in business when 20,000 undergraduates leave town, said Doug Romer, a University graduate and owner of Gummy's Pizza.

"When school is out of session, we lose probably half of our business," Romer said.

The reduced business does result in fewer hours for workers because many employees are students who ask for time off so that they can leave town for the break anyway, Romer said.

"We cut our staff in half, and try not to spend a lot of money on advertising when business is down," he said.

Although the popular coffee shops on Franklin Street do not subsist on student patronage alone, Judges Coffee Roastery is expecting a 35 percent decline in business, owner Ed Donegan said. Business will be slowest during evening hours, which will result in the restaurant closing earlier than usual.

Miami Subs and Subway, two of the few late night eating options around Chapel Hill, will both reduce hours next week, as they anticipate slow business.

Subway will close at 8 p.m. or 9 p.m., as

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opposed to the normal closing times of midnight on weekdays and 2:30 a.m. on weekends.

Likewise, Miami Subs General Manager Eric Helsel said they too will be closing early, depending on how much business is generated during the early part of the week.

"We lose quite a bit of business, and will hopefully extend our "2 for 2" special to attract more of the public," Helsel said.

The absence of students will most likely result in an increase in local patronage, said Sharon Powell, the manager of Hams.

"More locals come out during breaks, because they know we won't be as crowded or noisy," Powell said. She said the ACC Tournament will add to business, however.

With Franklin Street turning into a virtual ghost town next week, restaurants will not be the only businesses seeing a decline in sales. John Woodward, pharmacist and owner of Sutton's Drug Store, said he is ready for business to drop.

"When you've been here as long as we have (since 1923), you know how it is having a business on Franklin Street," Woodward said. "By now we know how to plan for it, and even though we drop off, there is still enough traffic uptown that the situation isn't drastic."

Police Lend Hand to Special Olympics

BY WENDY GOODMAN
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Across the state, law enforcement officials are not only working hard to keep their communities crime free, but they are also striving to benefit the N.C. Special Olympics.

Law enforcement agencies statewide are selling T-shirts and baseball caps, with all proceeds going to the N.C. Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. The Chapel Hill Police Department is one agency that has volunteered its time and energy to raise funds for the event.

"We're more involved this year than in the past," said Chapel Hill Police Investigator and Torch Run coordinator for the department William Frick.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run began in 1981 in Wichita, Kan. North Carolina held its first Torch Run in 1987, said Chris Delisio, the development director of the N.C. Special Olympics.

"The Torch Run began as a form of support for a good cause and as a way to raise public awareness about the Special

Olympics," Delisio said.

Various fundraisers conducted internationally precede the Torch Run that leads to the opening ceremonies. Police officers run with the torch and also help with the games the following two days.

"Beginning May 14 officers assist athletes in lighting the cauldron for opening ceremonies," Delisio said. "There are 11 legs to the torch run — all converge in Raleigh on May 31 for the start of the games."

North Carolina raised \$412,000 last year for the Torch Run, which ranked the state fourth internationally and third in the nation in fund-raising achievements, Delisio said. If the state reaches its goal of \$500,000 this year, North Carolina could achieve the status of second place internationally, said Raleigh Police Lieutenant Mike Teem, the N.C. Torch Run director. Currently the state is one-fifth of the way to its goal.

"If we can get to \$500,000, we can finish as the second-highest state behind Texas," Teem said. "I think this will help increase awareness leading up to the 1999 Special Olympic Summer World Games,

which will be in Raleigh."

The 1999 World Games will be the world's largest sporting event that year with 8,000 athletes from 140 countries in the Triangle area, Teem said.

All of the money raised by each department supported the Special Olympics, Olympians and their families, Frick said.

Last year, the Chapel Hill Police Department raised \$2,006 for the fund-raising campaign. This year, more police officers with greater motivation were working in support of the Special Olympics, Frick said. The goal this year is to raise the \$5,000 that a department must raise to get its name on the back of the T-shirt that will be sold next year.

Members of the Chapel Hill Police Department will be selling T-shirts and hats on March 9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at University Mall. Gary Herman Bannhausen, a Special Olympic athlete who participates in basketball and softball, will also be with the police officers.

"This is who we're doing it for, (athletes like Gary)," Frick said. "They deserve the recognition."

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she said. She said she thought he was joking and laughed at him. He kept repeating it, and she became horrified that she did not remember, she said.

The alleged victim said Choi took her home, and they made plans to speak later that day. After speaking with her roommate and another friend, the alleged victim said she went to Student Health Services for collection of evidence and for medical attention concerning unprotected sex. She also made a statement to a University police officer, she said.

The woman also testified about her relationship with Choi before the alleged rape. She said she met Choi in fall 1994, when they had a class together, and they had eventually developed a friendship.

The alleged victim testified that she and Choi had several mutual friends because she was a former resident of the Spanish House, and Choi was a resident of the Spanish House during fall 1994.

She said the two had hugged and French-kissed in October 1994, when they went skinny-dipping in Bowman Gray pool, a Spanish House tradition. But the woman



Dennis Choi listens to testimony with his lawyer Thursday afternoon at the Orange County Courthouse.

said she made it clear that she was not romantically interested in Choi a week later.

"I let him know I didn't want to date him," she said. "I just wanted to be friends."

The woman said she continued to be casual friends with Choi, and during the course of the fall she let him know on three different occasions that there was nothing between them beyond friendship.

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said. "If I had it to do over again, I would be more like Spangler and less like Hooker."

Spangler, who took office on March 1, 1986, also presides over a multi-million dollar business empire. Hooker said he thought it was Spangler's good business sense combined with a serious concern for the state that made him a good UNC-system president.

"He clearly is a man of two dominant characteristics," Hooker said. "The first is that he cares passionately about the state of North Carolina and its people, and the other is that he has a very good sense of management and how to run an organization."

Spangler said that he did not know whether his business skill had helped him as UNC president but that both jobs required some of the same finesse.

"I think it's more of a practical sense," Spangler said.

Spangler said his job description was very simple.

"About the only thing the president of a university does is do the things that the faculty doesn't want to do," he said.

Spangler said he thought the low 2 percent pay raise given to UNC faculty this year and the \$400 tuition increase for students at several UNC campuses were the low points in his career.

"There have been some things I wish had gone better," he said. "The tuition increase was a low point for me."

"We lost the battle, but maybe we won the war," Spangler said.

He said he thought the legislature would be very hesitant to approve any further tuition increases.

Administrators from around the state said they were pleased with Spangler's work. Patricia Sullivan, chancellor of UNC-Greensboro, said she appreciated Spangler's efforts to lobby the state legislature for support of the UNC system.

"I think he has been an articulate and

forceful advocate for the UNC system," she said.

Alvin Schexnider, who took the post of chancellor at Winston-Salem State University in January, said he had been very impressed with Spangler's leadership over the past few months.

"Considering the challenges to higher education funding at this time, I think he's definitely the right person to be president of the system," Schexnider said. "I think he's done an outstanding job."

Members of the Board of Governors have already discussed who will be on the search committee for the next president after Spangler retires, which he is expected to do when he turns 65 next year.

Spangler said his most important goal over the next year was to secure a reasonable salary increase for faculty and staff within the UNC system.

"I'm looking forward to going to the General Assembly and convincing them that our faculty and staff need adequate compensation for the next year."

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