

Campus lectures teach students

Askins speaks on Wolves

by Matt Niziol

"Yellowstone [National Park] has every plant and animal native to North America with the exception of the wolf," emphatically stated Renee Askins, guest speaker on Thursday, October 17, in the Graham Building.

Dr. Anthony Gronowicz sponsored Askins, who is the Executive Director of the Wolf Fund, to speak about the goal of the Wolf Fund which is the re-introduction of wolves into Yellowstone. The Wolf Fund, based in Moose, Wyoming, is a non-profit conservation organization.

Askins, who has worked in the conservation field for more than a decade, blames the live stock industry for the annihilation of wolves. According to Askins, the live stock industry has spent \$38 million to kill wild wolves on public land.

Wolves are an endangered species and thereby protected by the Endangered Species Act. The slaughter of wolves is illegal unless the wolves have killed live stock. One half of one percent of live stock is lost to wolves each year.

As to whether wolves are dangerous to humans, Askins said, "Wild wolves are shy and elusive and will not attack people."

The re-introduction of wolves will be a long process. Wolves will be taken from Alberta, Canada to assure genetic viability in the packs. In the years following the re-introduction the wolves will mate amongst themselves and aid the repopulation. The wolf problem is not confined to Yellowstone. Currently, the Red Wolf is being re-introduced to the state of South Carolina.

Mitochondria Eve is topic of discussion

by Michael T. Jesky

Dr. Mark Stoneking, biologist and geneticist from the University of California at Berkeley, spoke on the concept of "Mitochondria Eve" at the Evelyn Graham Building amphitheater on October 22 at 7:30 p.m.

The theory of "Mitochondria Eve" was put forth by Dr. Stoneking when he was working under Drs. Vincent Sarich and Allan Wilson who examined the DNA of chimpanzees, baboons, and humans at Berkeley in the 1960's.

It was discovered in the 1970's that mitochondria, the powerhouse of the cell, contain DNA which is inherited only from the mother. This led Dr. Stoneking to research that indicated that Africa was the home of the original contributor to this DNA chain, a "Mitochondria Eve."

Attending were students from the classes of Drs. Carl Frankel, Michael Santulli, and Judy O'Donnell as well as the public which was admitted free of charge.

Bacchus holds poster contest and a "Tie One On" campaign



"Tie one on" was a campaign where white ribbons were tied around campus to remind people of the dangers of alcohol.

During Alcohol Awareness Week Bacchus held a poster drawing contest. The winners of this contest were Jim Feeney and Andre Amanesec, both of which were from the second floor south resident hall; each received a gift certificate of \$35. Also during this week "Eddie Talks" and "Eddie Gets Better" were shown in the South Hall lobby. In these movies Eddie talks about his alcohol problem and how he received treatment for it. Three other programs went on that week: "Alcohol and the Law", "Alcohol and You: Perfect Together", and Statistic Day. These programs informed students about alcoholism. Overall, Alcohol Awareness Week went very well. The future plans of Bacchus right now include serving mock tails at Casino Night, which will be held on November 20.

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