



# China Night 2004



**Date: Feb. 1st, 2004**  
**Time: Door Opens at 5:30 PM**  
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## TEACH

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Basically, they're looking for people who like a challenge," Myers said.

The application deadline is Feb. 15, and the minimum requirements are a 2.5 GPA and a bachelor's degree. Myers said the average GPA for last year's corps was 3.5. Students from any major can apply, he added.

According to Teach For America, 77 University students applied in 2003 and 13 were hired. Myers said the program is competitive, but there isn't a maximum number of acceptances.

"If you apply, and you're exactly what they're looking for, you're going to get in," he said.

University graduate Acasia Wilson is now in her second year of the program, which she said has helped her to grow as a leader, a teacher and a person dedicated to a cause.

"It's not just a program because there aren't enough teachers," she said. "It's a movement."

She said the overall purpose of the program is to address America's inequalities. She said children in areas where the program is centered tend to have bad home lives and live in school districts with textbook shortages and weak administrations.

Wilson, who has been teaching fifth grade in Phoenix, said she's worked with a lot of Native American students, adding that she continues to learn more about other cultures every day.

Wilson said she made sure to locate Native American University students to

tell them about the program.

"We're always looking for more diversity in the program," she said, adding that a diverse group of teachers can relate better to a diverse group of students. She said her goal as a teacher is to instill a sense of cultural awareness in her students.

Myers said one reason he decided to apply for the program is he wanted to be a part of a "civil rights movement."

"I thought it sounded like a great opportunity," he said.

Myers graduated fall term with a degree in journalism and will teach English at a middle school in Philadelphia next fall.

He said teaching is a different story, although he has worked with children through other programs.

"The biggest stress comes from not knowing what it's going to be like entering the class," he said.

Vance said the program gives people the opportunity to help others, and those who want to make a difference should apply.

"It helps you to help individuals," he said. "They truly have the ability to change someone's life."

Students who want to learn more about the program can attend an alumni panel discussion today at 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the EMU Walnut Room. The Teach For America information table will be in the EMU lobby from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Friday.

Contact the higher education/student life/student affairs reporter at [chelseaduncan@dailyemerald.com](mailto:chelseaduncan@dailyemerald.com).

## PEDESTRIANS

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Burdick said the idea of the bill came from one of her staff members who worked with WPC and said it was modeled after a bill in

decided to pursue the idea because they felt crosswalks weren't as safe as they could be.

"Hopefully this will make the law a lot clearer for both pedestrians and drivers," Burdick said.

She added that she is always looking for legislation to encourage people to get out of their cars and walk or bike more.

"There are too many pedestrian deaths, and we need to be clear that it's not enough to dodge a pedestrian," she said. "The driver has to stop and stay stopped if a pedestrian is present."

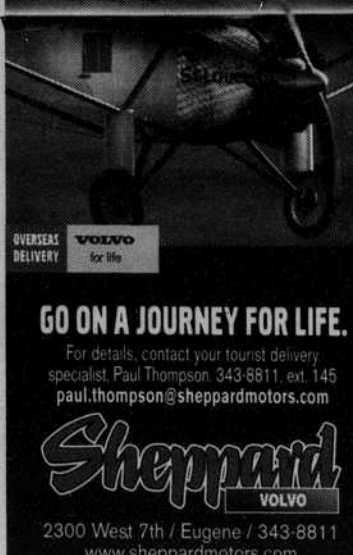
The word "yield" means many things to many people, but the word "stop" is clear, Burdick said.

Baker said there needs to be an extensive public awareness campaign now that the law is in effect. WPC is preparing public service announcements for television.

Contact the crime/health/safety reporter at [lisacatto@dailyemerald.com](mailto:lisacatto@dailyemerald.com).

## CAMPUS BUZZ

**Thursday**  
 MLK Awards Luncheon, Alumni Lounge, Gerlinger Hall, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
 Campus Planning Committee meeting, Alsea Room, EMU, 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.  
 Fowler Memorial Lecture featuring transgenic artist Eduardo Kac, Rooms 182 and 282 (simulcast), Lillis Hall, 7 p.m.  
 Law lecture featuring University law school alumnus and author Harry Beckwith, Room 175, Knight Law Center, 7 p.m.



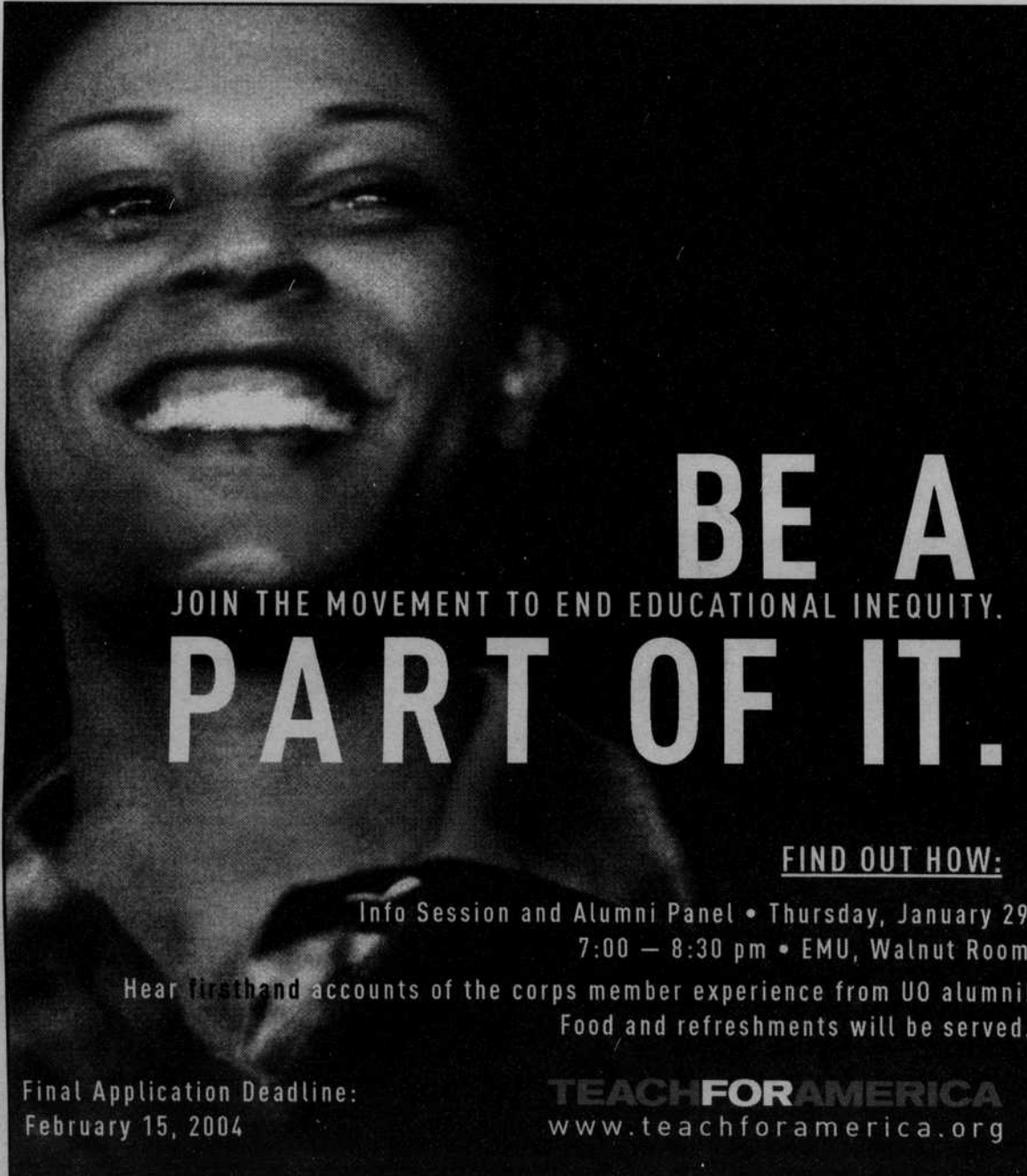
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