

Crape Myrtle Festival to benefit local AIDS groups

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Staff Writer

Expected to be the Triangle's largest AIDS fund-raiser, the Crape Myrtle Festival will be held Saturday at the American Legion Post Grounds in Chapel Hill.

A thousand people are expected to attend the event, which begins at 7:30 p.m.

The money raised will be donated to four Triangle AIDS organizations, including the AIDS Service Agency of Orange County, the AIDS Community Residence Association in Durham, the AIDS Service Project in Durham and the AIDS Service Agency for Wake County.

This year the festival will feature a

two-woman jazz group, Jazz Impromptu, which will play from 7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. Visitors also can enjoy dancing, music played by a disc jockey and refreshments.

John Bartlett, a Duke University physician renowned for his work with the AIDS virus, will lead a symposium Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Omni Europa Hotel on the U.S. 15-501 Bypass to kick off the festival. Bartlett will discuss the International AIDS Conference held this year in Berlin and the state-of-the-art medical care available to treat the virus.

Dan Moseley, reigning queen of the festival, said he has been planning for the event since February.

Each year a new queen is appointed, along with a court, to organize the festival for the upcoming year. When the

festival began in 1981, the queen and the queen's court was sort of a joke, Moseley said. But now the role comes with a tremendous amount of responsibility. "The largest priority we had was getting sponsors," Moseley said.

The festival raised \$33,000 last year, he said. Most of the money went to the Triangle's two AIDS homes, the Huestead House in Raleigh and the Blevins House in Durham.

The TASP and AIDS Service Agency of Orange County each received \$2,000 last year, Moseley said.

The AIDS Service Agency of Orange County recently reapplied for funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to build a Carrboro AIDS home, so funds raised from this year's festival will be earmarked for

that effort, said agency President George Hettich.

Hettich said he hoped the agency would receive more money this year. "We're up against tough competition from the two houses already built."

Moseley said he hoped attendance this year would be higher than in previous years. "I hope we will be able to give everybody a little more money this year."

The festival began in 1981 in Wilmington. Mike Boyd, who started the festival, held the then back-yard party, in honor of the blooming Crape Myrtle tree.

The next year Boyd moved to Carrboro for graduate school, and the 13-year tradition continued in the Triangle.

Tim Fimmons, who reigned as queen of the event in 1992, said people from all over the country attended the event.

"It's probably the most exciting event of the year for our community. There are literally hundreds of volunteers that come and work together," he said.

People who previously had been in Chapel Hill for school and had relocated to Washington or California came back to attend the festival, Fimmons said.

"In a sense, it's almost like a reunion," he said.

The minimum donation at the door is \$30, which is reduced to \$20 with a military or student identification card.

Interested residents can send donations to P.O. Box 9054, Chapel Hill, NC 27515.

Campus & City BRIEFS

Student urges support for National Service Act

WASHINGTON — A UNC student working for Youth Service America this summer is urging N.C. citizens, especially students, to call their U.S. senators and show their support for the National Service Trust Act.

Edward Marshall, a junior political science and religious studies major from Charlotte, is asking students to tell their Republican senators to end their current filibuster against the bill.

The service act, the focal point of President Bill Clinton's National Service Initiative, is designed to empower youth to solve problems facing the nation, Edwards said.

"The act would originally provide for 25,000 youth to participate in service to communities, receiving a \$7,000 stipend per year, plus a \$5,000 educational award following each year of service," he said.

Labeled the "Domestic Peace Corps," the proposal was introduced in the Senate last week and had received bipartisan support, but Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., has called the bill a tax-and-spend program and has rallied fellow Republicans to a filibuster to kill the bill.

Edwards said students should contact Sens. Jesse Helms and Lauch Faircloth and tell them to vote to end the filibuster.

"Now is the time to ask your senators to put an end to the filibuster and vote yes on the closure vote (today)," Edwards said.

Helms' number in Washington is (202) 224-6342.

Faircloth's number is (202) 224-3154.

Candidates can file for election until Aug. 6

Candidates who want a spot on the Nov. 2 ballot can file for the election until noon Aug. 6.

Candidates should file with the Orange County Board of Elections in Hillsborough.

Chapel Hill Mayor Ken Broun so far is the only official candidate for mayor.

There are five Chapel Hill Town Council seats open and incumbents Joyce Brown, Barbara Powell and Alan Rimer already have announced their plans to run for re-election.

Incumbents Julie Andresen and Art Werner have opted not to vie for another term.

Chapel Hill residents Lee Pavao and Rosemary Waldorf also have entered the race.

Carrboro Mayor Eleanor Kinnaird, who ran uncontested in 1991 for her third term, is the only official candidate in Carrboro's mayoral race.

Three Board of Aldermen seats are open. Alderman Jacqueline Gist has entered the race for another term, but Alderman Tom Gurganus announced that he did not want to seek re-election.

Incumbent Hilliard Caldwell said he will announce his decision whether to run next week.

Carrboro resident Michael Nelson announced his plan to vie for a term.

Five residents have expressed interest in the three open seats on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education.

Incumbent and current chairwoman Mary Bushnell has entered the race, while incumbents Doug Bredend and Ted Parrish have opted not to run.

Grainger Barrett, LaVonda Burnette, Bea Hughes-Werner and Mark Royster also have entered the school board race.

Blood drive to be held at Methodist church

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive Sunday at the University United Methodist Church.

The drive will begin at 9:30 a.m. and last until 2 p.m. The church is located at 150 E. Franklin St.

Annual sales soar for growing Miami Subs restaurant chain

By Kristen Laney
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Less than one year after moving into 107 E. Franklin St., Miami Subs' continued growth has brought more than a 100-percent increase in sales to the Fla.-based restaurant chain.

For the fiscal year ending May 31, the company's revenue rose from \$8.8 million to \$21.8 million, a 147-percent increase in total revenue, said Jerry Woda, chief financial official for Miami Subs.

Officials at Miami Subs consider the Chapel Hill store, which opened last August, a very lucrative account, Woda said. "The franchise is owned by one of our best franchisees," Woda said of Florida-based owner Manny Garcia. "The company is just expanding."

Since the store has not been open a year, sale figures are not yet available, said Rich Quigley, manager of the downtown Miami Subs.

Many Miami Subs restaurants have been seeing double-digit increases in sales, Woda said, and sales in the newer

units are even higher than older ones.

Because the chain sells "college-type food," it is especially successful in university communities.

"The biggest asset to us being located in a college town is that we have people from all over the world step through our doors, and they take the high standards that we try to set with them," Quigley said.

Restauranteer Gus Boulis opened the first Miami Subs store in 1983 in Key West, Fla., and the chain has been expanding since, Woda said. Miami Subs

is located in 11 states, but is predominantly located in Florida, with 180 stores there.

"The quality of people that work here makes Miami Subs different," Woda said.

Although Miami Subs is reporting record sales, it has not adversely affected Subway across the street.

Jamil Qurneh, manager of the Subway at 132 E. Franklin St., said that during the first couple of weeks that Miami Subs was open last summer, Subway's sales were slightly lower, but

now Miami Subs doesn't affect Subway's sales.

Some UNC students say that Miami Subs has been a welcome addition to the downtown restaurant market.

Tracy Lentz, a junior from Greensboro, said she liked Miami Subs because "they have a lot of different things you can eat there, and it's great that they're open so late."

Chris Moore, a senior from Kannapolis said, "Subway is cheaper than Miami Subs, but I like to be able to sit down in the restaurant to eat."

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that the BOT did not have enough time to examine the proposal.

"I find it very difficult for any board member to review a packet almost an inch thick in one night after the chancellor's barbecue."

Bibbs said that the student-fee proposals from each of the 16 campuses would be scrutinized by the board's Budget and Finance Committee.

"It's my opinion that the fee proposal needs to be reviewed very carefully, and the Board of Governors has to use its best judgment in determining the needs of the campus as opposed to the wants," he said. "Clearly, some of these fees, at first glance, are wants and will be difficult to justify."

Bibbs said raising student fees would be hypocritical for anyone who fought the N.C. Senate-proposed surcharge and would go against N.C. constitutional mandate to provide public higher education as close to free as practicable.

"I would not expect this Board of Governors to rubber-stamp any fee increase from any campus," he said. "It's our job to sift through and determine what's needed and what could wait."

Fees

for student-activity fees — \$6 more for Student Government and \$1.80 more for APPLS, Allowing People to Plan Learning Experiences in Service.

■ The new Educational and Technology fee, created by the BOG, would cost students \$126. This across-the-board fee would include most course fees that had been paid by students as individual course fees before.

■ The health-service fee would increase \$28, from \$210 to \$238.

■ Seniors would have to pay an extra dollar for the Senior Class Enrichment Fund, which was approved by a student referendum in February.

■ Students enrolled in the master of business administration or master of accounting programs in the Kenan-Flagler School of Business would have to pay a \$500 professional education program quality fee, which would cover "special costs associated with the maintenance of competitive, high-quality graduate programs in business."

■ Education majors would pay \$100 for a clinical teacher-training fee.

■ Graduate nursing students would pay \$190 for a behavioral laboratory fee

and \$250 for a graduate practicum fee.

Copland questioned many of the fees, particularly the Educational and Technology fee, as being too excessive.

Of the \$73 increase for this fee, \$70 of it would go toward the purchase and maintenance of computing and networking technologies such as those in computer labs and "master classrooms," classrooms equipped with advanced computer technology.

Copland said that improving technological services are crucial to the University but that they should be funded by the state. "All of these have been funded by state dollars in the past," he said. "I don't think the students should pay for functioning classrooms. The state should pay for academic buildings and classrooms."

"I don't think the ends justify the means," Chris Canfield, director of media relations for the business school, said MBA and MAC students knew what a great deal they are getting at UNC-CH, which Businessweek magazine named "the best MBA educational value in the world," and understood the need for the

\$500 fee. "I think you have to differentiate professional schools from the University at large," he said. "(MBA and MAC students) know that the payback comes when they can take those skills to an interview."

Copland agreed that the distinction should be made for professional schools, but he questioned the large sum for the new fee. "It just seems like a huge fee increase, and it doesn't seem like it needs to be funded," Copland said. "There's nothing in (the proposal) that says students had any say in it."

The student-fee increases require approval by the BOG, which is scheduled to meet Aug. 13.

Copland said the BOT had received the fee proposal the night before its Friday meeting and had not had enough time to review it thoroughly. Thus the board "rubber-stamped" the recommendations, he said.

"I'm hoping the BOG will look at these fees very closely," he said. "One positive thing is that the Board of Governors has a lot longer to work on this."

Second-year UNC-CH law student and BOG member Mark Bibbs agreed

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