

PlayMakers plans special matinee series for area high schools

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Area teenagers will get exposure to both the University and fine drama this year as the PlayMakers Repertory Company launches a new season of matinees for junior and senior high school students.

The matinee series consists of five plays offered from September to April. This year's program comprises "Romeo and Juliet," "Orphans," "A Child's Christmas In Wales," "On The Verge," and "The Beggar's Opera."

The program seems to be very popular with the students, said PRC public relations director Jon Curtis. "It's fascinating to watch the students' faces when they watch the plays," he said. "It's the first exposure many of these students have to live drama, and their reactions are almost always enthusiastic."

Curtis said teachers try to integrate the performances into their classroom teaching of the plays, and he said the educational value of the plays is enhanced by the question-and-answer sessions that follow each perfor-

mance. Students are able to exchange ideas with the actors and director of the play during these sessions, Curtis said, and the members of the company can provide the students with insights into the methods of staging and performing plays.

Curtis said that although the program has been trouble-free in the past, teachers still have to ensure that the groups they bring are mature enough to appreciate the plays. Plays such as "Orphans" sometimes have strong language or mature themes, and teachers have to make sure they don't bring younger students to plays that are intended for a more mature audience, he said.

The program, which is in its fifth year, has been seen by more than 25,000 students. No schools have yet made reservations for this year's program, but Curtis said groups from area schools such as Chapel Hill High School, East Cary Junior High School, and Eastern Alamance High School have attended the program faithfully in previous years and will probably attend again.

R.E.M. concert tix to go on sale

Tickets go on sale today for two R.E.M. concerts scheduled for Oct. 3 and 4 at Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium. A limit of eight tickets per purchaser will be imposed, according to officials at Page Box Office.

Page will begin selling tickets at 9 a.m. at a price of \$15. Area Record Bars will start selling at 10 a.m. at

a price of \$15.50. Record Bars will accept cash only for ticket purchases.

R.E.M. is currently on its Work Tour following the release of the LP "Document." Based in Athens, Ga., the four-man band is often hailed as a leader in the Southern progressive music field.

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interest in education.

But UNC administrators weren't ready to encourage students to attend the forum instead of class.

"I think everyone would agree that this is an outstanding opportunity, but I don't think you'll find anyone who sees it as a formal excuse to miss class," Frederic Schroeder, dean of students, said Tuesday.

Opinions varied among the faculty on allowing students to skip class without penalty, but none of those interviewed Tuesday favored canceling classes.

"If it's suitable to the course content and the professor feels it would be an important educational experience, then it's acceptable for students (to miss class)," said Richard Richardson, chairman of the Department of Political Science.

However, Richardson stressed that there should be no "across-the-board amnesty." He said the political science

department wanted to leave the final decision to individual instructors.

Thomas Bowers, associate dean of the School of Journalism, said students who want to go to the debates should be able to attend without penalty.

Lars Schoultz, director of Latin American studies, agreed. "I certainly am in favor of permitting students to attend without penalty," he said.

An opposing view came from Charlotte McFall, administrative manager for the English department. She said she was unsure that the forum will have a wide enough appeal to justify a policy of no penalization for missing class.

McFall said she would agree if the class to be missed were political science, but not necessarily for classes in other subjects.

The planners of the forum should have foreseen that students would be in class, she said.

By JAMES SUROWIECKI
Sports Editor

Maybe preparing for a team like the No. 1 Oklahoma Sooners is just a question of getting in the right state of mind. Maybe they are just another team, and perhaps they can be beaten. But there was no mistaking the tone of respect in UNC coach Dick Crum's voice Tuesday as he spoke of the Tar Heels' upcoming game with the Sooners.

"This is as good a football team as Oklahoma has had in a long time," Crum said at his weekly press conference. "They are a very complete football team and they deserve to be ranked No. 1. They execute their offense very well, and I think people overlook how well-coached they are."

The normally low-key Crum was, obviously enough, effusive in his praise for the Sooners. But respect does not necessarily translate into awe. "Somebody's got to be the underdog, so we'll be the underdog this week," Crum said.

Wide receiver Eric Lewis was more definitive about UNC's determination not to succumb to the Norman mystique.

"We are just looking at Oklahoma as another opponent," Lewis said. "We have a senior-dominated team, guys with a lot of experience, guys that aren't going to be intimidated. We're just going to go out there and play a great football game."

Of course, there is a fine line between being brave and being foolhardy. Defensive tackle Tim Goad may have crossed that line when he was asked whether he was scared of Sooner quarterback Jamelle Holieway, unquestionably the premier option signal-caller in the



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nation. "Not a bit," Goad said. "He's just another football player like we are. And last week, North Texas State actually did a pretty good job of defending the wishbone, although the score didn't show it."

Oklahoma scored ten touchdowns en route to a 69-14 trouncing of North Texas State Saturday.

Crum seemed more enamored of Holieway than Goad, and was eminently conscious of the difficulty the Tar Heels will encounter in stopping him.

"He is an extremely strong youngster, with excellent speed and acceleration," Crum said of the California boy. "He's like a tailback playing quarterback, and in their scheme of things, they want him to run the ball."

Crum also touched on the unique problems his team faces in attempting to stop the wishbone.

"You're not going to simulate Oklahoma's speed, unless we went over and got a couple of guys from track," he said. "(The wishbone) requires a considerable adjustment in your defense. And there's a lot of discipline involved in playing against it."

The future wasn't the only topic of discussion Tuesday, though. Crum also spoke on the more pleasant subject of UNC's 34-14 demolition of Illinois last Saturday.

"Going in, you really didn't know what to expect," he said of the Illini. "They had a good offensive line, and I thought their defense was good. It was a game with changes of momentum."

Early in the second period, that momentum was mainly with the men in orange, as the Tar Heels gave them excellent field position on three separate occasions. "In the second quarter, our defense got put to the test a little earlier than I hoped they would," Crum said.

But the defense passed that test, missing only the question about Illini fullback Jeff Markland, who had a 10-yard touchdown scamper to put Illinois up, 7-3. Then there was punter Kenny Miller's jaunt, which seems to have captured the imagination of the world, or at least of Chapel Hill. Crum still sounded shocked by the whole affair as he spoke of it.

"Miller had to hop over a couple of guys that were lying on the ground," the coach said. "Then Larry Whiteside came back and made a block that knocked two guys out, and

Kenny had a lot of room to run. But I guess it wasn't enough room."

Miller was caught from behind before he reached the end zone.

The play sparked the Tar Heels in the second half, as they came out and rolled over the Illini.

"Offensively, we began to block better, to adjust to what their defense was doing," Crum said. "If we had wanted to, we could have scored again, but I didn't think that was necessary."

The win earned UNC the 19th spot in UPI's Top 20 poll.

The other big-play man Saturday, sophomore tailback Torin Dorn, was accorded ACC Offensive Player of the Week honors along with Virginia wide receiver John Ford. Senior strong safety Norris Davis shared defensive honors with Duke defensive end Dave Demore.

Crum seemed justifiably pleased with Dorn's performance. "Once Torin settled down in the second half, I thought he played very well," Crum said. "I thought he did the best job of using his downfield blockers of any back we've had since I've been here."

Since Crum has been at Chapel Hill, his teams have played the Sooners but once. That was in 1980, when UNC's visit to Norman did not end on a happy note, as the Tar Heels were blown out, 41-7. Crum was asked whether that loss would have any impact on this Saturday's game.

"I don't think so," he said. "I think this is a better Oklahoma football team than the one we played in 1980, but all the guys on the team are happy to go out there and play."

And happiness, after all, is just a state of mind.

Sports Club holds Pit Day

Shall we again use enigmatic to describe the Sports Club Council? Yes, we shall.

The enigmatic Sports Club Council is having a Day in the Pit today, Wednesday, Sept. 9. The Pit will be filled with boats, tables and presumably athletic-looking people. All of these things and all of these people will be representing the various sports clubs at UNC.

Information on each of the clubs will be available, and if any particular sport catches your eye you can sign up. The club scene runs the gamut, or perhaps it should be the gauntlet, from lacrosse to crew, and includes other, non-preppy sports.

State-ECU rivalry has uncertain future

From Associated Press reports

RALEIGH — The North Carolina State University Athletics Council scheduled a meeting Tuesday to discuss the future of the 18-year college football series between the Wolfpack and East Carolina University.

The council, whose meeting was prompted by Saturday's rampage by East Carolina fans at Carter-Finley Stadium, was expected to make a recommendation to NCSU Athletic Director Jim Valvano and Chancellor Bruce Poulton.

N.C. State Sports Information Director Mark Bockelman said the closed meeting could last several hours. However, Bockelman said Valvano would make a statement after the meeting ended.

Valvano and Poulton will have the final say in whether to continue the rivalry, Bockelman said.

Meanwhile, an N.C. State University public safety officer injured during the post-game brawl has positively identified his assailant.

Maj. Larry D. Liles of the NCSU Public Safety Department said the young man accused in the attack was picked out from a videotape of the game made by WRAL-TV. The accused, who was wearing a purple pullover shirt, was singled out by the injured officer, Robert W. Malason, a life safety inspector with the public safety department.

Malason went by the station Monday, viewed the video and "definitely could pick out the person who assaulted him," Liles said.

Liles said the department's investigative unit is in charge of tracking down the man, who is believed to be an ECU student. Liles said investigators will review the video, possibly make a copy of it, then ask for assistance from ECU's campus police.

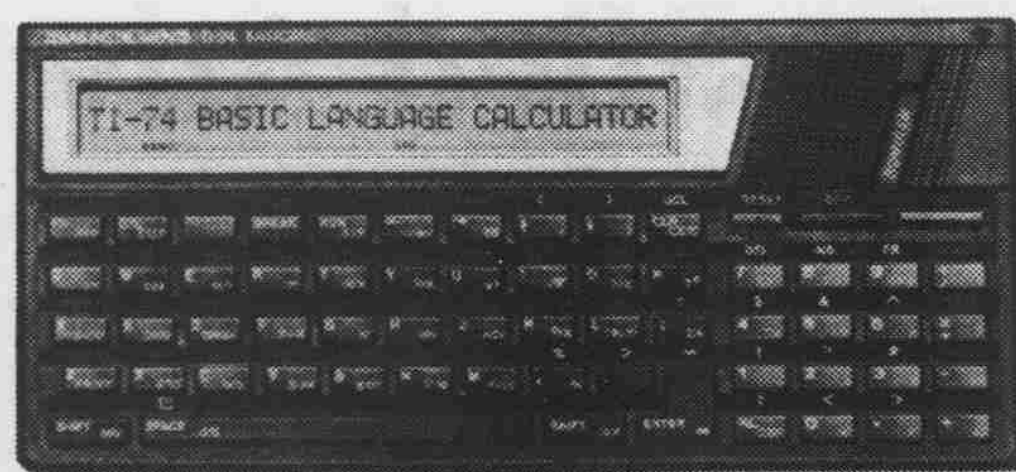
Malason's right eye was injured when he tried to pull the East Carolina fan from a goal post on the north end of the stadium. Nearly 2,000 fans, most of them ECU supporters, spilled onto the field after the Pirates defeated N.C. State.

During his struggle with the pole climber, Malason told The Raleigh Times that another person jumped him from behind. He said that when he turned to confront that person, the person on the pole "blind-sided" him with a blow to the head.

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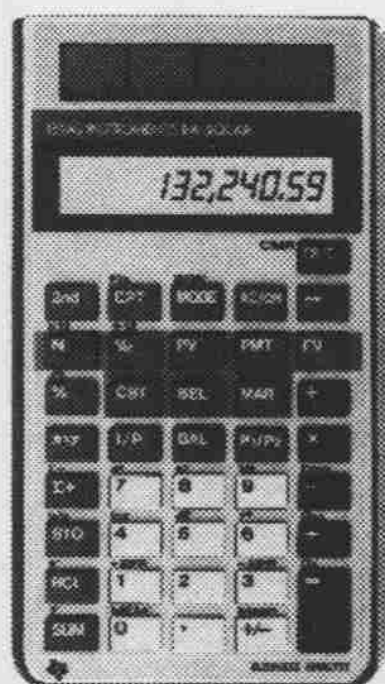


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