



Robin Agnew (left) and Martin Grapengeter in 'As Is.'

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# 'As Is' handles human tragedy well

"As Is" by William Hoffman, is an effective and innovative play that is excellently staged, but suffers somewhat from lackluster acting.

The play itself, which runs an hour and a half, is quite fine. The characters and situations are well drawn, and the flashbacks are woven into the play excellently. The story is of Rich, a gay man, who comes down with AIDS. The play shows how friends, co-workers, family and even lovers respond to his carrying the "Gay Plague." That response is a panicked, "Don't touch me!" — one of the more chilling moments in the Lab Theatre's production.

The play shows how acquired immune deficiency syndrome has become the modern-day leprosy. AIDS, like leprosy, cannot be passed through casual contact. Yet, like leprosy again, the disease plays on people's darkest fears. The paranoia AIDS creates is portrayed vividly and in such a way that the audience cannot dismiss it.

This is not a play that demands acceptance of homosexuality as a way of life. Rather it shows what everyone should already know: Homosexuals are people just as real and as close as heterosexuals, and they love life just as much. AIDS is seen not as a "gay" tragedy, but as a human tragedy.

Fortunately, the play is not a gay

## Andrew Lawler Theater

"Terms Of Endearment," but a funny and lively play about love and death.

The staging of the play is first-rate. Director Stacy Evans has crafted a visually stunning show. Furthermore, it is done in the round — with the audience on all four sides.

The placement of the ensemble to convey different settings, from an AIDS hot-line center to a gay bar, is extremely effective and very well suited to the restrictions of the theater. Evans is to be commended for some of the most interesting staging ever seen in the Lab Theatre.

The acting, however, is not up to the level of the staging. Martin Grapengeter, as Rich's ex-lover Saul, gives the strongest performance in the

production. He is by turns bitchy, frightened and supportive. His performance is a bit distant, and at times he seems to be trying too hard to act, but overall he does a good job.

Although Robin Agnew, as Rich, has some excellent moments in the second half of the production, his overall performance lacks power and conviction. He is at his strongest in some low-key moments while he is in his hospital bed. This is the best, most honest acting Agnew has done in the four years he has acted in the Lab Theatre. Unfortunately, he is unable to communicate as effectively throughout the rest of the play.

With the exception of two or three actors in certain scenes, the ensemble is rather weak. Admittedly, it is difficult to play several characters in a production and keep them all interesting. However, the actors rarely succeed in making any of them

either very believable or interesting.

There are some notable exceptions, specifically one girl who played, among other things, a Hispanic janitor. But overall, the ensemble performances lack the crispness and vitality necessary to make them effective.

The set is excellent, well suited both to the play and to the theater. The lighting is quite good as well. However, the music used in the bar scenes is too loud, making several scenes inaudible.

As Is will be performed at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Monday and at 5 p.m. on Tuesday. The Lab is located in the basement of Graham Memorial. Reservations are encouraged and are available in the Union and Graham Memorial. As Is contains language and subject material that may be uncomfortable to some people.

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## Threat

Segal said Saturday both incidents are civil rights violations and federal offenses. After talking with a law professor on Friday, Segal contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and said he would do so again on Monday.

Segal said Saturday that he and Duehring will call a press conference this week to discuss the "militant behavior" occurring on campus. The University and Chancellor Paul Hardin should condemn the two break-ins and the antagonism between liberal and conservative campus organizations, he said.

Conservative groups have not been targets of similar threats, Segal said. "I don't think anyone has broken into the Young Republicans' houses or the ones who wear the S.A.D. (Students against Dale) shirts or the leaders of Campus Watch," he said.

Duehring said Friday she is a new supporter of the CFD and has made only a few public appearances as a member of the organization.

Nothing she has said in public has been out of the ordinary, and she is just interested in free speech, Duehring said.

"It's not like they're going after some radical," she said. "They're going after someone who's on the fringe of the organization (CFD)."

Duehring attended the Oct. 20 Graduate Student Court hearing of student activist Dale McKinley, charged in connection with his activities with the CIA Action Com-

mittee (CIAAC). She talked with Segal after the hearing, she said.

Duehring said she was not a member of the CIAAC.

Later that night, Duehring went to a meeting of people who attended the hearing, most of whom were CFD members, she said. Duehring spoke at the meeting and was asked to speak at a press conference the next day, she said. She spoke at the gathering on the steps of South Building.

She also attended a UNC Board of Trustees meeting Oct. 28 at which some CFD members voiced demands, but she was not affiliated with the group at that time, she said.

Students should not allow these incidents to scare them from speaking out but should view the threats as an outrage and do something about it, she said.

"To think that it's a group of people who want to suppress free speech scares me on an intellectual level," she said.

Duehring said she left her apartment Thursday afternoon around noon and returned at 3 p.m. After discovering the disabled phone and the stolen receiver, she entered the bedroom and saw the threat. Both the nightgown and the bed belonged to her roommate, who asked not to be identified, and the butcher knife was from their own kitchen, she said.

When Duehring went to the back door to notify her neighbors, she discovered the glass from the door's windows had been broken and the

door unlocked, she said.

Chapel Hill police officers arrived a few minutes after she called from a neighbor's apartment to take photographs and fingerprints at the scene. The police mentioned a similar incident involving Segal two weeks ago, she said.

A report filed by Chapel Hill Police listed the incident as a breaking and entering case but did not mention the scene in the bedroom.

Once the police finished up, Duehring and her roommate left the apartment after notifying their realtor about the break-in, she said.

Duehring returned home Thursday night between 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. and found the note underneath an ice tray in the freezer, she said.

Duehring's roommate, who is not involved in the CFD, said Saturday that she had left a note to Duehring in the kitchen, and that the person may have seen the name and written the note as a joke. But the reference to "big mouth" in the note probably refers to Duehring's support of the CFD, she said.

Duehring discovered the stereo receiver and the two messages around 11 p.m. Saturday night, and immediately called the police, she said.

There was no sign of an attempt to enter the apartment, probably because the back door had been double-bolted as a precaution, she said.

"I'm sure they came here with the intention of coming inside," she said.

## Long drives the difference

CLEMSON, S.C. — Well, the odds-makers were right. No. 17 Clemson was exactly 23 points better than North Carolina Saturday.

Early on, though, the Tar Heels kept it close. Then the Tigers put together two long scoring drives — one at the end of the first half, another at the start of the second half — to turn the game into a rout.

UNC took a 7-3 lead at the 12:56 mark of the second quarter when tailback Kennard Martin took a handoff and scampered up the middle for a 37-yard touchdown run. That play, which directly followed Leonard Dempsey's recovery of a muffed punt, sent the crowd of 80,000 orange-clad fans into a state of shock.

While you would think an early lead in Death Valley might fire up the Tar Heels, it was the Tigers who seemed to benefit the most from the score. That's because on the ensuing drive, Clemson finally shook its early sluggishness and took the lead for good, 10-7. The key play was a 48-yard flanker pass from Chip Davis to Gary Cooper.

"It didn't break us or anything," UNC cornerback Doxie Jordan said of the blitzkrieg drive. "We were playing solid ball and they made a big play. I think it did more to get them up rather than get us down."

But that drive wasn't the big blow, because in Saturday's game there really weren't any. The Tigers were just a team waiting to explode.

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Everyone knew it was coming. The only question was, "When?"

Rather than explode Saturday, the Tigers seemed to function like a gas chamber, slowly cutting off the supply of oxygen running to UNC's upset hopes.

Just before halftime, quarterback Rodney Williams led the Tigers on an 11-play, 68-yard scoring drive which was culminated by Terry Allen's 3-yard run off tackle. That gave Clemson a 17-7 halftime edge, but they weren't through yet.

The first time Clemson got the ball in the second half, they cranked out a 15-play, scoring drive that consumed nearly eight minutes and put them up 24-7.

Both drives were vintage Clemson. With the option offense finally humming a sweet tune, tailback Allen and bruising fullback Tracy Johnson took turns running the ball down the Tar Heels' throats. Williams need to throw but once over those two bruising, time-consuming drives.

"We needed someone to make a big play to get us off the field and stop them from converting the third-down conversions," said freshman linebacker Dwight Hollier, who led

the Tar Heels with 16 tackles. "We just didn't do that, and that's why we were on the field for so long."

Clemson held a commanding lead in time of possession — 40 minutes to 20. The Tigers ran off 83 plays to the Tar Heels' 48. No team can overcome such obstacles. After all, you can't win if you don't score. And if you don't have the ball, it's pretty hard to do that.

UNC coach Mack Brown said his coaching staff knew the clock would be a big factor in the game. "We knew coming in that we had to win the time of possession to win the game," Brown said. "But we couldn't get the ball enough to make some things happen. They just wore us down defensively."

Martin had similar thoughts from an offensive perspective.

"What they did was they kept the ball so long that by the time we got the ball back we had to make something happen," said Martin, who ripped the Tiger defense for 116 yards on 16 carries. "They took the ball and really used up a lot of the clock."

Added freshman quarterback Todd Burnett, who completed 11 of 24 passes for 82 yards, often with defenders hanging all over him, "They had some momentum going into the (second) half. Those were two really good drives."

Good enough to effectively snuff out any hope of a Tar Heel comeback.

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## Football

That score stood until the Tigers gift-wrapped UNC's first big opportunity. Scott McAlister's 31-yard punt took a funny bounce and hit off the leg of Clemson return blocker Arlington Nunn. UNC's Leonard Dempsey pounced on the loose ball at the Tiger 37 and moments later Martin churned straight up the middle for his eighth touchdown run of the season.

North Carolina's 7-3 lead didn't last very long, though. Clemson immediately responded with an 82-yard scoring drive, using a couple of rare passes to retake the lead. On

second-and-12 from the 37, reserve wideout Chip Davis took an end around pitch from Williams, pulled up deep in the Clemson backfield and launched a 48-yard strike downfield to a wide-open Gary Cooper.

Three plays later Williams did his best Neil O'Donnell impression, dropping back in the pocket and rifling a 13-yard TD pass to Ricardo Hooper in the left corner of the end zone. That made it 10-7, Clemson, and heralded the beginning of the end for North Carolina.

Nevertheless, Brown said he was proud of his team, which will wrap

up a very long season by hosting Virginia this week and traveling to Duke the next.

"We're a much better team than we were three weeks ago, but we've got to run on all pistons to win 4 games," Brown said. "You have to give our young guys credit for forcing the Clemson mistakes early. But they came right back and hit us with some big plays."

"I'm disappointed in the score but not in the effort today."

There's only so much you can do against the "Orange Crush."

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## Volleyball

kills and 17 digs. None of German's kills in the match or all year was any more thunderous than the one on the next point. Vogel set a ball two to three feet off the net and German proceeded to crush the ball down for the side out. It was an intimidating shot and UNC rode that wave of emotion to the 15-8 victory.

Game 2 was evenly matched between South Florida and North

Carolina. The Bulls jumped out to a 9-4 lead on the tough serve of Spivey but the Tar Heels crawled back into the game. UNC earned a point here and a point there, and eventually pulled into a 13-11 lead.

The Bulls' Anna Lazzarino (17 kills) killed a short set for the side out and served out the match. Lazzarino's serve was not especially tough, the Tar Heels just didn't

execute.

"I felt like we played too well to be beaten," Bradley-Doppes said. "We played some very good ball, some very good defensive ball but we just weren't working hard enough to side out. When (USF) had the serve, we made unforced errors. (USF) would serve and we'd have a perfect pass and we'd try an impossible shot, not just to get the ball back, but to make a statement."