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film festival
Coming this fall

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When the people at the headquarters of the Cucalorus Film Festival aren't working on they're annual film festival, they find other ways to keep themselves busy.

For the past 10 years, the Cucalorus Film Festival has brought in some of independent film's best films and filmmakers to Wilmington. And after relocating to Jengo, the festival's new downtown office at 815 Princess St., Cucalorus director Dan Brawley and his crew have the resources to keep Wilmington better supplied with independent films throughout the year.

Jengo is now a home to many of Wilmington's film festivals and independent screenings. The Final Cut Film Festival was held there last weekend. Nov. 4 and 5, the first ever Cucalorus Kid's Film Festival will also be held at Jengo.

And as for attending any of the events at Jengo, you just have to go down there. There is no website and no big ad in the paper. There is just a strong do-it-yourself ethic. "This is really underground," Brawley said.

A lot of work has been going into the Cucalorus festival itself. Two festivals will be held in 2006. Cucalorus 11 will run from March 30 to April 3 and Cucalorus 12 will run Nov. 8 to 11. Starting with Cucalorus 12, the festival will begin its yearly run in the fall. By moving from the spring to the fall, the festival will face less competition from other prominent film festivals in the spring.

A DVD of the best short films from Cucalorus is also on the way. This will give filmgoers an opportunity to view the films when the Cucalorus headquarters isn't hosting one of the many events that have found a home at Jengo.

Q & A with the first UNCW professor to be elected to City Council

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Dr. Earl Sheridan, a professor in the Political Science Department, was recently elected to serve on the City Council. Sheridan discusses his experience, campaign, challenges facing Wilmington over the next few years, and how he hopes his election to City Council will enhance UNCW's ties to the greater community of Wilmington.

Q: Why did you decide to run for city council?

A: I have been approached about it several times and I was approached again. I have been active in the community for a long time in a variety of ways and I just saw this as another way that I could be active and try to be of service to the community. This is my hometown so I have a special interest in what goes on here and saw this as a way that I could contribute positively to the community.

Q: How many years have you been a professor here at UNCW?

A: I am in my 26th year here at the University?

Q: So then, you have been analyzing and teaching politics for quite a while, how does it feel to be on the other side, so to speak?

A: As I told someone the other day it feels a lot safer on the analytical side, then actually being involved in politics because people have their views about what you are doing and how things ought to go and of course they are not very shy about expressing those views... There is a lot of scrutiny about everything that you say or do, it's a different world. It is a lot more comfortable on the analytical side of things.

Q: What was the most difficult part of the campaign?

A: It was extremely time consuming. Since I did not have a campaign manager I had to do the job of being candidate and managing my campaign at the same time and that was a lot of things to do. So having to be both manager and candidate, and the time consuming nature of it was difficult.



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Earl Sheridan, a political science professor at UNCW, was recently elected to city council.

Q: On the other side, was there any part that you really enjoyed?

A: I enjoyed getting out and meeting all kinds of people and interacting with all kinds of people and hearing what they had to say.

Q: How do you feel about what appears to be the current city council frame of mind regarding growth issues such as rezoning and downtown development?

A: I want the idea of managed growth.

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Best selling author Sarah Vowell to discuss 'Assassination Vacation'

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Sarah Vowell, best-selling author and the voice of Violet Parr from the animated film "The Incredibles" will be giving a book reading at UNCW on Nov. 5, 2005 at 8 p.m. in Keenan Auditorium.

Her latest work, "Assassination Vacation" begins: "One night last summer, all the killers in my head assembled on a stage in Massachusetts to sing show tunes. There they were John Wilkes Booth, Charles Guiteau and Leon Czolgosz in tune and in the flesh,"



Sarah Vowell

"Assassination Vacation," Vowell's fourth book, is an exploration into the assassinations of presidents Abraham Lincoln, James Garfield and William McKinley.

"She offers a witty and wry sense of humor and her unique voice adds to her

WHO | Sarah Vowell
WHEN | 8 p.m. Nov. 5
WHERE | Kenan Auditorium

delivery," said Shannon Hooker, assistant director of UNCW Presents, "It will give us an opportunity to laugh about things that we normally wouldn't."

Vowell will also read excerpts from new, unpublished material, Hooker said.

Vowell is a contributing editor for national public radio's This American Life. She is a former columnist for Salon.com, Time Magazine and the San Francisco Weekly. Vowell has also written for the Los Angeles Times, The New York Times, Rolling Stone, Spin, GQ and Esquire magazine.

"I love Sarah Vowell because she presents her material in an interesting and funny way," said student Sarah Gagliardo. "And because I loved her in 'The Incredibles,'" she said.

Her appearance is part of the UNCW Presents' Arts is Action performance series. An informal question and answer session, sponsored by the Creative Writing department, will take place on Nov. 5 at 4:30 p.m.