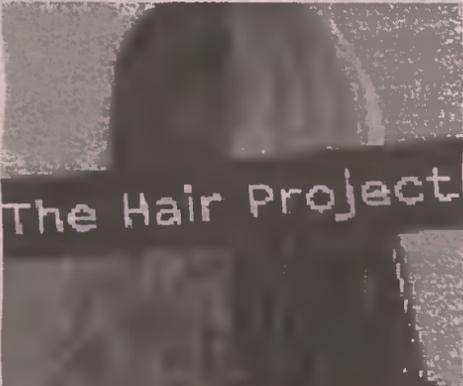


“The Hair Project”

Jessica Feltner, co-assistant editor

Students, faculty and community members filled the seats of Jones Auditorium on March 12, when Professor Sherry Shapiro, Ed. D. presented “The Hair Project; Negotiating the Politics of the Body.” Professor Shapiro’s lecture was a part of Meredith College’s Faculty Distinguished Lecture, a series started in 1964. After Professor Eliza-



beth Wolfinger welcomed the audience, Svi Shapiro, Professor of Education at UNC – Greensboro, introduced his wife, Sherry Shapiro, Professor of Dance.

Shapiro’s lecture, “The Hair Project; Negotiating the Politics of the Body,” centered on the topics hair, social awareness, activism and education. “I explore how we become ‘some-body’ by investigating how we embody cultural values,” Shapiro told the Herald. In her lecture, Shapiro shared her experience with the Jikeleza Community Dance Project in South Africa, the group having given her inspira-

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tion on how to further her work in dance education. Shapiro clarified the lectures background, explaining, “My scholarly and teaching interests lie in examining the notion of embodied pedagogy - that is how we can learn about ourselves, other cultures and the nature of the world around us - from our embodied knowledge.”

As a conclusion to the lecture, the three act dance “Hair Peace” was performed by Meredith dance majors Carrie Barbour, ’14, Lyn Frontin, ’14, Kathleen Holbrook, ’15, -- **Continued on Page 6**

Man Exonerated After 34 Years in NC Prison

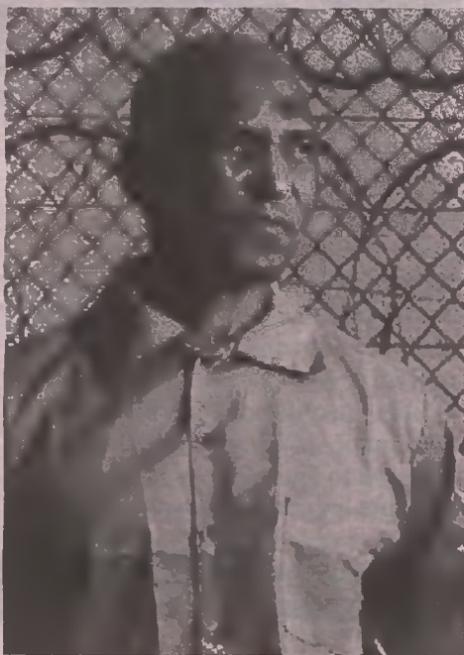
Kim Dixon, staff writer

After 34 years in prison for the murders of mother and daughter Josephine and Ailene Davis in 1976, Joseph Sledge may soon be a free man. Sledge has been unwavering in claiming his innocence.

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Since DNA technology became available in the 1990s, Sledge has been asking to have testing performed. On Sunday, the News and Observer reported that Sledge’s “hand-written letters asking for help fill four files in the Columbus County Clerk of Court’s office.”

Christine Mumma, director of the North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence, has investigated Sledge’s case for years. When she had almost given up, Rita Batchelor, a Columbus County assistant clerk, called Mumma to tell her that an envelope had been found on a top shelf in the evidence room labeled



Joseph Sledge

photo via www.newsobserver.com

with the name Joseph Sledge. Batchelor immediately recognized the name from the many letters Sledge had written begging for help.

A DNA test performed in December on the envelope’s contents proved that

head and pubic hairs found on the murdered bodies did not belong to Sledge. If exonerated, Sledge will be the oldest and longest-serving inmate in North Carolina found to be wrongly convicted. Four other men in North Carolina have been proven innocent by DNA or fingerprint analysis on misplaced or forgotten evidence.

Discovery of Plan to Bomb University of Central Florida

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Oliver Seevakumaran was identified today as the student at University of Central Florida who committed suicide before carrying out his plan to

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bomb the school. He was currently not enrolled for the Spring semester, but the suicide occurred in his on-campus dorm room. Police have found a note and several writings in regards to his violent plan. The direct target of his attack is not known. He was found in his room with a gunshot wound to the head. Also in his apartment were several rounds of ammunition, several guns, and four homemade bombs. His attempted attack began at 12:20 am when he pulled the fire alarm in

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his dorm; police believe he did this to draw people out of the building. When he ran to get his ammunition, he crossed paths with one of his roommate and drew a weapon. The roommate dialed 911. Police further evacuated the building, and all 500 residents were unharmed. Police are still investigating what caused him to take such violent action.

Malala Yousafzai Back in School

Brianna Karmi, staff writer



Malala Yousafzai photo via www.cbc.ca

Malala Yousafzai will be attending her first classes since being shot in the head. Malala is the 15-year-old Pakistani teen who was shot by the Taliban on October 9, 2012. She was airlifted to Britain for treatment after the gunman shot her on her way home from school in northwestern Pakistan. She was targeted by the Taliban for promoting Western thinking and criticizing the group’s behavior. The shooting ignited outrage in her home of Pakistan, along with capturing the attention of the world.

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Malala was released from the hospital in February following skull reconstruction and cochlear implant surgeries. After her release, Malala is excited to begin school. However, she will be attending classes in Birmingham (the United Kingdom), rather than Pakistan. She is expected to remain in the United Kingdom for a good period of time as her father has accepted a post with the Pakistani Consulate. Despite finding herself in a new area and culture, Malala remains upbeat and undaunted by the challenges. She stated that while she will miss her Pakistani classmates, she is excited to make new friends and meet her new teachers at Edgbaston High School for Girls.