

National touring comedy group brings political satire this Friday

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Live from Chapel Hill ... it's Saturday Night! Forget the usual weekend scene and take a chance on some unique improvisational comedy coming to town.

The Second City National Touring Company will be appearing at 8 p.m. this Friday at Chapel Hill High School's Hanes Auditorium on High School Road.

Tickets are \$12 for students and seniors, \$15 general in advance from School Kids Records. Prices are \$15 and \$17 at the door.

Second City is a troupe of six to seven performers who take a satirical

look at modern politics and culture. Using few props and costumes, they count on their comedic genius to carry them through the two-hour show. Improvisation is prominently featured, building from spur-of-the-moment suggestions from audience members.

This Second City group is one of three "farm teams" touring the United States and Canada.

CDS

decision to close the meeting because they wanted the managers to have open dialogue without representatives from the group that was pressing for change.

Tufts said because it was a meeting of a private contractor, not a University

The original Second City started in Chicago in 1959, and a second stage has been opened in Toronto.

Many comedians got their start with the group: Alan Alda, Dan Aykroyd, John Belushi, John Candy, Shelley Long, Bill Murray, Joan Rivers and Martin Short, to name a few.

According to the group's associate producer, Kelly Leonard, Saturday's

performance will be a "best-of" show, encompassing some scenes developed 10 to 20 years ago and some presently being played on the main stages.

Leonard said material will be based on national issues including religion and politics as well as local humor.

"We try to make each show really unique," Leonard said. "A little bit different, so it's specialized and custom-

ized. "We love to play for new audiences who are really appreciative of our touring company," she said.

The group's improvisational comedy is its trademark, developed in Chicago in the 1950s.

"You never know what's going to happen," Leonard said. "Improvisation can be the most brilliant thing you've

ever seen ... it's like a high wire act and that's what is so impressive about it, especially when it works."

Despite similarities with Saturday Night Live, such as using a live ensemble cast, Second City is quite different. Leonard said that SNL is confined by the TV studio and network censorship while Second City is "a little more free and apt to take chances."

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department, they could decide to have it open or closed.

But Stiegler and Petit said because CDS employs and serves mostly students, the meeting should have been open.

"For Mr. Tufts to say it was not open for students to be at that meeting shows a disdain for student involvement," Stiegler said.

SO MAD will continue to fight for similar changes all around the University, Stiegler said. Leaders plan to hold an organizational meeting on March 17, he said.

Brittian

nity and the University still exemplified a plantation system. The way the system treats blacks has not changed much, he added.

"The boldness of the system is a little more sophisticated, more covert," Brittian said. "There isn't as much outward abuse and degrading words. It's a little more economical instead of social."

"When you look at the number of blacks in middle and upper positions, it doesn't match the number in the community," he added. "The system will let a couple of blacks make it to the top and then say 'They made it, you can make it too.' The token system is still present."

Brittian writes a weekly column for

BSM

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the students and the BCC Advisory Board."

Working group and BCC Advisory Board members have been debating possible locations for the new BCC in recent weeks. BCC advocates say they prefer the site between Wilson Library and Dey Hall, but McCormick and other administrators say the plot between Coker Hall and the Bell Tower would be better suited for the new center.

Bradley cited recruitment and "bringing education back to the BSM" as his main goals. He also said he wanted to get more freshman involved in the BSM.

Mock

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would not agree to go off the record.

Moody demanded that Wallsten go off the record with him before he would say anything.

"If we're not going to go off the record, I don't have anything to say," he said. "I'm not going to go into a conversation about why I want to go off the record. That's moronic."

Moody, who did not return repeated phone calls earlier in the week, refused to comment on why he has prepared several hundred mailings advertising the NASG, an organization that he and his staff are in the process of chartering.

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The mailings, signed by Moody's chief of staff Doug McCurry, claim that the organization "recently received a sizeable grant" with which to expand its membership. At present, the organization has only one member — UNC.

Moody told congress members Wednesday night that he could not understand why Wallsten would not go off the record with him.

"He for some reason was not willing to have a conversation off the record," he said. "I have some very serious questions about what's going on there."

— Anna Griffin

the Chapel Hill Herald designed to make residents aware of how blacks in the community feel, he said.

"I see (the column) as an awakening of cultures in the community," Brittian said. "It isn't just for black people. I want everyone to know what's going on in my opinion and how I see things in the community."

Hilliard Caldwell, a member of the Carboro Board of Aldermen, has known Brittian since high school and said he considered him to be an integral part of the Chapel Hill-Carboro community.

"It takes people like Brittian to get things done in the community," Caldwell said. "It's people like him that make good elected officials. He's very concerned with the injustices that people experience."

Brittian currently is the coordinator

of the Midway project, a plan to revitalize the areas bordering Franklin Street, Rosemary Street and Carrboro. The purpose of the Midway project is to improve these areas so that minority-owned businesses can prosper.

"I feel that it is the role of the NAACP to be an advocate for minorities in the community," Brittian said. "It has provided a security blanket for those who have needed it. We were associated with the housekeepers and offered them technical support."

Brittian also has worked with the Orange County Youth Task Force, the Interfaith Council board of directors, Big Brothers of Volunteers for Youth and the Joint Orange-Chatham Commission Action Committee.

After serving in the military for two years during the Vietnam War, Brittian came back to Chapel Hill and applied

for a job at the University. The only position he could get was in housekeeping, which he turned down and moved to Washington, D.C.

Brittian worked there as a research technician and later moved back to North Carolina and attended Durham Technical Community College.

Blacks would prefer to educate people about their culture rather than separating themselves from other races, Brittian said.

"I don't think blacks want to segregate," Brittian said. "They want to educate. People who say otherwise are blind to what's going on in this country. They see only what they want to see."

"One of the problems behind this is that people are so quick to label blacks," he added. "We're called activists and leaders. I've never heard of white leaders or white activists."

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Campus Calendar

THURSDAY

10 a.m. Campus Scouts will be selling Girl Scouts cookies in the Pit until 2 p.m.

4:30 p.m. University Career Services will have an introduction to internships workshop in 209 Hanes.

5 p.m. Bicentennial Observance Student Planning Committee will meet in 226 Union.

Undergraduate Sociology Club will welcome Bonnie Ferrell, a teenage counselor, to speak in 425 Hamilton.

5:15 p.m. Black Interdenominational Student Association will hold Bible study in Chase upstairs.

5:45 p.m. Wildlife Committee will meet on the second floor of Carmichael.

6 p.m. "Brothers" discussion group for and about African-American male students will meet in the first-floor lounge of Hinton James.

Association of Interdenominational Students will

welcome Mrs. Dorothy Bernholz in 226 Union.

Vietnamese Students Association will meet and vote on a T-shirt design in 201 Dey.

Presbyterian Student Center will meet to have a home-cooked dinner and to discuss the March lock-in at 110 Henderson St. Information: 967-2311.

7 p.m. UNC Outing Club will meet in 205 Union. UCS will sponsor a presentation by Toyota Motor Sales USA in the North Parlor at the Carolina Inn. The catalyst will have a planning meeting to organize the next issue in 470 Hamilton.

8 p.m. United Nations Association will welcome Edith Mirante, author of "The Burmese Looking Glass," to speak on human rights and environmental disasters in Burns in Manning Auditorium.

9 p.m. WXYC 89.3 FM will play Bettie Serveert's album in its entirety on Inside Track.

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