

Shows at Morehead Shed Light on Astronomy

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The mysteries of outer space, stars and celestial bodies have confused and interested humans since the dawn of time. The Morehead Planetarium, located on East Franklin Street, has been teaching people about these enigmas since 1949. In a continuing effort to educate the public while providing entertainment, the Planetarium runs four different shows each week. "The shows we present here come from a variety of sources," said Lee Shapiro, director of the Planetarium. "While no films are produced by the local staff, shows incorporating slides, stars and audio are." The newest show, "Journey by Starlight," was created by Jonathan Garrison,

the Planetarium's second-year intern. ("Journey by Starlight") concerns itself with the message and history of how humans have determined the size of the universe," Garrison said. It also explores how people have measured the distance of various meteorological objects over time. Typical shows take between three and five months to produce from brainstorming to the final presentation, Garrison said. The process begins with determining the topic of the show. Then an outline and rough draft are composed. "While the script is written, visuals are being decided on," he said. The visuals for "Journey by Starlight" consist mainly of slides and the star projector. The show began its run Friday and will continue for seven months. A public show generally

runs a couple of months, Shapiro said. Garrison's internship does not only consist of producing a show. In fact, that was not even a requirement. His training deals with "the care and feeding of a planetarium," he said. The Planetarium's attendance has been increasing over the past few years. "We do somewhat more than 100,000 visitors each year," Shapiro said. "Lately, it's been more than 120,000." Although mostly known for its shows, the Planetarium has other events and exhibits to offer the public. Exhibits include one of the largest walk-in orreries, a mechanical device that shows the relative motions and positions of the bodies in the solar system. Workshops and an art gallery are also part of the Planetarium, serving as a local astronomy resource.

Current viewings at the Planetarium include a film that looks at the wonders of our planet, our solar system and our universe titled "The 7 Wonders of the Universe" and the children's film "The Little Star That Could." Shows are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children, students and senior citizens. Lectures by popular writers, educators, researchers and astronauts also take place at the Planetarium. Observations, concerts and special events like poetry readings are also offered. The next class taught at the Planetarium is "Celestial Navigation." It will run every Monday from March 20 until May 22 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The class covers the history and the practical application of celestial navigation's basic techniques. The enrollment fee is \$75.

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After adding the 25 write-in votes, Galbo's share of the total vote had dropped to 49.8 percent, just under the 50 percent plus one vote needed for victory. In order to avoid a runoff, Galbo asked Lewis to try to determine the legitimacy of the write-in candidates. Lewis said 19 votes would have had to be voided in order to have avoided a runoff. When the Elections Board was unsuccessful in voiding 19 of the write-in votes by 7 p.m. Monday, the deadline the Elections Board had set, the runoff was allowed for Tuesday. Galbo was unavailable for comment after Tuesday night's runoff results came in.

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"If you don't know the past, you can't even talk about the present, much less the future." Communitarity, a Saturday school for African-American 8- to 12-year-olds, is another program the BCC offers to try to draw the Chapel Hill and University communities closer together, she said. Since Communitarity's inception in spring 1992, UNC student volunteers have taught more than 100 children from the Chapel Hill-Carboro area to celebrate their culture through songs, readings and games, Johnson said. "Most of the children come from economically challenged areas, and I think they have really gotten a sense of self-esteem, a reiteration of their self-worth, from the program," she said. "It's been a learning experience on both ends." The BCC plans to begin Communitarity 2, an educational program for 13- to 16-year-olds, and a commu-

nity literacy and tutorial program in which student volunteers will visit a public housing community. "If we can lay that foundation, to get people to say, 'Oh, I didn't realize that,' or 'Now that I know,' or 'I see it now,' then that in itself would be an accomplishment," Johnson said. "I hope that our programs have created a forum for dialogue to learn and appreciate African-American culture and its contribution to American culture." She said a freestanding black cultural center was not only complementary but vital to the continuation and expansion of the BCC's programs and services. "There is so much that comes out of here, out of this small room, that it's come to the point that we need a freestanding center," Johnson said. "There are just 900 square feet of space here, and we've really done a lot with it, but we still need to do so much more." In October 1991, after the Board of Trustees renamed the center the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center in honor of the late Professor Stone, the move-

ment for a freestanding center began in full force. Stone, who was the director of the curriculum in African and Afro-American studies from 1974 to 1979, remained in the department as an associate professor until her death in 1991. BCC Program Director Michelle Thomas said Stone's commitment to the black cause and to the center had been the inspiration that had motivated students to pursue the goal of a freestanding black cultural center. "Once the center was named, there came an intense desire to push the scope of the center further, to try and live up to some of the ideals that Dr. Sonja Stone had set forth," Thomas said. Vice Chancellor Harold Wallace began serving as the BCC's interim director after Margo Crawford left in January 1993. Thomas said she hoped construction on the \$7.5 million center would begin in two to three years. "We hope the success of the programs we've already created will continue and flourish in the freestanding center."

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and it's been a ride. We realize it's about people and not posters." A mix-up by the Elections Board occurred while waiting for the results to be posted. Votes from the Granville Towers poll site were written down for Brandenburg instead of Cunningham. It temporarily put Brandenburg, who was trailing, in the lead. Brandenburg said it had been an honest mistake by the Elections Board. "It was a mistake," she said. "Last time, we did very well in Granville." Current Student Body President George Battle said earlier Tuesday that since both candidates had experience working in his administration, they had the experience to serve the needs of the student body.

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was wonderful to see how many friends could join together to do the work they did." Woody and Dolby said they worked extremely hard over the past week in preparation for the runoff, concentrating those who had supported them in last week's election. Dolby said the pair appreciated the increased support they had won. "We are physically and emotionally drained," Woody said. "We worked on this 24-7. We contacted people who helped us the first time, thanked them for their support and asked them to support us again. We also contacted more people to gain more support." Johnston and Marin prepared for the runoff race by seeking out the fraternity

"I think we have two very qualified candidates," he said. "Either one will be a benefit to the student body." Battle said his advice for the incoming president was to not let any distractions get in the way and to focus on carrying out his duties. "Just remain focused," he said. "Take advice, and do what you were elected to do. You aren't going to be able to please everyone." Battle said the problems the student body president might face were management personnel problems and dealings with Student Congress. "The challenge is to not get frustrated with all the problems. There's nothing that's insurmountable." Battle said the transition process for his administration had gone smoothly. He said it was important for the new student body president to get a head start in the summer and sorority vote, Johnston said. "We greatly specified our phone bank," he said. "We managed a huge Greek effort to get more Greeks to come out and vote. I think we were successful at that. But I give Thad and Terius full credit for being better."

Both Johnston and Marin said they hoped to become involved with the senior class office. "Thad and Terius are two great guys," Marin said. "I hope they can find a place for me in their administration." Woody and Dolby's supporters were pleased with the results. Dolby said he was glad to receive the opportunity to campaign again. "The first time, we were kind of new at this," he said. "Going through it the second time helped us get better organized. We knew what to do and did it."

Black History Month Spotlight

Hannibal
Many people do not know that the person who led the Carthage army against the Roman invaders was black Hannibal lived from 247 B.C. to 183 B.C. He is known for winning the battle against the Romans in which he had only 32,000 troops compared to the 90,000 Roman troops and for taking elephants over the Alps.

Campus Calendar

WEDNESDAY
9 a.m. Information/Library Science Career Fairs will be held until 1 p.m. in the Great Hall.
12:30 p.m. "Homeopathy" will be presented by Dr. Susan DeLaney in 105 Berryhill Hall. Sponsored by the Medical Student Diversity Task Force.
3 p.m. Dissertation/Thesis Support Group will meet in the University Counseling Center.
Support Group for Women Graduate Students will meet in the University Counseling Center.
3:30 p.m. A How to Use the UCS Office workshop will be held in 209 Hanes Hall. Open to seniors and graduate students.
4 p.m. IR Majors meet in Union 212 to hear a presentation from the Triangle Society of Human Resources Management.
"Open Secusion, Closed Internationalization: Japanese Mass Culture in the Era of Transnational Capitalism" will be presented in 02 Manning Hall by Leo Ching.
5:30 p.m. Holy Trinity Lutheran Campus Center will have worship, followed by dinner, at the center.
7 p.m. Habitat for Humanity meeting in 111 Murphey.
POWER will meet in Union 220 to discuss arts, D.C. rallies, conferences and careers.
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