

'Shadowbox' Focuses on The Loss of Loved Ones

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The fall semester has seen a great amount of dramatic talent blow onto the many stages of the UNC campus. This Thursday through Sunday, the drama department will add to the batch with "The Shadowbox," a play which begs its audience to recognize and appreciate the treasures in their lives.

Written in 1977 by Michael Cristofer, "The Shadowbox" claimed both the Tony Award and the Pulitzer Prize in the same year. Directed at UNC by faculty member Susanna Reinhart, the play centers around three individuals trying to accept the impending death of a loved one. "It's about three families, each in different stages of dealing with one of the members being in the last stages of a terminal illness," Reinhart said. In three residence cottages on the grounds of a hospital, the audience meets Joe and Maggie who are trying to confront Joe's illness so that they can help their son, Steve, accept it. The audience is also introduced to Brian, his friend Mark and his ex-wife Beverly, who are reliving the past in order to come to grips with the future. Lastly, the audience finds Felicity waiting out the precious time she has left with her daughter, Agnes.

"There's a sense at the beginning of the play that there are these three isolated

stories and none of them are alike in any way," Reinhart said. "And slowly, as the play progresses, their stories weave in and out of each other, and you come away with a recognition of the universality of what they are all experiencing."

Though the characters in the play are all dealing with the loss of a loved one, Reinhart said those who have not had a similar experience can relate to it. "For many of us, there is something we have felt the loss of, or there is something that we are afraid of losing," she said. "It's about any kind of loss in our lives, or any kind of change."

Although the play does deal with very emotionally charged subject matter, Reinhart said the play contained a necessarily positive element. "It is a wonderful reminder of how precious our lives are and how precious those people we love are and how precious each moment is," she said.

"The Shadowbox" is the result of the collaboration of the work of both Reinhart and her cast, which is composed of UNC undergraduates. "I feel like they (the cast members) have really taken the play into their souls," she said. The audience was just as capable of personalizing the play, she said. "I feel like anyone coming to see the play will have a very individual, private and very meaningful experience," she said. "There is something about taking a moment to treasure that."

SCALE

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The Employment Project at the Inter-Faith Council community house introduced two success stories during the read-out. Program member Anthony Siler read an original work entitled "Who is an Addict," and program member Elaine Smith read excerpts from "Violence, Pain and Numb," a book composed of works by shelter residents.

"It was very inspirational and brave of them," Gordon said.

Chapel Hill mayoral candidate Kevin Foy said that reading was a way to communicate emotions and information.

"It's important to make things visible for people, because it is embarrassing to admit that you can't read. It's important for people to take the initiative to help with literacy programs. It is also important for the people who need help to take the initiative to get it," Foy said.

He read the poem, "She Walks in Beauty," by Lord Byron that he learned from his mother. "I always thought it was beautiful, and it's important to me," Foy said. Other readers included council member Mark Chilton, Daphne Atha, poet and author of the novel "Entering Euphues," local poet Jeffrey Beam and Ruby Sinecure of the Orange County Women's Center.

SCALE, a national organization which was established in 1989 and is based out of the University's School of Education, also sponsored a read-out in the Bull's Head bookstore, which featured live folk music. Although National Literacy Action Week began Monday, this was the only event the group planned for the week. Other universities participating in read-outs this week include University of Florida, Ohio State University and University of California at Los Angeles.

SCALE is committed to mobilizing student involvement in literacy and builds on the idealism and enthusiasm of students.

Peace Corps Offers Rewarding Job Opportunity

BY JULIE TWELLMAN
STAFF WRITER

Will you have a job waiting for you the year after you graduate? Ricky White and Victor Bonito did. This fall they're both getting to travel to exotic parts of the world, submersing themselves in local cultures and helping make the world a better place while they're at it.

Every year, thousands of people compete for the jobs that will send them to the poorest countries around the globe. They get paid very little and have big responsibilities, but according to White, Bonito and past Peace Corps volunteers, there are many personal benefits that make the 27-month tours the most fulfilling positions they ever take.

"I want to try and help them make a change," said White, a 1995 UNC graduate from Gastonia who will be teaching environmental education in Honduras.

"These are the poorest people in our hemisphere — that's not right," he said.

White left for Honduras Sept. 19. For three months he is participating in intensive language and cultural training at Santa Lucia, a small city outside the Honduran capital Tegucigalpa. After that he will be relocated to another area to begin his actual teaching position.

On Oct. 22, Bonito, a 1995 graduate from Raleigh, left to begin his tour in Fiji where he will be teaching biology to 11th and 12th graders in a rural setting.

Both Bonito and White had pre-departure

anxieties about adapting to new cultures.

"I took classes through Spanish 4 on the college level," White said. "But I wish I had a better grasp of the language, because I have to pass a proficiency test before I can begin my job there."

Bonito said he was more concerned about the cultural differences than lingual ones. Since Fiji was a British colony, most of the country speaks English. Half the population is Indian, however, so Bonito thought his biggest obstacle would be to become accepted by the people there.

"I really wanted to feel how it was to be a minority and to learn about prejudices and stereotypes in other countries," Bonito said. "I want to learn Fijian in order to speak to people in their own language, because I think that really shows respect for them and will help me to overcome the cultural barrier."

For some, the idea of teaching for the first time in another country might prove intimidating, especially if it is necessary to teach in a foreign language, but White and Bonito seemed ready for the challenge.

"I think I'm qualified as far as material goes but maybe not as far as presentation is concerned," Bonito said. "The classroom will be indoors, but there will probably be no electricity, and students may not have textbooks. I've also heard that the students there are highly disciplined but not very motivated, so I want to try to inspire them to get involved."

But not every Peace Corps program

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UNC alumnus and Peace Corps volunteer

deals with teaching. With more than 60 different programs in 94 countries, there is a large variety and something for everyone, said Felisa Neuringer, a public affairs specialist with the Peace Corps.

"We do a lot of teaching programs in underdeveloped nations," Neuringer said. "But there are also environmental, medical, agricultural and economic development programs."

Besides such specialized programs as bee-keeping, architecture and physical therapy for those with a Bachelor of Arts degree, there are several fields involved in the Masters International program.

In this program, volunteers earn their masters' degree while working in public health, adult education, agriculture, forestry and urban planning. Prospective students can apply for the program through various participating schools.

Since the Peace Corps was started in 1961 there have been more than 325 participants who were graduates from UNC,

the highest participation number in the state, compared to at least 225 from Duke University and 175 from N.C. State University, Neuringer said.

This year there are 7,100 volunteers in 94 different countries, the highest number since 1968.

"What we're seeing now is some of the first people, the ones who served already in the 1960s, are getting close to retirement and want to do it again," Neuringer said. "We try to use people's talents and experiences to place them where they can be best used and do the most good."

White said becoming a Peace Corps volunteer was not hard, but the application process could take a long time.

"Basically, you just have to call their 800-number and get them to send you an application," he said. "Then you have an interview with the recruiter who uses that to decide whether or not to nominate you for the program."

Neuringer said there weren't a lot of strict requirements for a person to qualify as a volunteer. "You must be at least 18 years old, and usually people are 21 before they are competitive," she said. "We expect a bit of community service, too, and it helps a lot if you are proficient in another language."

Most tours also require a two-year commitment, Neuringer said, but the Peace Corps pays for the airfare and medical expenses during the tour and a monthly stipend. Peace Corps workers also receive \$5,400 upon return to the United States.

WILLIAMSON

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earthly noise, a deep guttural howl. I've never heard anything like it, before or since."

After the incident Sept. 29, Williamson was taken to UNC Hospitals.

Mental health professionals at UNC Hospitals who treated Williamson from Sept. 30 to Oct. 9, 1992 also testified.

Joseph McClintock, a graduate student in clinical psychology, interviewed and

tested Williamson for three to four hours on Oct. 1, 1992. During the interview, McClintock said, "He was making me very nervous."

McClintock said Williamson said before the interview, "There's no point to this. No one understands, no one can understand." McClintock said Williamson described a "thing" that lived in his spinal cord that talked to him and punished him for certain thoughts or behaviors.

McClintock said Williamson also believed he was telepathic, and one voice in

because of problems with the votes counted. "There was tension after this decision was announced," Reid said.

Rep. Michael Holland, Dist. 7, said it did not matter that the files had been deleted because SAFO provided budget sheets detailing the amount of money that would be carried over from the previous administration.

Holland said when he asked Reid and Walsh during a September finance committee meeting and the October congress meeting whether they had received money from the athletic department, they both said no.

"They lied to Student Congress both in the finance committee and in the full congress," he said.

CAA

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president, said he left records of checks, requisitions, SAFO monthly statements and accounts of daily records.

Reid said the former CAA administration was not at fault for congress freezing the CAA's funds, but he said last year's CAA officers could have provided a smoother transition.

"My concern is that there was a very difficult transition," Reid said. "They wanted Wes (Galbo) to win, and they did not help me. There was clearly bitterness among former CAA members."

The election between Reid and Galbo was decided by the Student Supreme Court

Campus Calendar

WEDNESDAY
Noon UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES will sponsor Law School Exploration Day in Great Hall.
1 p.m. OFFICE OF VICE CHANCELLOR FOR GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH is sponsoring a downlink to a national videoconference "Current Issues in Scientific Research" until 3:30 p.m. at the Friday Center.
3 p.m. DISSERTATION SUPPORT GROUP will meet in Nash Hall.
3:20 p.m. LESBIAN EMPOWERMENT GROUP will meet in Nash Hall.
3:30 p.m. SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN GRADUATE STUDENTS will meet in Nash Hall. Call 962-2175 for more information.
5:30 p.m. LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY would like to invite you to worship at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.
7 p.m. HELLENIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

will meet in the Stabolitis Mansion.
PUBLIC FORUM ON INDEPENDENT POLITICAL PARTIES will be held in 111 Murphey Hall.
N.C. FELLOWS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT will have a workshop "Build a City" in Union 205.
7:30 p.m. WOMEN'S ISSUES NETWORK will meet in Frank Porter Graham Lounge in the Union.
UNC MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION will meet in 203 Alumni Center.
KALLISTI! will meet in Union 226.
8 p.m. MANDATORY Candidate information meeting will be held in Union 206.
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