

# UNC Course Helps Area Students Get a Leg Up

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Tim crawls along the length of a mat. He's encouraged by his teacher and several UNC students as he participates in an adaptive physical education course. Some days he feels motivated. Some days he can't be bothered to exert the energy.

"He lives for the praise and encouragement," said Julie Fulp, a senior from King, who works with Tim. "John Humphries is his teacher, and he worships the ground John walks on."

Every Thursday at Woollen Gym, University students in Physical Education 87 get the opportunity to work with 18 to 20 handicapped children like Tim. From autistic to severely multiple-handicapped to deaf-mute children, each is provided with individual attention for an hour per week.

The course is designed for physical education majors to practice working with children with a vast range of needs from the elementary to high school levels in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

The program is run by Dr. Roberto Aponte, a visiting associate professor in the physical education department, and Pat Hurlman, an adaptive P.E. teacher with the school system.

Fulp said at first she was apprehensive toward taking the class because she was afraid it might break her heart. But now, she said she wanted nothing more than to see Tim successful, mentally and physically. "It has been the most awesome, wonderful experience," she said.



Daniel and Andrew, two of the handicapped children in Roberto Aponte's adaptive physical education class, play together during class in Woollen Gym.

Aponte said that while P.E. majors get hands-on experience, the children worked on developing their motor skills through activities like basketball shooting, running, lifting weights and biking on machines. They learn sports and strengthening tech-

niques and anything else at the physical fitness level. "The kids like it; they have adjusted well to it," he said. He said some students also worked with the children at the academic level, for the full social development and familiarity with adults.

Hurlman acts as the liaison in choosing which special education classes would make a good mix for UNC students taking the class. She said that Aponte went over many of the different needs so students could accurately help each specific child.

She said many of the UNC students said, "Sometimes they seem so normal. They look like they understand me." She pointed toward Alex and Daniel, two non-verbal children, and explained that they communicated with a pack of illustrated cards hanging from their trouser belts.

The only complaint she had about the program was that it only lasted one semester, although because of growing interest it may continue through the second semester. "The kids get into the program, but then it's over by next semester," she said. "Even the teachers don't want it to end."

At one end of the gym, Christi Smith, a senior from Durham, was bowling with a ball and plastic pins with 6-year-old Drew. She said that Drew was highly developed but that he was autistic. "If he can work on his attention span, he'll be integrated into regular classes," she said.

Chad Badgett, a senior from Mt. Airy, is one of the students working with Tim. He said the experience had really opened his eyes. "People take things for granted that some struggle with endlessly," he said.

# Diversity of Programming Key to Little-Known STV

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In case you missed your weekly dose of "All my Children" or "Monday Night Football," Student Television can help. Despite its relatively low profile on campus, STV offers a variety of programs that could prove the perfect procrastinating tool for the middle of the week.

Tuesday through Thursday nights, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., UNC students who have cable television can watch everything from soap operas to football commentaries to nonsensical comedy.

The six programs can be seen on Chapel Hill cable Channel 11 and remain the same throughout the week. These six shows include "Slack Masters," "Off the Cuff," "Video Potpourri," "Limelight," "Room 121" and "Sports Extra."

Scott Beland, a junior from Asheville and the co-producer of "Video Potpourri," described the shows as having "some cohesiveness," but said most of the people involved with separate shows "pretty much just do their own thing."

"Slack Masters" is the newest addition to STV and can be seen at 9 p.m. Its creator and host, Mike Peterson, a junior from Winston-Salem, described it as a "relaxed game show reminiscent of the old 'Remote-Control' days."

He said the questions they asked their contestants were based on old movies, music and television shows. The contestants are four UNC students who are chosen by the applications they mail in.

So that the contestants "don't get up on stage and look totally ignorant," Peterson said that the three writers for the show got together with the contestants beforehand and discussed where the various questions would come from. "It's legal," he said. "It's not 'Quiz Show.'"

For those looking for pure comedy, "Off the Cuff" might do the trick. Kyle Hoopes, a freshman from Jacksonville and an actor on the show, described it as a show similar to "Comedy Central" or "Saturday Night Live." Airing at 7 p.m., 12 to 14 actors participate in each skit.

Hoopes' favorite episode was a knock-off on sitcoms entitled "Hangin' With J.C." In this spoof, his roommate played Jesus Christ, and Hoopes described acting for the sketch comedy routine as "a lot of fun." He said he got involved with STV in hopes of someday becoming a director.

The next episode of "Off the Cuff" will be a special Christmas episode and can be seen next week.

Local music fans and others might want to check out Beland's "Video Potpourri." Beland said his show was a "collage of

different sketches." Unlike "Off the Cuff," the script for "Video Potpourri" is not written ahead of time. The program shows clips of local bands such as Dyslexican and also of independent filmmakers, former students and people in the community.

Often, "Video Potpourri" filmmakers will go to The Cat's Cradle and film bands who play there. These clips generally run for three to 10 minutes. "Video Potpourri" can be seen at 8:30 p.m.

Beland said he became involved with STV because he planned on being a communications major but could not take production classes until he met certain prerequisites. "This way I could start fooling around with video production without worrying about prerequisites," Beland said. He said he has been making independent videos since high school.

At first, co-host Brent Simon, a junior from Greensboro, described "Limelight," which can be seen at 8 p.m., as a talk/comedy show. But upon further questioning, Simon revised his description to a "man-on-the-street type show."

He gave the example of a certain skit called "What the hell is this?" where he walked around on the street and commented on the idiosyncrasies of everyday things. Another example of something he discussed on that episode were the drive-through ATM machines with braille. "First of all, even if a blind person could read the directions in braille, how could they hit the right buttons?" he said. "Second of all, what's a blind person doing driving a car?"

Another episode included a clip filmed on the day the Snapple Company visited the UNC campus. Simon and others sat in the Pit, yelling, selling lemonade and "generally just trying to annoy the Snapple Man," Simon explained. "Even (Student Body President) Calvin Cunningham bought some lemonade from us," he said.

"Sports Extra" is shown at 6:30 p.m. and is basically a sports commentary show interlocked with highlights and previews. So far this year the main focus has been football, but will soon be switching to the men's and women's basketball teams.

Next semester, producer Drew Russell, a senior from Warrington, Pa., said he hoped to conduct more player and coach interviews and offer more information on games instead of just showing clips.

For followers of soap operas, there's "Room 121," although producer David Bowles, a senior from Asheville, described it more as a drama where the characters explore various problems.

Two episodes have been already aired, and the third will come out next week. An example of a problem a character had to deal with was the death of a grandmother.

## Campus Calendar

**WEDNESDAY**  
3 p.m. DISSERTATION SUPPORT GROUP will meet in Nash Hall. Call 962-2175.  
3:30 p.m. UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER will have a support group for women graduates in Nash Hall. Call 962-2175.  
5:30 p.m. NEWMAN CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER will meet at 218 Pittsboro St.  
LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY would like to invite everyone to worship in the campus center.  
6 p.m. WESLEY FOUNDATION invites you to

dinner and worship at 214 Pittsboro St. Cost is \$2.  
7:30 p.m. WIN will meet in Frank Porter Graham Lounge in the Union.  
Anyone interested in going to the Feminist Expo is welcome to attend.  
UNC MODEL UNITED NATIONS will meet in 210 Dey Hall.  
ITEMS OF INTEREST  
PLAYMAKERS presents "Beauty and the Beast." Previews start today and run through Friday. For more information, call 962-PLAY.

TRIBETA will have a membership drive from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Coker Lobby through Thursday.  
CTHE ASIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION AND THE BLACK STUDENTS MOVEMENT will sponsor JAM '95 benefit concert for the homeless, featuring the BSM Gospel Choir, Lorelei, Opeyo! and Tar Heel Voices at 8 p.m. Friday in 106 Carroll Hall. Admission is \$3.  
KINGDOM UNIVERSITY: 80 short courses on medieval arts, crafts, history, scholastics, warfare, dancing. All day Saturday in the Student Union.

## ZAFFRON

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caused," he stated "I stand to accept full responsibility for my actions and their consequences."

Zaffron stated he would not have his lawyer contest the charges. But the charge of driving with a revoked license was a mistake, he said. "The charge of my driving while my license was suspended was the result of an administrative error, and I expect that charge to be dismissed," he stated in the press release.

Nelson said he was not looking forward to having the board discuss the charges facing Zaffron. "It will be very difficult for us," he said. "My number one priority is that we not allow this situation to tear the board apart."

Carrboro Mayor Eleanor Kinnaird said she was disappointed by what happened Monday. "I think it is very serious," she said. "(Zaffron) is a bright star who has a lot to offer this town."

To prevent any alcohol-related problems, Kinnaird said she had stopped drinking in 1987 when she was elected mayor. "I think it was a prudent one for obvious reasons," she said.

The UNC Chapel Hill Chancellor's Task Force on AIDS sponsors the following events honoring

# World AIDS Day '95

## TODAY'S EVENTS

■ **wednesday, november 29th**  
Pit Sit...Information about world AIDS day, HIV/AIDS and volunteer opportunities will be available in the Pit, from 10am-3pm.  
HIV at UNC: Lets Talk About It...Join key members of UNC's campus in a discussion about HIV/AIDS' impact on our community, with a keynote address by Doug Ferguson. There will be time for questions from the audience after the discussion. Student Union Auditorium, 7pm to 9pm.  
70's-80's AIDS Benefit Dance...Gotham, on Rosemary Street, 9pm.

Condomgrams will be available throughout the week!

\*If you know someone who has died of AIDS and you would like to have his/her name read in the Pit (pseudonyms are acceptable), please drop it off at the world AIDS day table, during any of the events.

world AIDS day is organized by the World AIDS Day Planning Committee. For more information, please call Student Health Service at 966-6586

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