

Kwanzaa Founder to Speak at NCSU; UNC Schools Plan Celebrations

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The founder of Kwanzaa, the African-American cultural celebration, is coming to speak at a Kwanzaa festival at N.C. State University next week, a sight of one of the many observances taking place on North Carolina campuses.

Although Kwanzaa celebration starts on Dec. 26 for the rest of the nation, it is observed on college campuses before winter break while students are still there.

Student groups at NCSU are hosting

events next week, with a karamu, or festival, concluding the week's events. On Dec. 8, the founder of Kwanzaa, Maulana "Ron" Karenga, will be speaking at the karamu festival at the African-American Cultural Center on Cates Avenue from 5 to 6 p.m., said M. Iyailu Moses, director of the African-American Cultural Center.

N.C. Agricultural & Technical State University also has various activities planned for this week based on the theme, "Coming Together as One: Excellence is not Optional," said history Professor Kuame Alford.

N.C. A&T held an African Celebration Monday including displays of African music, dance, fashion and literature. On Tuesday, the theme was further explored through a debate on the topic: "Which Came First: White Violence and Race Riots or Black Violence and Race Riots?"

Throughout the week, debates and panel discussions on various topics will be held, along with other events such as "The Harlem Renaissance Revisited," movies and poetry readings. On Friday, a traditional karamu will take place. The festival will include food, gifts, speeches and enter-

tainment, and will feature speakers.

Kwanzaa is centered around Nguzo Saba, or the Seven Principles. Each principle is the theme of one day of Kwanzaa.

The Seven Principles include Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-determination), Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity) and Imani (Faith).

Winston-Salem State University is planning a program for the community on Dec. 7, in which they will educate the public about Kwanzaa and each of its seven prin-

ciples, said a representative from the Student Affairs office.

Elizabeth City State University is also planning events, along with a forum on Kwanzaa hosted by the Student Government Association on Thursday.

Valerie Johnson, assistant professor of African and Afro-American Studies at UNC, explained that Kwanzaa, which has been celebrated for 30 years, was an addition to traditional winter holidays, not a replacement. "It's not a replacement for Christmas, but rather an event that reaffirms the African-American culture,"

Johnson said.

"We look at Thanksgiving, and view it as something that reaffirms that we are Americans," Johnson said.

The most important day in Kwanzaa comes on Dec. 31, when the Kwanzaa Karamu, or feast, is held, Johnson said.

Johnson said people exchange gifts during Kwanzaa, but focus on giving functional, simple gifts, such as books and homemade items. She said that this is to reduce the commercialization of the holidays and strengthen the bonds between people.



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On-Campus Bar Faces Liquor Law Violations

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY — With alcohol-related arrests on the rise for students, a favorite bar of Arizona State University students faces liquor law violations and a possible closing.

The Dash Inn faces 10 counts of recent violations with the state liquor department. Nine of these counts involve minors.

The bar is one of seven businesses which sell alcohol and are located on ASU's property. Upon acquiring the land, the university signed a lease with these businesses. As part of this lease, Dash Inn, which pays \$1,500 in rent each month to the university, is exempt from the university's no-alcohol policy.

A hearing will be held Thursday to determine the consequences of Dash Inn's violations. Each of the 10 violations could result in fines ranging from \$200 to \$3,000. Aside from fines, the university could evict the company if violations continue.

Steve Tseffos, a Dash Inn manager, said the violations stemmed from increasing underage drinking. Tseffos said, "Society has set one standard, and the law has set another."

Botany Students Explore Commercial Fungus Farms

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON — Walking past piles of manure and through damp tunnels, students got a unique experience last weekend that cannot be reproduced in a classroom.

Twenty students of Professor Howard Whisler's Botany 146 class visited Ostrom Farms in Olympia, Wash., to explore the process of growing commercial mushrooms, from steaming piles of compost to stacks of wooden trays filled with mushrooms.

Bill Street, Ostrom's president, took the students on a tour of the farms, which produce nearly 11 million pounds of mushrooms each year. Street explained each step of the 60-day growing process.

Whisler told his class that the key to making mycelia sprout into mushrooms is a perfect combination of moisture, carbon dioxide and fresh air. UW student Erik Barber said, "The start to finish processing and how they understand the life cycles of the mushroom — it's amazing."

Yale Revokes Suspension Of Student Who Set Fire

YALE UNIVERSITY — The executive committee's decision last week was a first for the university — revoking an expulsion and reducing three suspensions.

Ryan Malone, then a freshman, was expelled last year for his part in burning of couch in one of the university residence halls. Students Miguel Garcia, Joe Zanett and Rahul Chandran were given two-year suspensions for the same incident.

The committee's decision will allow Zanett and Garcia to return to classes in the spring. Chandran will be able to return next fall and Malone, whose expulsion was revoked, will return in the fall of 1997.

Roger Smith, chairman of the executive committee and political science professor, said they reheard the case because "the sorts of cases in which a student produces a considerable danger to the community are rare."

Fraternity Plants Tree For University Centennial

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS-WICHITA — Fraternity members rolled up their sleeves last Tuesday in an effort to reclaim a campus tradition.

One hundred years after the university first opened, members of the fraternity Delta Upsilon decided to plant a centennial Christmas tree in honor of their predecessors, the Men of Webster.

The Men of Webster planted 13 trees on the empty university campus when it opened in 1895. Their service project transformed the barren campus. In keeping with this tradition, Delta Upsilon members had a tree transported from Daniel Webster's New Hampshire tree farm where the original trees were grown.

The tree, a balsam fir donated by the New Hampshire-Vermont Christmas Tree Association, had to be quarantined and treated to ensure that Japanese beetles, a menacing crop pest unknown to Kansas, would not be taken across state lines.

The tree will be lit on Thursday, the first formal tree lighting since the energy crisis of the 1970s.

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