

# Department of Music adds show choir to repertoire

■ The singing and dancing troupe will meet at the start of the spring semester.

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At the beginning of next semester, the music department will begin auditions for the department's newest ensemble, a show choir.  
"Our goal is to create another ensemble that is open to participation to the campus at large and is in the public eye," said director Dan Huff, who also conducts the Men's Glee Club and is chair of the Music Education Area.

Show choirs perform typically upbeat, popular songs with dance and theatrics choreographed to the music. Participants in the group, composed of 10 to 14 male and female singers and dancers, will receive one hour of academic credit for the class, which will meet for one to two hours each week. Auditions will take place the three days following an open rehearsal tentatively scheduled for Jan. 6. The audition will consist of a song and dance routine taught in the open rehearsal and an individual solo portion. Those who audition will sing an additional tune taught during the open rehearsal for the solo component of the audition. Then, for the call back phase of the audition process, singers will be

grouped to perform in various vocal combinations.  
"Anyone who's interested should feel free to audition," said sophomore Erin Cooper, a music major from Durham who will choreograph the group's routines. Cooper, who has choreographed and participated in three show choirs, including the Brightleaf Music Workshop in Durham, stressed that the choir did not want to limit itself to music majors.  
"We haven't attracted any new people to the department if only music majors audition," she said.  
Huff further explained, saying, "It's part of the move in the music department to offer performance and study opportunities for people who are inter-

ested in popular American music."  
Jeffery Fuchs, director of athletic bands, commented on the department's move to make musical ensembles accessible to non-music majors. He cited the jazz bands as an integral part of this trend. "I think we need something that would complement what the jazz bands are doing on the instrumental side."  
Huff has planned the group's repertoire to include a wide variety of musical styles, from early American tunes through songs from the musical stage. Once the choir has formed and has been named by the inaugural group, it will meet for intensive rehearsals prior to the coming semester.  
In these practices, performers will learn a show in its entirety and will use

the class meetings to polish the show. Then they can fit the show to their performance needs.  
"It's so we can take the show apart into 15 and 30 minute sets and go on the road," Huff said.  
Eventually, Huff envisions the choir singing with a wide variety of musical ensembles, such as a jazz band, string orchestra or large choir. Additionally, they would have the capability to stage full musical theater productions.  
Cooper explained the group's musical intentions, "Show choir does not exclude classical music, but it's mainly popular music and show tunes."  
"Our main goal is to show everyone on this campus what the music department has to offer."

# Commission cuts N.C.'s dump money

■ The state's shortcomings in financing a waste dump prompted the move.

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RALEIGH — The Southeast Compact Commission will not give North Carolina any more money to develop a low-level radioactive waste dump until the state resolves a \$7 million funding shortfall expected in 1999.

The decision issued Monday marks the second time the commission has cut off money to North Carolina because the state didn't have an acceptable financing plan, said Kathryn Haynes, executive director of the commission. The first cutoff came in June 1996 and the state stopped the project until the compact commission reauthorized funding in October 1996.

The current project, called a Licensing Work Plan, resumed in January and grew out of negotiations to get the commission to begin funding again.  
"This has really been going on for two years," Haynes said.  
"They're saying, why don't you give us the rest of your money and then we'll figure this out." In the commission's viewpoint, that doesn't make sense.  
But Walter Sturgeon, director of the state agency that's developing the dump, said the site in Wake County near a nuclear power plant "is looking better all the time and we feel it's unfortunate the compact has decided to stop funding the process at this point."  
North Carolina was asked 10 years ago by the commission, which was created by Congress, to host a dump. Since then, more than \$100 million has been spent as work moved haltingly toward getting a license from another state agency.

The target date for opening a dump is 2001 and the estimated construction cost is \$75 million.  
The commission threatened this cutoff last month at an August meeting. The commission began writing to Gov. Jim Hunt concerning the financing problems in January 1996, Haynes said.  
But state officials had said the commission was rushing and that a study originally due to be completed this month may have shown no shortfall would exist.  
In a letter to the state Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Authority, commission Chairman Richard Hodes said spending was on hold effective Nov. 30.  
That means the state won't receive the \$600,000 a month it had been getting.  
Hodes' letter also said the state was obliged to keep funding the project.  
"The commission continues to believe that it is the legal responsibility of North Carolina to fund site development activities as a part of its obligation as a host state," Hodes said.

# Officials offer solutions to relieve holiday stress

■ Students can ease stress during the holidays by managing time and money.

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As another year winds down, the holiday season and final exams can equal stress for many students.

Leatrice Martin, health promotion coordinator for the Durham County Health Department, said there were several factors that could increase a person's stress this time of year, such as depression caused by being alone during the holidays.

"Other things are the hustle and bustle of family coming in and buying gifts," she said.  
Martin said the key to solving holiday stress was to recognize the warning signs and then to do something about them before reaching a tension overload.

"Stress management prevention, other than knowing the signs, is really important before we get to the state of exhaustion — you need to find a way of managing stress that works for you such as taking a walk and meditation," Martin said.

"We always recommend positive self talk. Also, looking at a situation toward a positive instead of negative — bad things do happen, but there is always a positive side."

Donna St. Claire, public relations official for the Virginia Credit Union League, said a more serious cause of stress occurred when people spent more money during Christmas than their budget allowed.

"People can find themselves paying off their debts on the next Christmas," she said.  
"The problem with credit cards is when people charge too much on them and pay too little on the bills."

St. Claire said people needed to be

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prepared to pay off their debts and she encouraged people to plan in advance for the extra costs that come with the holiday season.

"The first thing is to prepare for Christmas all year long and to possibly have a separate spending account," she said.

"Go to a credit union or bank and see if you can have a personal loan — in most cases you can get less interest at credit unions than you can by using a credit card."

Credit unions gave members financial advice and allowed them to take out small loans, St. Claire said.

"If you are not eligible for a credit union, go to a smaller bank in your area," she said.

"Smaller community banks tend to be less restrictive than larger banks."

Dr. Glen Martin, associate director of UNC's counseling services, said students also experienced extreme stress with final exams approaching.

"Students should take the time to prepare, plan ahead and know where they should spend their time," he said.

"You need to plan your work and work your plan so you're not working spontaneously."

He said it was important for students to continue their normal daily activities such as socializing, exercising and taking breaks.

"Arrive early to the test and avoid studying the hour before the test," he said.

"Focus on what you know instead of what you don't know."

# IFC prepares for upcoming winter season

BY SHELLEY LEVINE  
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As cold weather sets in, the floor will be home for some.

Each winter when temperatures drop, homeless people move into the Inter-Faith Council Community House to sleep on the floor, said Chris Moran, executive director of the council.

The shelter, which provides 50 beds for those in need throughout the year, allows 31 extra people to occupy floor space when temperatures dip below 40 degrees, said shelter volunteer Jeff Scullin.

Not only cold temperatures but also inclement weather such as rain, snow, ice or tornadoes can bring the staff of the community house to allow people to sleep on the floor, Moran said. "We're always prepared for that," he said, adding that the people who fill the floor space are chosen from a priority list.

First priority for floor space is given to Orange County residents, second to families and third to those with medical or psychiatric problems. Any others

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Inter-Faith Council Executive Director

needing shelter will be helped as space allows, Moran said.

Scullin said many people had already started taking advantage of the extra space. "Right now we're putting people on the floor almost every night," he said.

The make-shift beds will be appreciated if the coming season matches its forecasts. Although this winter is not expected to be colder than usual, more precipitation is expected, said Sandy St. Claire of the Southeast Regional Climate Center.

"It's going to be wetter than usual," she said.  
The IFC Community House will

need to provide more jeans and socks to the homeless as cold weather sets in, but there isn't much space to store extra winter coats, Moran said. He said people tended to shower more often in the winter, so towels were also a major need.

"We depend entirely on donations, so a twin-sized blanket or a towel is the best gift you can provide," Moran said.

The upcoming winter should raise the consciousness of people and alert them to the importance of donated money and volunteer time, he said.

"With all the cutbacks by the federal government, we cannot continue to provide what we do without the dollars and volunteers," Moran said.

The IFC Community House has been in existence for the past decade, giving homeless people beds and meals 365 days a year. They also serve people with medical attention, information and referrals to other organizations, he said.

So as the weather continues to get chilly, the shelter volunteers just make beds on the floor and continue with their business, Moran said.

"We don't even think twice about it."

# Students to have say in 4 forums

■ Students can attend to hear ideas from the four candidates chosen for the position of vice chancellor for student services.

BY GINNY HARRIS  
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Student forums create an opportunity for input in the hiring of the associate vice chancellor for student services.

The reorganization of the Division of Student Affairs has provided for two new administrative positions. One of these positions, associate vice chancellor for student learning, was filled by Cindy Wolf-Johnson over the summer.

Four candidates have been selected for the second position of associate vice chancellor for Student Services. This person will oversee Student Health Service, Disability Services, University Career Services, University housing, the International Center, Carolina Union operations and services, and other student services.

Jeremy Cohen, a junior from Knoxville, Tenn., and intern

to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Susan Kitchen, said the position is an administrative job relating directly to students.

Although the forums will not be the final decision in the hiring process, they will play a role, he said.

"If students are going to be represented, they should have a say in who will represent them," Cohen said.  
Kitchen said students have been a part of the entire search and hire process.

Both a graduate and an undergraduate student were on the search committee which narrowed the candidate field down to the remaining four applicants.

She said that even though all four applicants cannot be hired, it will be beneficial for students to hear the different ideas presented by each candidate at the open forums.

Cohen said this is an opportunity for students to have a voice in the hiring of a major administrator on campus.

"By having a lot of students show up to these student forums it will show that we want a voice in the important decisions that affect us," he said.

Open student forums will be held today, Thursday, and Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. in Union 209. A forum will be held Wednesday in Union 226 at 3 p.m.

## Campus calendar

Tuesday  
5:15 p.m. — University Career Services will sponsor "Job Hunt 101," a workshop on how to use UCS, in 209 Hanes Hall. This meeting is mandatory for all students who plan to interview on campus and is also open to all interested students.  
6 p.m. — Interested in minority health issues? The Minority Student Nurses Association will sponsor a presentation by the N.C. Office of Minority Health in 09 Carrington Hall.  
7 p.m. — The UNC Young Democrats will have a meeting in 104 Howell Hall.  
This will be an important meeting and all interested students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.

Items of Interest  
The Presbyterian Campus Ministry will be cooking pancakes and making espresso drinks from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10.  
Stop by for a free meal and an exam study break. The PCM is located at 110 Henderson St. behind Caffetrio.  
Applications for the Class of '98 Summer Fellowship are now available at the International Center on the main floor of the Student Union.  
Four fellowships of approximately \$3000 each are awarded to a sophomore and junior student interested in an independent study project abroad that is related to personal and/or career aspirations. For more information stop by the International Center or call

962-5661.  
The Duke University Music Department will present the Duke Jazz Series on Friday at 8 p.m. in Baldwin Auditorium. The Duke Jazz Ensemble, directed by Paul Jeffrey, will perform with guest artist Peter Leitch on guitar.  
Beth El Synagogue and Beth El Sisterhood will hold their Annual Hanukkah and Book Fair on Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Beth El Synagogue, located at 1004 Watts St. in Durham.  
All proceeds will benefit projects to improve the physical plant and the religious school.  
For more information call 682-1238 or send e-mail inquiries to bethel@mind-spring.com.

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shows how far we have come."  
But Donald Shaw, a professor of journalism and mass communication, said the results were not surprising.

"Most North Carolinians are pretty open to affirmative action, because they come from a state with strong support for the University, and strong support for equity," he said.

Kendell MacQueen said because racial issues have always been an issue in North Carolina, such results could be expected.

"The political correctness movement has made many people switch to the other side," she said.

Scott Rubush, chairman of Common Sense, said he felt academic perfor-

mance was sometimes compromised in order to achieve diversity.  
"Academics are not a standard for admission (to the University)," he said.  
"We shouldn't be making policies on good intentions."  
Shaw said he favored the policy. "I don't think affirmative action should be used to close doors on people, but should be used with common sense."  
Justin Grosnick, chairman of the fund-raising committee of Young Republicans, said affirmative action in admissions policies were unfair.

"UNC doesn't have a set system of quotas, but instead, they take a 'careful' look at students they believe are disadvantaged," Grosnick said. "It is an insult to the integrity of all minorities, because by definition, it assumes that they are less qualified."

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their neighborhood.

Marzulla argued the Pinehurst Drive residents did not even have a legitimate case to bring before the court because they did not have standing. He said to have standing an aggrieved party must suffer special damages from the rest of the community, and evidence must be found in the records for this.


"Those issues don't belong in this court because they don't apply to the parties any more than the rest of the community," he said.

Marzulla said the residents would not suffer any more than the rest of the community since the majority of increased traffic would be carried along N.C. 54. An alternate plan of routing the traffic to Burning Tree Drive and twice across N.C. 54 would only move the issue from one area to another.

"This would force the problem onto other neighbors," he said.  
Chapel Hill Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos said the problem of increased traffic was not a major issue. He said the upper end of Pinehurst Drive already sees 3,000 cars per day on average, and without the connector traffic would increase to 4,200 cars. With the connector, traffic would only increase to 5,500 cars on a road originally designed for 7,500.




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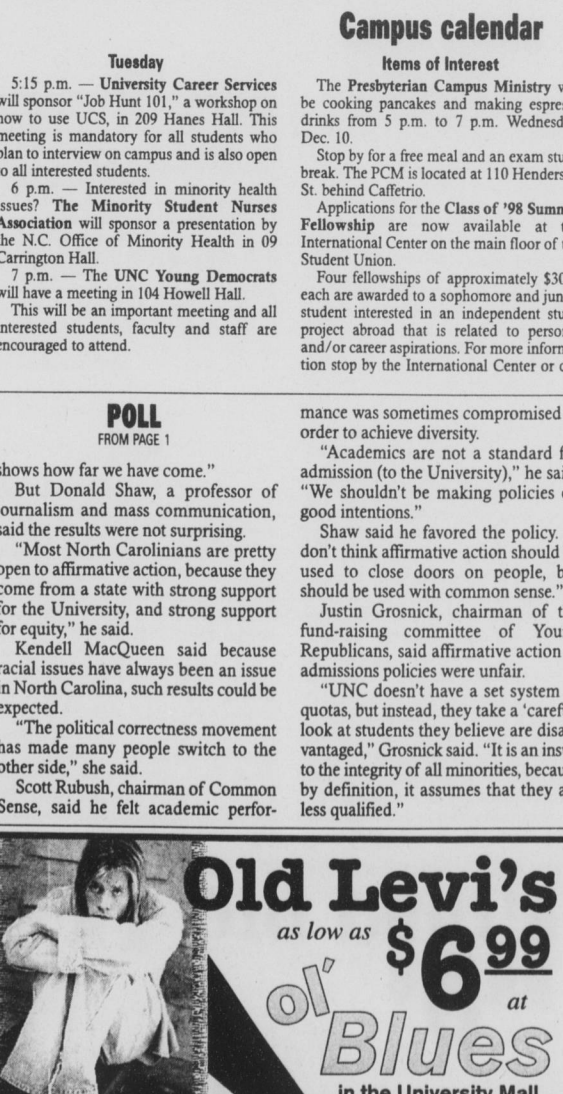
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