

This Week in Tar Heel History ...

50 Years Ago:

■ This week in 1950, a 22-year-old UNC junior, George Lemuel Bennett Jr., was shot to death in his bedroom. The former UNC graduate student charged in the case, Len Broughton Smithey, committed suicide near Forest Theatre.

25 Years Ago:

■ This week in 1975, Barbara Earnheart of 214 McIver Residence Hall added a \$10,100 emotional damage claim to her \$1 million lawsuit against the Department of University Housing. The suit sought to prevent the department from moving her out of her room in a room assignment mix-up.

10 Years Ago:

■ This week in 1990, actor Richard Dreyfuss came to campus twice. He spoke at a pro-choice rally in the Pit as part of the Campus Freedom of Choice Tour, along with actress Daphne Zuniga and protesters. He then arrived for an unprepared talk in Memorial Hall, to which he toted a box of Domino's pizza.

Campus Calendar

Today

7 p.m. - Join the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws for a speech by **HIV-positive marijuana activist Greg Scott**. He will speak in the Great Hall of the Student Union.

The event is free, and the public is welcome.

8 p.m. - Want to gain experience and contacts working with on a Democratic political campaign this summer or fall?

Join the **UNC Young Democrats** in 103 Bingham Hall to hear representatives from a dozen campaigns discuss job, internship and volunteer opportunities.

The event is free, and the public is invited.

Wednesday

3:30 p.m. - Dr. Susan Carey of New York University will present a lecture on **"The Origin of Concepts: Evolution and Culture"** in 112 Davie Hall.

The Cognitive Science Program is

presenting the lecture.

The event is free, and the public is welcome.

7:30 p.m. - **Habitat for Humanity** will hold its meeting in 101 Greenlaw Hall.

The event is free, and the public is welcome.

Thursday

10 a.m. - Dr. Susan Carey of New York University will be giving a **seminar on cognitive psychology** in Davie Hall.

For more information on the seminar, contact Chandra Alston at the Cognitive Science Program at 962-4001.

The event is free, and the public is welcome.

Saturday

7 p.m. - The **Black Student Movement** will present Harmonyx, an a cappella group, at its Spring Concert.

The event will take place in 121 Hanes Art Center.

The event is free, and the public is welcome.

Students Celebrate Vietnamese Culture

By **DERICK MATTERN**
Staff Writer

Beneath paper lanterns, streamers and life-size sketches of traditional fashions, members of the Vietnamese Students Association danced to celebrate their culture Saturday night.

Titled "Lotus Blossom," Vietnamese Night 2000 also used food and music to portray the Vietnamese way of life.

"The reason Asians revere the lotus is because it comes from the muck, yet remains pristine," said Eric Henry, lecturer in Asian studies and VSA's adviser. "It maintains integrity in discouraging circumstances."

To acknowledge Chinese cultural influence, the show began with a traditional dragon dance under a map of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam juxtaposed with the flag of the Republic of Vietnam.

The Asian students dance troupe Kamikazi performed a hip-hop dance, featuring martial arts moves, under a black light.

The end of the dance involved two whirling pairs of fluorescent green-

tipped nunchucks.

"It's purely modern - it's not a Vietnamese dance," said Chi Dang, Kamikazi's founder and choreographer.

Dang also created the three regions dance, emphasizing elaborate hand movements and props, like scarves, hats and fans.

"There's no set dance pattern that's passed down - we pretty much make up the moves," she said.

Former members of an English as a Second Language class at West Charlotte High School performed a hat dance and a flower dance.

The dancers said they created their steps and motions to accent their traditional Vietnamese dresses called "ao dai." A fashion show displayed a variety of ao dai and the transition from ancient designs to modern patterns.

While the dancers prepared behind stage, a dinner of Vietnamese cuisine gave students a taste of the culture.

Except for the chicken wings catered by Asia Cafe, a friend of VSA, Ba Hu'o'ng, donated the meal - pork spring rolls, fried rice, and a gelatin dessert called "s'u'ong sa."



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Tuan Quach (left) and Chung Hoang perform the Dragon Dance as part of "Lotus Blossom," Vietnamese Night 2000.

Although many of the almost 90 people who came to see the show were from the Chapel Hill area, some attendees made a longer trip.

"It was very culturally stimulating," said Wally Lam, an N.C. State University student who came to the event.

At the end of the evening, Henry led

the audience in singing the national anthem of the Republic of Vietnam.

He said, "I think it's good for the community at large to think about Vietnam other than the war."

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Ambiguity Still Surrounds Director's Firing

By **NISHANT GARG**
Staff Writer

An unprecedented decision by officials at the American Red Cross resulted in the untimely dismissal of Robert Lockwood, executive director of the Orange County chapter.

Lockwood was fired from office in early March, three months short of his anticipated retirement date.

His dismissal has been the cause of great deliberation and concern with board members of the Orange County chapter of the Red Cross because no reasons have been forwarded to the party members.

Some board members have resigned

since the decision was passed.

Lockwood, a retired Marine Corps colonel who assumed the helm of the chapter in April 1990, said he was upset by this decision.

"The reason for my dismissal has never been determined, and the board found no reason to comply (with the decision)," Lockwood said. "I am disappointed, because the officials at the (Red) Cross have questioned what I have done for 10 years."

George McCall, a former director of the Red Cross, said the board was excluded from any involvement in the decision process. He said no explanations were given to him and that the reasons for Lockwood's dismissal have not

been made clear yet.

"I don't know why he has been dismissed," McCall said. "The timing was out of the blue. We were not advised."

"The American Red Cross can hire and fire people without any reason. It is their prerogative, and that is listed in the agreement."

Brent Lister, another former director of the Red Cross, said he was full of praise and appreciation for Lockwood's hard work and dedication.

"He harbored an excellent relationship between the community and the American Red Cross," Lister said. "He was an excellent director and the management prospered under him. He was close to retirement. We thought he was doing an excellent job and then this stuff happened."

Lister predicted a few more resignations to follow. "To my knowledge, six members have already resigned," he said. "This includes the chair, the vice-chair, the treasurer, the secretary and a

couple of other people. And I am expecting some more resignations in the future from the local board."

Orange County Emergency Management Director Nick Waters said he was surprised to hear the decision.

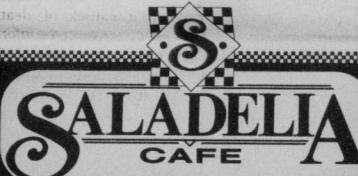
"People from the regional and national Red Cross dismissed him," Waters said. "They should have had the courtesy to seek the opinion of the Emergency Department instead of blindly removing us from the issue."

Waters said a new director had been hired from outside Orange County and that he was concerned about the impact the new director might have in the next six months to one year.

"I know that regional and national Red Cross is a bureaucratic organization and there are several people involved in it," Waters said. "Therefore, there might be some hidden motives involved."

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The UNC-CH Department of Public Safety is looking for male and female volunteers of diverse backgrounds to assist in our Domestic Violence Training. The dates are May 22, June 5, June 26, and July 17. Our department needs volunteers from 3:30pm until 7:30pm. Dinner and door prizes will be provided. To participate call Lt. Lori Palazzo at 843-8209 for more information.



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