

A LITTLE LIGHT READING



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Freshman Sarah Miller of Clemmons finds a study spot in the sun in the wooded area next to Kenan Stadium on Stadium Drive. She said she chose this spot to study for her Biology 11 class Thursday afternoon because it was quiet and warm. Isolated thunderstorms today could put a damper on outdoor activities.

Rock Movie Heavily Tragic, Yet Brilliantly Remastered

By RUSS LANE
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DURHAM - No one can really decide why concerts can become violent, least of all directors Charlotte Zweifin and Albert and David Maysles. Their 1970 documentary on the Rolling Stone's free concert at Altamont Speedway, "Gimme Shelter," has been rereleased for its 30th anniversary. Although the rerelease boasts vast audio and visual improvements and added scenes, the film's heart, the death of a fan at Altamont, remains unchanged. While some consider "Gimme



Shelter" to be the best rock movie ever made, watching the film is closer to viewing Greek tragedy than "The Wall." The film constantly builds in intensity, climaxing at the death of audience member Meredith Parker. The remastered version of "Gimme Shelter" boasts incredible visuals, restoring the original negatives and masking the directors' rock tragedy in crisp and eerie color. The film's remastered sound blasting out of the Carolina Theatre's speakers is worth the admission alone. While the film isn't intended to be the Great Rock Movie, the Rolling Stones are unequivocally the Great Rock Band, and to hear the Stones perform at their creative peak is a rare opportunity. Additional scenes were added to the remastered "Gimme Shelter" that flesh

out the Altamont incident. Some of these scenes feature lawyer Melvin Belli making countless calls, determined to put on a show that may not have been worth organizing. Others feature topless fans at the Altamont show, proving how hedonistic the event was. So who's ultimately to blame for the death of Parker at Altamont Speedway? The promoters, audience or the band? The "Gimme Shelter" rerelease offers no suggestions, but presents all the evidence. Above all, it offers a listening and viewing experience worth checking out. "Gimme Shelter" is showing at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. this week at the Carolina Theatre of Durham. The Arts & Entertainment Editor can be reached at artsdesk@unc.edu.

High Wind Boosts Forest Fire Threat

Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. - Firefighters were on their guard Sunday as more windy weather threatened to worsen wildfires that already had turned hundreds of thousands of acres of forest to ash. Wind already was blamed for creating a firestorm in South Dakota's mountainous Black Hills. Fire officials worried that the 30 mph wind forecast Sunday could cause problems for some of the 10,000 people battling the 23 major wildfires in the forests of western Montana. "Today is supposed to be a big day for wind," said Venetia Gempler of the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho. "We are expecting to have a significant growth in fires because of this wind." Montana fires burned an additional 13,000 acres Saturday as blustery weather swept through the region, but officials said some of that was land within the perimeters of fires that had not been charred by the flames' first pass. "We did get some growth on the fires, but nothing incredibly huge," said Connie Myers, an information officer for crew battling a group of blazes that had blackened more than 260,000 acres in and around the Bitterroot Valley.

That was not the case in western South Dakota, where a fire in the heart of the Black Hills National Forest, northwest of Custer, exploded from 30,000 acres on Saturday to an estimated 90,000 on Sunday. The Forest Service said it expected more "explosive fire behavior" Sunday. Firefighters were forced off that fire's north side Saturday because the wind created firestorm conditions. Three outbuildings and a tractor were destroyed in the sparsely settled region and two homes were damaged, officials reported. The few people in the region were urged to evacuate an area of 300 square

miles, forest officials said. Fire lines along the eastern side of the blaze were being strengthened because a cold front moving into the region was expected to bring northwesterly wind. There was a possibility that the wind could help crews working on a 110,000-acre range fire in southcentral Washington. It had burned 16 structures, including one home. That fire, near Prosser, Wash., was 50 percent contained early Sunday and the wind was expected to blow out of the west, which "would be blowing the fire back on itself," said Laura Meer of the state Emergency Operations Center.

Bush, Gore Confident of N.C. Win

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One week after George W. Bush launched his ad campaign in North Carolina, campaign representatives for Vice President Al Gore say they have no immediate plans to begin running ads in the state. Despite the fact that North Carolina has not voted for a Democratic presidential candidate since 1968, both campaigns say they are confident their candidates have a shot at gaining the state's 14 electoral votes. The ads tout Bush's commitment to improving education and are running in 20 states other than North Carolina, a state where Gov. Jim Hunt has already made education a top priority. While a recent Mason-Dixon poll showed Bush leading Gore by 7 percent in North Carolina, Gore campaign officials see Bush's decision to run the ads as an indication that Republicans are slowly losing their choke hold on the state. "It does not worry us," Gore spokeswoman Ellen Mellody said of the Bush

ad campaign. "It's actually a good sign. Republicans clearly feel scared. They did not have to in the past. The Gore ticket is targeting North Carolina and fully intends on winning it." A strong Democratic influence in other aspects of the state's government helped influence the Bush campaign to begin running the ads, officials said. "We don't take North Carolina for granted," Bush spokesman Tucker Eskew said. "It's a state where Clinton ran close and where the governor is Democratic and most newly elected senator is a Democrat." Mellody said Gore plans to build on this Democratic presence by opening a field office in Raleigh, as well as run ads and campaign across the state. But as of now, Bush is the only candidate with an advertising presence in the state. Dick Cheney, Bush's running mate, also made an appearance in Charlotte on Wednesday and Bush himself is likely to follow. "(Bush) feels at home in North Carolina," Eskew said. "He would encourage the Democrats to

rethink brushing off the state and to spend plenty of money in North Carolina, for they will only be pursuing an expensive defeat." But Gore is still confident he can win in North Carolina by focusing on issues such as Medicare, Social Security and, of course, education, Mellody said. "We truly believe in fighting for the issues important to North Carolina," she said. "We strongly feel we can really win the state on the issues." UNC political science professor Thad Beyle said the presidential race in North Carolina would be close, but that Bush likely would prevail. "This is part of the strategy to hold those states that are close," Beyle said of Bush's ad campaign. "I would say right now that the state is not getting any more Democratic, and if I had to put my money down, I'd say Bush would win the state." The State & National Editor can be reached at stntdesk@unc.edu.

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