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Ladybugs Are To Be Feared And Smushed

I am glad to see the campus up in arms this week over ladybugs. It's not too often you see a campus mobilize and unite behind one cause, all members' voices blending to create one piercing cry for justice that cannot be ignored.

And let me assure you, that call will be answered.

As a former on-campus resident (Cobb represents), I can identify with the pain, indignation and outright fear y'all are experiencing. I have gone through this with you. And it's going to be OK.

We're going to beat these bugs — together.

The jokers in the Department of Housing have obviously not recognized the gravity of this situation.

Al Calarco, associate director of housing and residential education, wrote off the ladybug situation quickly when he spoke with The Daily Tar Heel.

"It is a pretty simple thing to solve," he said.

"In the scope of things, I don't see this issue as being a real problem."

Simple to solve?

Not a real problem?

Last time I checked, Mr. Calarco wasn't set up in Hinton James on the bottom bunk trying to ignore his roommate masturbating up top.

Calarco and company do not have to deal with this situation head-on. They don't have to deal with the onslaught of insects. Oh no, these characters go back to uninfested homes where they don't have to worry that ladybugs might crawl in their ears and eat their brains while they slumber.

Sure, they've provided "special" vacuums to help students dispose of the beasts, but I'm suspicious. I've been here five years, and I've never heard of this "special" ladybug vacuum.

The good news is this: At least it's just ladybugs. It could have been tarantulas or cocker spaniels.

But don't be fooled.

Ladybugs are dangerous. Ladybugs are a threat.

These bad boys carry diseases. And don't think that doesn't include sexually transmitted diseases. The next time you let one crawl on your finger while you coo like a pigeon remarking how cute said ladybug is, just keep in mind that you have probably just contracted syphilis or gonorrhea.

Plus, these things are tiny. They could easily sneak into several of your crevices undetected, all the while mating and reproducing.

Lastly, they can really crawl into your ears and eat your brains — it all went down on Star Trek.

But here's the thing: Ladybugs appear harmless and friendly. They aren't like roaches or ants that are easy to kill because we have identified them as the enemy.

Ladybugs are tricky.

There are pictures of ladybugs on children's clothes and toys.

So here are a few ways to clear your conscience before you ground out these pests under your shoe:

Ladybugs are red, and so are communists. Stomp away.

Rodney Dangerfield made a movie called "Ladybugs," which chronicles the trials and tribulations of a young boy who crosses dresses to play on a girls' soccer team.

If that isn't a crime, I don't know what is.

UNC isn't perfect, gang. We are a campus in turmoil and on the brink of huge changes.

We deal with issues like grade inflation, racial tension, tuition hikes, Master Plan construction and faculty salaries — to name a few.

Meanwhile, bigwigs are making decisions without our say. Student voices aren't being heard.

But in the midst of all this chaos, y'all are worrying about ladybugs in your rooms.

You have targeted a serious problem at this University. I applaud you and your priorities. You have finally gotten hyped.

And with everything as it should be, I'm ranting that "Ladybugs" movie, stat.

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Competitors Show Spirit at Unity Games

By ERIC MEEHAN
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Plenty of enthusiasm marked the third annual Unity Games as students from a variety of different backgrounds came together Friday for a day of athletic competition.

Stereo speakers filled Fetzer Gym A with songs like M.C. Hammer's "Can't Touch This" as the 100 members of 10 teams each donned a T-shirt and socks featuring their team's color.

Students from many organizations including the Black Student Movement, Sangam, student government, the Residence Hall Association, Carolina Athletic Association and Sigma Chi fraternity came out to participate. But many individuals came without a group.

Zach Comer, chairman of the Unity Games, said the purpose of the games was to bring together students of diverse backgrounds in a fun, casual environment. "The idea behind it is that they should interact and break down the normal barriers," he said. "We try to make

the teams really diverse and make this place feel like a community."

The games started with master of ceremonies Matt Martin getting the participants excited. The team names, including the Light Blue Looney Tunes, Tangerine Thundercats and Fire Red Fraggles, helped encourage zany cheers and team spirit.

The competition consisted of many events including tug-of-war, bombardment, a foul-shot contest, steal the bacon, an EA Sports snowboarding video game called SSX and two relay races with balloons.

The winner of each event received five points, while the losing team received one. Three spirit points also were assigned for every event.

Spirit points pumped up the already enthusiastic participants and made team spirit just as important as skills. "Spirit points don't go up to the end, so you don't know who is winning," Comer said.

Dance parties and team cheers broke out throughout the games as each team tried to show they had the most spirit.

The games allowed students to be positive and embrace each other's differences as they strove for a common goal.

Christina Bilzi, a freshman from Wilmington who was on the winning team, the Smooth Green Snorks, said the games were enjoyable and brought people together in a fun way.

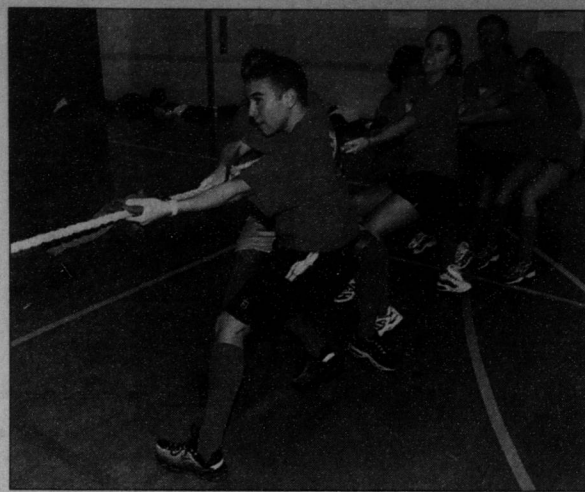
"It was cool winning, but basically I already had fun. We would have had fun regardless," Bilzi said. "Now that I've done it, I would tell anyone to."

Organizers said the games turned out to be a great success. "There were a lot of people keeping spirit up," said Allison Pickett, co-chairwoman of the games.

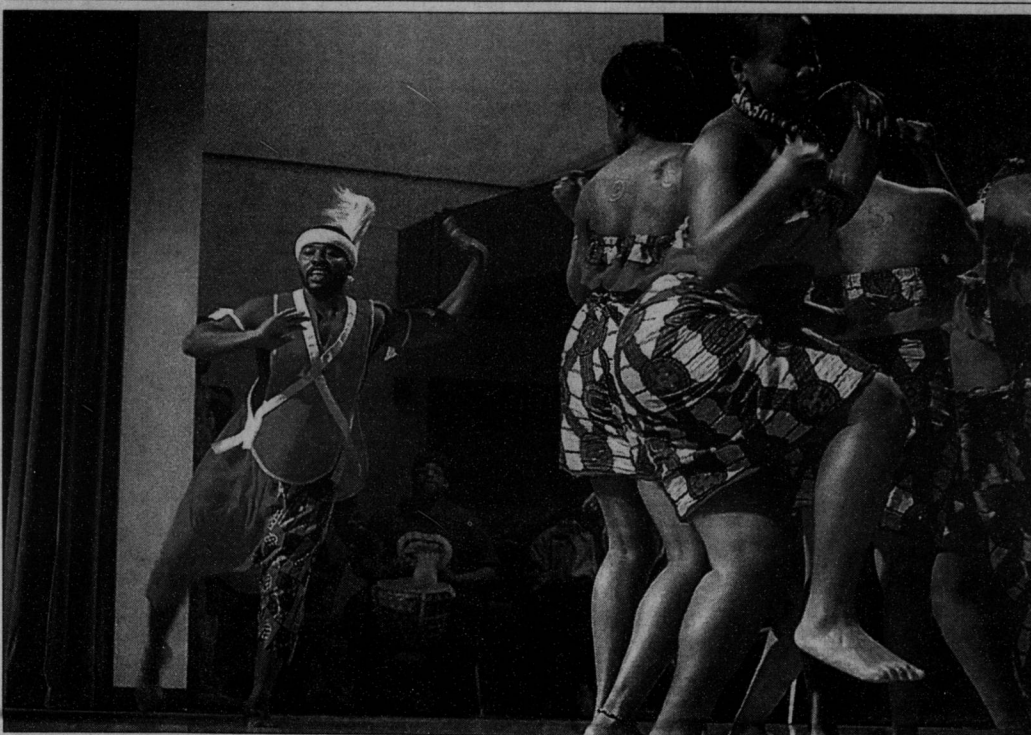
With a third consecutive year of success, organizers of the Unity Games said they are looking to expand the event and allow even more students to participate.

"We want to make it biannual," Comer said. "We want to do it again in the spring. If we did it outdoors again, we would like a few more teams."

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Members of the team Fire Red Fraggles battle to win tug-of-war Friday afternoon during the Unity Games in Fetzer Gym.



Members of OASIS, a campus group to promote awareness of African history, culture and current issues, perform a traditional West African dance of welcome and celebration at the Masala Fashion Show on Friday night in the Great Hall.

Diverse Heritages Merge at Masala Festival

By JENNY MCLENDON
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Multicultural campus group Masala brought its annual spicy mix of fashion, music and dance performances to a packed Great Hall on Friday night.

Masala, a network of 26 cultural groups at UNC, promotes diversity by hosting international speakers, dinners and an annual fashion show.

This year's event, titled "Strengthening Our Roots," featured performances by Oasis, the Carolina Hispanic Association, Sangam and the Black Student Movement. Organizers said the showcase of talent was designed to educate the audience about the importance of heritage.

"Knowledge is to culture as water is to a

tree," said Gerald Kelley, the show's emcee and executive secretary of Masala. "The more we take in, the more we strengthen our roots."

Tickets for both the fashion show and the afterparty, cosponsored by Hip Hop Nation, sold out as usual. "We get a huge crowd every year," said Azadeh Rezvani, co-president of Masala and producer of this year's show. "This year, even after we let in everyone with tickets, we still had 150 people waiting outside the Great Hall to get standing space."

Students said there was good reason to wait in line. Colorful ethnic costumes lit up the room as performers captivated the audience with both traditional and contemporary cultural styles.

"In the past, it's always been a great show,"

said Gino Wolff, a graduate student from Fayetteville. "And because I am multicultural, to me this embodies the true character of what I am and what America is all about."

Emily Crites, a freshman from Sylva, also said she enjoyed the display by the varied ethnic groups. "Coming from a small town with very little diversity, I really enjoyed seeing the diversity in the show and what the different cultural groups at UNC have to offer."

Performances ranged from the dancing of KAMIKAZE and Bhangra Elite to runway modeling by cONcEpt (of colors) and rap by Hip Hop Nation. "I think this show is the best

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Faculty Council Considers Student Issues at Meeting

By KATY DILLARD
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The Faculty Council meeting held Friday focused on student-related issues, including the passage of the higher education bond, tuition, Commencement and campus construction.

Chancellor James Moeser opened the faculty meeting by thanking everyone involved in the campaign to pass the \$3.1 billion higher education bond.

"This shows the importance of the

strong voice of the people in support of higher education," Moeser said.

The bond was passed with a 73 percent approval across the state to provide capital improvements to the state's public universities and community colleges. "We've caught the bear, now we have to skin it."

Discussion then moved to the issue of tuition increases for the business, dentistry, law, pharmacy and medical schools.

"The tuition proposal is an effort to maintain quality of strength in these programs in the most responsible way,"

Moeser said.

According to the report, the phased-in tuition increases will begin going into effect in the 2001-2002 school year.

Sue Estroff, chairwoman of the council, then took the stage to encourage an



Council Chairwoman Sue Estroff

open discussion of campus issues.

Estroff's first concern was student behavior at Commencement. Other faculty comments echoed the overall consensus, deeming past student conduct at Commencement unacceptable and supporting a change in procedures. Estroff said the council would seek student input before proposing a change.

The next topic of discussion was the degree of confidence and familiarity that faculty members have with the Honor Court system. "Students have described

professors as apathetic and uninformed of the system," Estroff said.

The council then discussed ways of informing students and faculty about Honor Court procedures. Timothy Taft, professor in the Department of Orthopaedics, suggested a complete reform of the Honor Court system.

"People are brought up for things that aren't about honor, they're illegal," Taft said. He said criminal activities should

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Professional Schools' Tuition Increases Might Yield Benefits

By DANIEL THIGPEN
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Faculty and students in five of UNC's professional schools are optimistic about the potential benefits that could arise from tuition increases.

They say they are eager to see the funds put to use for increasing financial assistance, hiring new professors and raising faculty salaries.

At its Wednesday meeting, the Board of Trustees approved tuition increases for the Kenan-Flagler Business School, the School of Dentistry, the School of Law, the School of Medicine and the School of Pharmacy. The proposals will now go before the Board of Governors when it meets in January.

Law school Dean Gene Nichol said he

regrets the increases but that he thinks it is impossible to remain competitive with other top universities without them.

"The increases are very necessary or we wouldn't do it," said Jeffrey Houpt, dean of the School of Medicine, where 50 percent of the funds from tuition increases would go toward financial aid packages.

Houpt said increasing financial assistance will help the school remain nationally competitive because it will allow the school to attract better students.

Nichol said one problem for the law school has been its student-to-teacher ratio. "A large part of (the tuition increase) is to expand the size of the faculty," he said. He said one way to achieve this is to raise faculty salaries, which tuition increases would accomplish.

Professor Doug Shackelford of the busi-

ness school said the school's reputation has kept him on the faculty despite relatively low salaries. "In what I do, we are the best school in the country," he said.

Law Professor Elizabeth Gibson, who has been on faculty since 1983, said proximity to her family has played a large role in keeping her at UNC. "I've gotten inquiries (from other institutions) but never pursued them," she said.

But she noted that other faculty members who might be battling low salaries might not have this option.

Nichol said tuition increases were not the only viable option for the law school's future prosperity. A capital campaign for private funds is under way to supplement state-allocated funds.

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Footin' the Bill

The Board of Trustees approved tuition increases for five of UNC's professional schools, which will begin being phased in starting fall 2001 if the Board of Governors approve them.

Business:	Pharmacy:
MBA \$1,700 fall 2001	(in-state) \$534 fall 2001
\$2,000 fall 2002	\$834 fall 2002
MAC \$1,000 fall 2001	\$834 fall 2003
\$1,300 fall 2002	(out-of-state) \$200 fall 2001
\$1,300 fall 2003	\$500 fall 2002
Dentistry (in-state only):	\$500 fall 2003
\$1,200 fall 2001	Medical:
\$1,500 fall 2002	(in-state) \$1,200 fall 2001
\$1,500 fall 2003	\$1,500 fall 2002
Law (in-state only):	\$1,500 fall 2003
\$1,700 fall 2004	(out-of-state) \$700 fall 2001
\$2,000 fall 2002	\$1,000 fall 2001
	\$1,000 fall 2003

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