

Olympic Gold Medalist Reveals Success Tips



Olympic gold medalist swimmer Josh Davis talks to students in the Great Hall on Wednesday night. Davis spoke about his experiences as an Olympic athlete and a Christian.

Three-time gold medalist Josh Davis spoke to an animated crowd about his Olympic experiences and how Christianity has shaped his outlook.

By GREG STEFFENSEN
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An Olympic gold medalist offered humorous anecdotes and expressed Christian ideals to a responsive Great Hall crowd Wednesday night.

Olympic swimmer Josh Davis shared his experiences and secrets to success in a presentation sponsored by the Christian organization Athletes In Action, which uses athletics as a springboard to espouse Christian ideals.

Davis stressed his "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Athletes" and emphasized that he is "just a regular guy," despite his three Olympic gold medals and national records in swimming.

He was introduced with a series of video clips of UNC student reactions to the question, "Who is Josh Davis?"

One female confidently asserted that "He's a Backstreet Boy." Another guessed, "Isn't he running for student body president?"

But there was no mistaking the internationally famous swimmer after being shown the TV broadcast of his 1996 Olympic trials performance, in which he broke the American 200-meter freestyle record.

The personable Davis introduced himself to the audience with the story of his first swimming experience. "The coach suggested that I switch sports, because I was never going to make it in swimming," he said.

Four Olympic medals later, Davis jokingly summarized the reasons he's glad he stuck with his career.

"I get free clothes, free food, free travel, all because I can make it from one side of the pool to the other really fast," he said, drawing laughter from the crowd. "Isn't this a great country?"

The audience howled with laughter as Davis described the most embarrassing experience of his life, a clumsy drug test after his 1996 Olympic trials. While introducing himself to a female athlete, Davis dropped the cup holding his urine specimen, spilling it all over his companion's face. "I couldn't understand why she was so upset," he joked.

The talk quickly turned serious when Davis recalled the "bottom of the barrel experience" that turned his life around and gave him the commitment

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POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Tuesday, Jan. 30

At 7:02 p.m. University police responded to a report of a physical assault.

A man was playing basketball in Woolen Gym for an intramural team, when an incident occurred and another player was ejected from the game. The removed player waited for the man after the game and struck him on the right side of the face. The man sustained no serious injuries.

University police received reports of a larceny from Aycock Family Practice at 8:55 a.m. A UNC employee reported that an unknown person entered her office and stole her purse. The purse was found in a trash can by a housekeeper. A cell phone was the only item stolen. There were no witnesses to the larceny.

University police responded to a report of harassing phone calls at 1:16 p.m. A female Parker Residence Hall resident said she had been receiving phone calls with only heavy breathing on the other line. The calls were received sometimes during the day but also during late night hours. The case is currently under investigation.

A larceny of a wallet was reported to University police at 4:35 p.m.

A UNC student told University police he left his wallet and watch unattended on the floor of Woolen Gym at 3:45 p.m. and returned to find the items missing at 4:10 p.m. Several basketball games were being played during the crime. There are no suspects.

University police responded to a report of a larceny from Lenoir Dining Hall at 1:07 p.m.

A student said he left his book bag outside of the dining hall and returned to find it stolen.

There are no suspects at this time.

Monday, Jan. 29

A UNC employee reported to University police a larceny of his bicycle at 7:38 p.m. The employee said when he returned to his bicycle at the loading dock at the Burnett-Womack building, the bike, cable and lock were gone.

City

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Chapel Hill police received reports of larceny from a car at 8:40 p.m. The incident occurred on Elliott Road. Reports state that an unknown subject broke the window of a 1995 Toyota Camry and stole a handbag, an unspecified amount of cash, a driver's license, credit and debit cards and a checkbook. Investigation is continuing in the case.

Chapel Hill police received reports of larceny from a business at 9:15 a.m. Reports state that an unknown person took various groceries worth \$100 from the University Mall Harris Teeter. Leads are exhausted in the case.

Chapel Hill police received reports of breaking and entering to a car at 2:50 p.m. Reports state that an unknown subject pulled the keyhole out of the driver's side door of a 1991 Chevy Prism, causing \$300 of damage. Leads are exhausted in the case.

Carrboro police received reports of a stabbing at 7:33 a.m.

Reports state that the victim was stabbed by an acquaintance at a residence on Jones Ferry Road. He was transported to UNC Hospitals and was treated and released. Charges of assault with a deadly weapon are pending.

Carrboro police received reports of larceny at 9:09 a.m.

Reports state that an employee of a masonry service saw two male subjects removing scaffolding from a construction site on Lake Manor Road and loading it into a van. Police were able to detain the two suspects in the van. Rodriguez Sirilo, 20, of 16th St., Apt D, in Greensboro, was charged with one count of misdemeanor larceny. He posted bond and was released. His trial date is set for Feb. 26 at Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

Hugo Berrones Agundiz, 19, of 2008 Mebane St. in Burlington, was charged with one count of misdemeanor larceny. He posted bond and was released. His trial date is set for Feb. 26 at Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

Carrboro police received reports of larceny from a car at 2:45 p.m.

The incident occurred in the parking lot of AC Fitness at 502 W. Main St. Reports state an unknown subject broke the passenger side window of a 2001 Volkswagen Jetta and stole a black purse, a black wallet, a driver's license, bank and credit cards, three books worth \$15 each, two legal pads and a pair of sunglasses worth \$70.

The case status is inactive at this time.

BUST A MOVE



Tracy Engel, a senior business major from Charlotte, and Katherine Ducker, a senior journalism and political science double major, dance in the Pit on Wednesday to promote the annual UNC Dance Marathon which will be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 23 in Fetzer Gym. The two performed a line dance and sang to encourage students to participate in this year's marathon.

BOT Asks State To OK Student Vote on BOG

Student Body President Brad Matthews remains hopeful even though similar proposals have failed in the legislature.

By FAITH RAY
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In a unanimous vote, the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees passed a resolution Thursday asking the N.C. General Assembly to adopt legislation allowing the president of the UNC Association of Student Governments a vote on the UNC-system Board of Governors.

Student Body President Brad Matthews, a voting member of UNC-CH's BOT, proposed the student vote at last week's meeting.

"(The vote) will give a stronger sense of legitimacy to the student voice on the Board of Governors," Matthews said.

"It's important for the Board (of Trustees) to voice its formal support."

BOT member Richard Williams said he thinks a student vote on the BOG is a reasonable request and added that it would be just another vote on a board that already has 32 voting members.

"It's just one vote," he said, half-jokingly. "It won't destroy the Board of Governors."

BOG member Angela Bryant said she is not surprised by the proposal and is in support of a student vote.

"Our goal is educating students," she said. "Clearly, having

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Farming Forum Aims To Address Concerns

The third annual summit and forum will explore the federal role in the tobacco industry in the near future.

By GARY BARRIER
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With classes, exams and the Duke-UNC game to look forward to tonight, most UNC students are probably not concerned with the role farming plays in the lives of their fellow residents.

But members of the Orange County Board of Commissioners and representatives from environmental and agriculture agencies from across North Carolina will meet to prove that farming is not something that concerns just students from N.C. State University.

The Third Agricultural Summit/Farmer's Forum will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in Schley Grange Hall in Hillsborough to discuss a variety of issues.

Cooperative Extension Services agricultural agent Karen McAdams said the forum is designed to allow residents to explain their needs.

"For one, we're hoping to give some of our farmers in Orange County a chance to share their concerns," she said.

"And our other goal is to talk about other issues that pertain to conservation."

Both environmental and agricultural issues will be discussed at the forum, McAdams said, including waste management and the changing markets in which farmers are forced to compete.

Farmers are having to deal with a transition in agriculture in North Carolina, Orange County Commissioner Barry Jacobs said.

"Tobacco is going out, hitting our small farmers," he said.

Growing concerns over the increased governmental role in the tobacco industry is just one of the many worries facing farmers in the new millennium, Jacobs said.

"Also, a nationwide reduction in prices and an increase in costs" is a primary concern for small farmers, he said. Rising fuel costs and decreasing market prices for goods are making it more expensive to continue producing goods and making as much of a profit, Jacobs said.

The agenda for the summit includes guest speaker Betty Bailey, executive director for the Rural Advancement Fund International. Bailey will speak to a panel including members of the Orange County commissioners and farmers and residents from in and around Orange County.

"(Bailey) will speak of strategies to deal with the end of this era of transition in North Carolina agriculture," Jacobs said.

A panel discussion moderated by Director of the Environment and Resource Conservation Department David Stencil will allow local and regional farmers to voice their opinions about these growing concerns.

Jacobs said, "Farmers from all other parts of North Carolina will be here for the summit in order to represent all of North Carolina's agricultural concerns."

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Greek Groups Create Alliance

By ERIC MEEHAN
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Their tables festooned with balloons and posters, members of UNC's non-traditional Greek groups crowded the Pit on Wednesday to debut the new Greek Alliance Council.

The council, which sets up a support and communication system for the specialty Greek organizations, represents Alpha Epsilon Omega, Alpha Iota Omega, Alpha Kappa Delta Phi, Alpha Pi Omega, Groove Phi Groove, Lambda Upsilon Lambda, Phi Beta Chi, St. Anthony Hall and Theta Nu Xi.

The council is the result of more than a year of hard work by senior Theta Nu Xi member Mimi Patel and junior Alpha Kappa Delta Phi member Georgiana Mak.

Patel conceived the idea last year, but it stalled because she wasn't able to stay in contact with all the groups. But Mak called Patel during the summer, and the two decided to make the council a reality.

Mak discussed her work with Aaron

Nelson, interim director for Greek affairs, whose efforts she said were instrumental in the council's foundation.

"(Nelson) has been our chief adviser," Mak said. "I am honestly not sure our council would work so smoothly without (Nelson's) support."

The council serves specialty Greek organizations, including service, religious, cultural and academic fraternities, by giving them a support group and a more efficient means of communication with each other, other Greek councils and the community as a whole.

"For the last seven years or so when the first nontraditional Greek organizations came on campus, they didn't fit into the traditional Greek council," Patel said.

She said the nontraditional Greek organizations previously belonged to a specialty group but said this group didn't have a support system.

Wednesday's event showed that the nontraditional Greek organizations are now able to work together in a way that they could not prior to its creation.

The program consisted of members of each group speaking at a podium

about its goals and ideals.

Jessie Webb, a member of Alpha Iota Omega Christian Brotherhood, discussed the ideals that define his fraternity. "We believe that we should be reliable and honest men," he said. "We believe that God gives us encouragement so that we can encourage others in speech and in action."

After each group gave its speech, other specialty Greek groups' applause was among the loudest heard.

"It's easy for specialty groups to fall through the cracks because they are so different," Mak said. "We have a listserv now, and we post our events and encourage each other to come to them."

Nelson attended the program, arriving at around noon and praised the work of Patel and Mak in creating the council.

"They are a diverse group with diverse interests and I think that their struggle is to find their uniting force," he said. "I think they've done an excellent job of finding it."

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Fox Plans to Stay at NCSU for Now

By ERIC HAWKINS
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RALEIGH - N.C. State University Chancellor Marye Anne Fox said Wednesday that she was planning to remain at N.C. State despite rumors that she is being considered for a White House post.

Fox's possible nomination for director of the White House Office of Science and Technology - the top science policy job within the new administration - recently has sparked speculation as to whether she will accept the position.

Last week several news outlets, including The Associated Press, The Chronicle of Higher Education and The

News & Observer of Raleigh, reported that Fox was being considered for a White House position.

At the monthly N.C. State chancellor-student liaison meeting Wednesday, Fox acknowledged that she has been mentioned as a possible candidate for the post, but said she had not yet been offered a position.

"(The) speculation has been fueled by my connections with (President George W.) Bush," Fox said.

While Fox was serving as vice president for research at the University of Texas at Austin from 1994 to 1998, she also sat on the Texas Governor's Science and Technology Council.

Fox served in this position under then-Texas Gov. Bush until 1998, when

she became the 12th chancellor at N.C. State.

Fox declined to comment as to whether she would accept the position if offered, but added that she intends to stay at N.C. State for some time.

Fox is currently a member of several scientific organizations, including the Stanford Research Institute and the Committee on Science Engineering and Public Policy of the National Research Council.

"My responsibility to build a national reputation for N.C. State has caused me to maintain a close relationship with Washington," Fox said.

Debbie Griffith, director of News See FOX, Page 11