

Campus Calendar

Today

noon - Come out to learn about Falun Gong, an ancient practice currently persecuted by the Chinese government. **Human Rights Week** will feature a presentation on Falun Gong in the Pit.

Broaden your horizons and experience a taste of this harmless yet endangered tradition.

3 p.m. - In celebration of **Women's Week**, the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center will host a meet and greet for former **Black Panther Party** member **Elaine Brown**.

5:30 p.m. - **Dith Pran**, survivor of the **Cambodian Holocaust** and subject of the film "**The Killing Fields**," will

grace us with his presence.

Enjoy a free dinner and showing of "**The Killing Fields**" followed by a **discussion with Dith Pran** himself. He will be sharing his experiences along with updating the campus on the current struggles of the Cambodian people.

7 p.m. - What makes an activist tick? Is activism dying? International, domestic, local and campus activists explore the activist psyche in "**Finding the Good Fight: Activism in the 21st Century**" in Gerrard Hall. The event is free, open to the public and presented by the James M. Johnston Scholars.

7 p.m. - UNC Small Group Communication Students' Initiative: "**Help Children Find Self-Esteem**" through **Wigs for Kids**, a not-for-profit

organization providing hair replacement solutions for children.

Attend our information session in Connor Lounge. We will be collecting hair and monetary donations for this organization.

7 p.m. - Former Black Panther Party member **Elaine Brown** will speak on "**Empowering Women**" in Carroll Hall.

Brown will present a lecture in celebration of Women's Week. A **private reception** will be held following the lecture. Call 962-8305 to attend.

8:30 p.m. - **Queer Network for Change** will sponsor its **Fabulous Drag Show** in the Union Film Auditorium.

Tickets are available in the Pit for \$3 or at the door for \$5.

Wednesday

noon - Today, more than 300,000 young persons under the age of 18 - some as young as 7 or 8, girls as well as boys - are taking part in hostilities in more than 30 countries.

Child soldiering is a common yet shocking phenomenon occurring throughout Africa today.

Come hear UNC's **Diplomat-in-Residence Ambassador Brenda Schoonover** at the Sonja H. Haynes Black Cultural Center for an **Around the Circle Discussion on Children's Rights in Africa**. This event was sponsored by the Globe Committee of the Campus Y and is a part of Human Rights Week.

6 p.m. - An **AmeriCorps Information Session** will be held in 308 Hanes Hall.

Come learn about the different opportunities to help a community in need and earn money for school or to pay off student loans.

Today, March 27th!

DragShow Show Show

Celebration Week's Finest!

Get out your leather pants and diamond tiara!

Celebration Week's Annual Drag Show is here!

Come check out the fabulous chorale of drag queens and drag kings!

Tuesday, March 27th, 8:30 p.m. at the Union Film Auditorium \$3 at the Pit, \$5 at the door

For more information, contact QNC at 962-4401



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Authentic Italian Late Night.

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CAROLINA CLASS OF 2001

OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:
Nominations for

Outstanding Senior/Favorite Faculty AWARDS

are due by 5 p.m., Friday, April 6 to the George Watts Hill Alumni Center.

Don't miss out on this chance to recognize the individuals who have made significant contributions!

N.C. House Passes Bill To Alter Marriage Laws

By **VADIM ISAKOV**
Staff Writer

The N.C. House passed a bill Thursday updating some marriage laws that have not been altered for more than a century.

Legislators voted to recognize marriages performed by certified members of any religious denomination and in accordance with federal or state-recognized American Indian tribes.

The bill also will raise the minimum age of matrimony from 12 to 14, while requiring 14- and 15-year-olds to obtain a judge's permission before getting married.

"The new legislation will improve the law significantly in minor and major ways," Rep. Ronnie Sutton, D-Robeson, chairman of a commission that recommended the overhaul, said.

Sutton said the legislation will make it easier for people to get married by

eliminating some of the legal requirements.

Sutton said the changes were necessary "to be in accordance with the 21st century we live in."

But not all politicians are in favor of the changes, he said.

"Some people don't want the court to be involved in the process about the marriage, and some want it to be involved all the way," he said.

Rep. Mark Hilton, R-Catawba, said he has mixed feelings about the bill and is concerned that the new legislation will give too much power to a state judge in cases when 14-year-olds seek a marriage license.

Hilton added that problems can arise when youths want to marry but one or both parents oppose the decision.

The judge can potentially prohibit young people from marrying by ignoring a youth's petition for marriage and favor instead the opinion of the parents, Hilton said.

But he said the legislation also could prevent pregnant teenagers from being forced into marriage by an older man to avoid statutory rape charges. "I think that it's the right time to make some changes since the legislation has been the same for 100 years," he said.

Shelley Golden, coordinator of the N.C. Chapter of the National Organization for Women, also said the legislation would help to solve problems in situations when a young girl is forced into marriage.

She also called the new law and the recognition of American Indian and other religious wedding ceremonies a "step in a right direction."

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Coca-Cola CAMPUS RECREATION UPDATE

Intramural Sports

Ultimate Disc entries opened yesterday **Monday, March 26th**. The closing date is **Tuesday, April 3rd**.

Quickball Tournament and Roller Hockey entries will close tonight at 10 PM.

Sign Up for the **April Fool's Day Fun Run** on **Sunday April 1st**

Entries Open for the **Home Run Derby** and **Gimghoul Gallop** on **April 2nd**.

It's time to start training for the **Splash and Dash Triathlon** on **Sunday, Apr. 29**, 9am start. Entry deadline is **Wed. Apr. 25**. This 3-sport challenge includes a 500 yard swim, 5K run and an untimed 12.5 mile bike ride.

Cost is \$10; everyone receives a t-shirt and water bottle.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the **Intramural Basketball team winners!!**
Co-Rec Rec - 2nd Floor Women's Comp - Erotic Penguins
Women's Rec - Rugby All Campus - Runnin' Rebels

Sport Clubs

COME SUPPORT UNC CLUB GYMNASTICS this **Saturday, March 31st, 12 PM** in Fetzer Gym C. The club will compete against teams from around the region including UVA, Miami of Ohio, Ohio State, UNC-W, and William and Mary.

The team practices year-round in Fetzer Gym and welcomes all levels of experience and involvement. They compete throughout the spring and will be attending the NAIGC Nationals in Syracuse, NY. For more information, contact Holly Pennell, hpennell@email.unc.edu.

The **UNC Squash Club, TAR HEEL SQUASH**, will be hosting the inaugural ACC Squash Championships at Fetzer Gym on **Sunday, April 1**. Teams from UVA, Florida State, NC State, Duke and UNC will compete in this historic event. The UNC community is invited to attend and help cheer on the Heels!

CONGRATULATIONS UNC MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CLUB TENNIS

Winner of the 2001 USA Team Tennis National Campus Championships!

Student Recreation Center

FITNESS REWARDS PROGRAM

Sign up today!! Each time you work out at the SRC have your card initialed by the fitness staff (workout must be at least 1/2 hour, limit of 4 credits per week). Prizes available on a first come first serve basis.

- 15 workouts- water bottle
- 30 workouts- T-shirt

Coming soon...

Regional Fitness Challenge Saturday, April 7

- One day event, approximately 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Two divisions (men's & women's) and each team will consist of two people
- Top combined score awarded trip to National Competition Los Angeles, California
- Individual event winners awarded prizes
- ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE SRC FRONT DESK

SIGN UP TODAY !!!

Carolina Adventures

CLIMB, CLIMB, CLIMB

Linville Gorge
April 12-15
\$100.00
Sign Up Now!!!!

Coke Man

Use your "FLEX" to buy a 12-pack of Coca-Cola at the Circus Room & the Chase Mini-Mart and win a "Bell Tower" of Coca-Cola

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Join Us Wednesday Night for Matt Doherty LIVE! at Michael Jordan's 23 - 50% Off Bar Appetizers from 7-8 p.m.

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UNC-Chapel Hill Morgan Writer-in-Residence program



John Edgar Wideman

One of America's most critically and popularly acclaimed writers. His long list of accolades includes two PEN/Faulkner Awards, five honorary doctorates, an American Book Award, and a MacArthur Foundation fellowship.

Public Reading

Tuesday
March 27
7:30 pm
Memorial Hall
UNC-Chapel Hill campus
Cameron Avenue
Chapel Hill, NC

Free and open to the public
Call 962-4283 or www.artscarolina.org

His novels include:
The Lynchers,
Philadelphia Fire,
The Cattle Killing,
The Homewood Trilogy,
and his memoir
Brothers and Keepers.

"At his best, Mr. Wideman is not merely a practitioner of storytelling; he is one of those rare writers capable of reinventing the form and making it his own." --The New York Times

TODAY ONLY!

Education Job Fair

Tuesday, March 27, 2001 from 9am - 12:30pm, Carmichael Auditorium

Open to ALL Interested Students!

Many systems are willing to consider non-education majors with experience in education.

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