

# CAMP Talks With 'Queer as Folk' Actor

Scott Lowell, who plays "Ted" on "Queer as Folk," discussed sexuality and his passion for the show.

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The Carolina Alternative Meeting of Professional and Graduate Students hosted a discussion Sunday featuring Scott Lowell, the actor who plays "Ted" on the Showtime drama "Queer as Folk."

The critically acclaimed show, now in its second season, airs Sunday nights and focuses on the experiences of a group of gay people.

Lowell spoke to a group of about 90 people about the show and his experiences as a straight man playing a gay character.

He said he travels to speak to groups because he wants to discuss with the fans the nature of the show and the issues the characters face.

"It's groundbreaking for the gay community," he said. "It's very real, very human and very accurate."

Lowell said the majority of gay actors would not even audition for the role of "Ted" — or gay roles in general — because they are afraid of being stigmatized as gay. "There's this fear out there of perception," he said. "Hopefully that's diminishing, and hopefully our show will help that."

Lowell said the producers, Ron Cowen and Dan Lipman, never asked the actors to disclose their sexual preference. "It was not important to Dan and Ron, and it shouldn't be."

Lowell said he did not discuss his sexuality in the press during the first season the show aired because he wanted the acting to speak for itself.

"Hopefully we're doing a good enough of a job that it doesn't matter," Lowell said, saying that the way he and his fellow cast members portray gay characters carries more weight than the actors' own sexuality.

"I understand the curiosity, but who

cares?"

Lowell referred to the cast as a family. "We verbally agreed that nobody sleeps with anybody on the show, so that hasn't interfered," he said. "I love everyone involved with the show. That's not good gossip, I know, but it's the truth."

Lowell said acting on "Queer as Folk" has enabled him to have some of the most satisfying experiences of his career.

"This show is our life," he said. "We get very passionate about some things, especially when you know it matters so much to other people."

At the end of the program, Lowell received three T-shirts from a fan, one of which read "queer as southern folk." CAMP President Glenn Grossman said he was pleased with the success of

the event.

"One of the purposes in addition to increasing discussion and dialogue was increasing social interaction," Grossman said. "We want to create a stronger sense of community that includes (the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community)."

Grossman said the discussion was an effective strategy for achieving this goal. "It's important to continue to have exciting and innovative programming at UNC," Grossman said. "This is exactly what we wanted."

He said he was happy that the people who attended reflected the diverse nature of those who watch the show — Lowell said the show's viewership is evenly split between male and female viewers.

Grossman said a diverse group of both male and female faculty, staff and students attended the event.

"It touched the lives of all the people who came."

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Actor

## Developments in the War on Terrorism

### U.S. Might Send Advisers to Afghanistan

Worried that renegade warlords could plunge Afghanistan into civil war once again, the United States may send military advisers to act as referees between rival factions, U.S. special envoy Zalmay Khalilzad said Sunday.



### Officials Search for Suspects in Reporter's Slaying

The hunt for the killers of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl is targeting three Arab nationals — an indication, investigators say, that the perpetrators might be linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network.

### Afghan Leader Karzai Visits Iran, Calls for Cooperation With U.S.

Hamid Karzai, making his first official visit to Iran as interim leader of Afghanistan, urged the United States and Iran on Sunday to put aside their differences and to focus on helping to rebuild his impoverished country.

## This Week in Tar Heel History ...



### 12 Years Ago:

This week in 1990, the Elections Board declared the student body president election void because of campaign violations committed by candidate Bill Hildebolt. Another election was held with all five candidates.

### 28 Years Ago:

This week in 1974, about 200 UNC students streaked through campus in near-freezing temperatures in order to set a national record for most people involved in a nude run.

### 33 Years Ago:

This week in 1969, the UNC administration approved plans to make South Campus co-ed for the first time. The top two floors of Hinton James Residence Hall were designated for 200 women and a house mother.

## Campus Calendar

### Today

7 p.m. — The UNC College Republicans will host WPTF 680 talk radio host Jerry Agar at its monthly meeting on today in 222 Greenlaw Hall.

7 p.m. — Students United for a Responsible Global Environment are hosting a video showing of "Greetings from Missile Street" and "Paying the Price," concerning U.S. policy with Iraq. The showing will occur in Union 205-206 until 9:30 p.m. and will include discussion and refreshments.

7:30 p.m. — Masala is holding its annual date auction in 209 Manning Hall. Come out and bid on people from many different organizations! All proceeds go to Kiran, a nonprofit groups that counsels battered women.

### Tuesday

5 p.m. — Hey ladies! Want more respect? Come and find out how to get

it. The Alpha Epsilon Omega Christian Sisterhood is hosting "Managing Your Emotions," a discussion about emotions and love in friendship and dating relationships. It will be held in Union 211-212 until 6 p.m.

7:30 p.m. — Can you be religious and pro-choice? Come to a round-table discussion hosted by Choice USA about spirituality, religion and pro-choice issues with Erika Hewitt from the Community Church of Chapel Hill in 301 Bingham Hall. For more information contact Choice USA at [uncchoiceusa@hotmail.com](mailto:uncchoiceusa@hotmail.com).

### For the Record

In the Feb. 22 story "Survivor Talks About Coping With Sept. 11," the statement, "It's events like this that really shake people's worlds. They cause us to think and investigate ourselves and investigate the spiritual world," was falsely attributed to Cole McLaughlin.

The statement was actually made by Chad McGhee.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

**STUDENT MEMBERSHIP**

## Housing Fair

Monday, February 25, 12:30-3pm  
Great Hall

Join us for the first-ever Housing Fair! Student members will get the opportunity to talk with representatives of apartment communities from the surrounding area (Chapel Hill and Carrboro) as well as personnel from Granville Towers and the UNC Department of Housing and Residential Education. We all know how important it is to love where you live, so be there to explore all the housing options that are out there! This program is open to GAA Student Members (members can bring a guest) and all graduate students! We'll also have popcorn, Coke, and cotton candy!

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GENERAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## Want to be part of next year's Carolina Athletic Association?

## Want to have a say about Homecoming and ticket distribution?

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# ASL Meeting Tonight Pairs DTH, Students

Staff Report

The Association of Student Leaders will hold its second meeting of the semester at 7 p.m. today in the Union Cabaret.

Hosted by The Daily Tar Heel, the ASL was created to encourage an open dialogue between the DTH and student leaders within the campus community.

Tonight's meeting will address how student groups' events and awareness weeks are covered by the DTH, and several editors will be present to answer questions and address concerns at the meeting, said Russ Lane, DTH special projects coordinator.

"With the overwhelming number of student groups' events on campus — be they speakers, fund-raisers or awareness weeks — the DTH editors always question how to cover the multitude of events as fairly as possible," he said.

"Tonight's meeting will pose those same questions to UNC's student leaders, and I hope the editors will receive honest feedback and concrete sugges-

tions of how to do it better."

Other topics will include student elections coverage and distinctions between news coverage and editorial opinion pieces.

The topics addressed are indicative of changes to the ASL's structure, Lane said.

"At the beginning of the semester, the DTH's management looked at the structure of ASL in the months prior and realized it wasn't accomplishing its intended mission," he said. "The ASL was envisioned to provide the DTH feedback and student leaders a direct line to DTH editors, but it also should generate new ideas that either group might not have generated on their own."

The ASL's new structure has been tweaked to encourage this exchange of ideas — while the DTH welcomes both positive and negative feedback, student leaders in attendance are encouraged to engage in discussions about campus issues and events.

For additional information, contact Lane at [wlane@email.unc.edu](mailto:wlane@email.unc.edu).

## The Student Undergraduate Teaching Awards (SUTA)

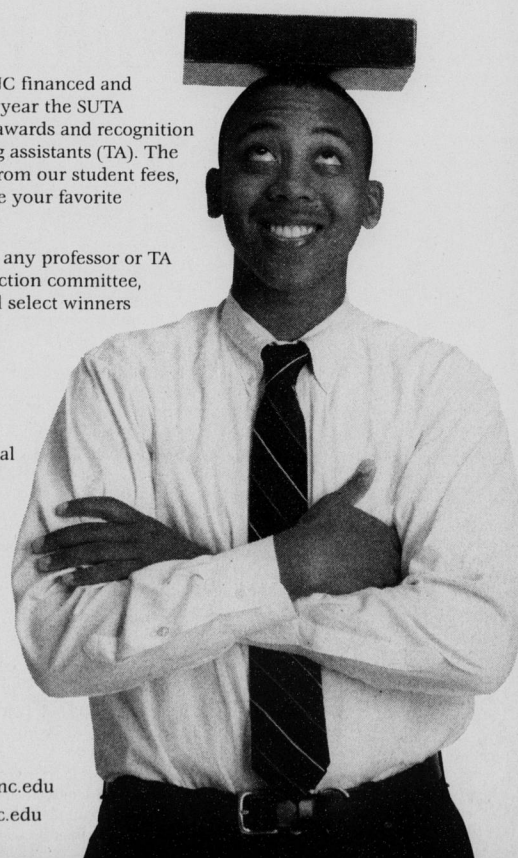
are the only teaching awards at UNC financed and selected entirely by students. This year the SUTA committee will provide monetary awards and recognition to three professors and six teaching assistants (TA). The money comes directly and solely from our student fees, so please take the time to nominate your favorite professor or TA now!

Any undergraduate may nominate any professor or TA in any department. The SUTA selection committee, composed entirely of students, will select winners based on the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated and consistent excellence in undergraduate teaching
2. Creation of a dynamic intellectual environment
3. Success in positively affecting a broad spectrum of students both in and outside the classroom.

Deadline is Thursday, February 28

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**Saturday, March 2**  
Registration — 9 a.m.  
Warm-ups — 9:30 a.m.  
Race — 10 a.m.

Register in the pit or at the Kappa Delta House on race day (located on Franklin Street across from the Morehead Planetarium)

\$10 Fee includes T-shirt, Prizes, Raffle and Fun!

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