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Senior Lindsay Anderson, one of the organizers of the relay at UNC, said the event raised about \$98,000 for the American Cancer Society – far exceeding the goal of \$75,000.

"The teams we had this year were great," she said. "They worked really hard with their fund raising, and I was confident that we would beat our goal."

Aside from raising funds, some events paid tribute to cancer victims in alternative ways. Campus groups including the

Loreleis and the Achordants performed, and an opening ceremony featured a speech from Jean Desaix, a UNC biology professor and cancer survivor.

Desaix spoke about the care and support she received from friends and family as she battled the disease and honored others at the relay who had done the same for other cancer victims.

"(The relay is) a festival of caring," she said. "It's caring for survivors, for those not with us, for cancer researchers."

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has pledged to donate 50 cents for every dollar raised for the fund, prompting organizers to say they are confident they will reach their goal by December.

Shows that would have been performed in Memorial Hall over the next 18 months will be relocated to one of three venues – Carmichael Auditorium, Hill Hall or the Smith Center.

But as the building prepares to close, alumni said no other venue can take its place.

"My memories of Memorial Hall are not so much of events that defined the wonderful old building but the wonderful old building itself," said Larry Keith, an alumnus who now works for Sports Illustrated. "I love the look and the feel of the place and always have."

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PETA Hopes to Stop Helms Amendment

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Animal rights activists hope a video they say shows animal abuse at UNC will help derail an amendment added to this year's federal farm bill by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

But it remains unclear what effect the video could have on the Helms amendment, which would permanently exclude laboratory rats, mice and birds from U.S. Department of Agriculture oversight of animal treatment under the Animal Welfare Act.

The Animal Welfare Act requires that the USDA regulate the use of warm-blooded animals in research, but the act has never been applied to rodents or birds, which compose 95 percent of all research animals.

In an out-of-court settlement with animal rights groups in October 2000, the USDA agreed to write new guidelines that would include mice, rats and birds. But the Helms amendment, which was attached to a federal farm bill that has

little relation to animal research, would block any new guidelines.

The video released Thursday, shot by a member of the animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals who worked at a UNC animal research lab, comes on the heels of last week's U.S. Senate passage of a farm bill version that included Helms' amendment.

The farm bill, which passed the House with no such amendment, now goes to a conference committee for revision.

In a February Senate floor speech preceding the amendment's passage, Helms accused activists of threatening "life-saving" animal research.

"A rodent could do a lot worse than live out its life span in research facilities," he said.

PETA spokeswoman Lisa Lange said Friday she hoped the video, which has been sent to all farm bill conference committee members, would help defeat the Helms amendment. "We're going to keep the pressure on," she said.

Animal research at UNC and other

laboratories falls under the oversight of the National Institutes of Health, which can deny funding to labs violating guidelines but does not conduct regular lab inspections, as would the USDA.

Research at UNC also is overseen by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, which PETA calls "ineffectual and uninformed."

But Frankie Trull, president of the National Association for Biomedical Research, said USDA oversight of rodents and birds would mean not only more paperwork and further expenses for the research community but for the USDA as well.

"We all have a responsibility to be appropriate caretakers, but we don't want to throw the baby out with the bath water," she said.

The PETA video probably won't affect the passage of the Helms amendment, Trull said, noting that there was no opposition to the amendment in the Senate.

Tony Waldrop, UNC vice chancellor for research, also said expanding the

Animal Welfare Act would be costly.

"We would have to do additional reporting," he said. "We'd much rather see that money going to support research."

UNC was one of several universities pushing for the amendment's passage, and Waldrop said he personally sent a letter to Helms thanking him for his support.

Waldrop said that although UNC is launching an investigation of some of the University's laboratory practices, there is a potential that violations could happen "with or without the USDA."

But Lange said she believes the PETA video shows that USDA regulations are needed. "If they're adhering to the recommendations, then adhering to regulations wouldn't be much different," she said. "There's no punishment for people who abuse rats, mice or birds in labs right now. That's why you see the type of abuse we saw at UNC."

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on."

Waldon said town officials are not considering changing their methods as a result of Thursday's meeting.

"Decisions are almost always better with lots of ideas," Waldon said. "The town demands the opportunity to learn what the government is up to."

Waldon said the town exhibited this interest March 9, when more than 50 people attended a development workshop.

"We have to give lots of opportunities

to learn and talk about the proposals," he said. "Citizens want the opportunity to learn."

Town residents are invited to attend an ordinance workshop May 11, where members of the Chapel Hill planning staff will make presentations concerning the issues addressed in the ordinance.

The public will have the opportunity to speak directly to the Town Council at a June 3 hearing following the completion of the third draft of the ordinance.

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ity. "This situation is the only time I can recall where someone has elected to come back on campus more than once even after they've been caught," he said.

McCracken said people on campus without an affiliation to the University are usually planning to commit theft, not violent crimes. He said University police issue trespassing warnings, valid for two years, to people who police find lack a compelling reason to be on campus.

Despite police attempts to maintain campus security, McCracken said the campus' open borders mean trespassing often goes unnoticed by authorities.

McCracken said the Department of Public Safety depends on the University community to recognize suspicious people on campus and alert the authorities.

McCracken said that in Ferebee's case, police first received complaints in 1999 and did not hear about him again until 2001, when he was arrested for trespassing. Ferebee then was arrested again March 27 – his second arrest on UNC's campus. But McCracken said University officials decided not to issue

a formal alert about Ferebee. The e-mail circulated throughout campus last week came from a non-police source.

In similar cases, a decision about whether to issue an alert is made by the Emergency Warning Committee, a group of University officials that convenes each time an incident occurs on campus, McCracken said.

The committee, which includes DPS Director Derek Poarch, UNC counsel and representatives from News Services and the Office of Student Affairs, analyzes each incident and determines what kind of warning should be issued, he said.

McCracken said high alerts – like the one issued after two students were robbed at gunpoint near Coker Arboretum on Jan. 19 – are reserved for violent crimes or when a suspect has not been identified.

But Ferebee's identity is known, he already has been charged with trespassing, and his crime was not violent, McCracken said. He said repeat offenders like Ferebee are the exception to what he said is generally effective enforcement. "There are quite a few trespass warnings on file. ... Ordinarily, people don't violate them."

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The Advisory Board serves as a consultative body to the Director of the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center. Its primary purpose is to further the mission and objectives of the SHSBCC by offering counsel and advice in major areas of decision making, and by providing functional support for the Center's administrative structure.

Functions, based on the statement of the purpose are:

1. To advise the director and staff on program planning;
2. To review the annual budget and fundraising plans of the SHSBCC and make recommendations to the director and staff;
3. To review and advise the director and staff on the management of endowment funds, investments and other assets;
4. To review annual reports of the SHSBCC committees and to offer recommendations designed to promote the objectives of the SHSBCC;
5. To facilitate communications among the University community and outside audiences in order to promote the goals of the SHSBCC;
6. To advise the appropriate University offices on the qualifications of the Director and to participate in the search for candidates for permanent or full-time staff positions.

Advisory Board meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m.

Nominations are due by Monday, April 22 at 5 p.m. Please address all nominations to: Joseph Jordan, SHSBCC Director, The Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center, Frank Porter Graham Student Union - CB# 5250, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-5250. Applications will also be accepted by fax at 919.962.3725 and email shsbcc@email.unc.edu.

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