

Black Brings Routine Back to UNC

1970 alumnus to perform this weekend

By Brook Corwin
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It took more than 30 years for comedian and UNC alumnus Lewis Black to be invited to perform at his alma mater — a slight he joked about at his sold-out performance last February in Memorial Hall.

The second invitation came less than a month later.

On Saturday night, Black will make good on his acceptance of that invitation when he takes the stage for a performance in the George Watts Hill Alumni

Center for Homecoming weekend.

The show is co-sponsored by the General Alumni Association and the Carolina Union Activities Board, but it was the GAA that chose to bring back Black specifically for Homecoming weekend, said CUAB president Charles Phaneuf.

"They were interested in a program that would appeal to both alumni and students," Phaneuf said. "(Black) fits that bill."

Sallie Hutton, coordinator of alumni reunions for the GAA, said her organization contacted Black about doing the

performance as soon as the dates for this year's Homecoming were announced last February.

"(Black) was very receptive to the idea," Hutton said. "There was no arm-twisting."

Black, who graduated from UNC in 1970, has gained national prominence for his segments on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show."

Hutton said that alumni reunions have not featured big-name performers in the past but that the GAA was looking to bring in a famous alumnus for this year's Homecoming.

Hutton said Black's national name recognition made him a perfect candidate.

"We wanted to bring in a big name ... and it's nice to tie in that he's a Carolina alumnus," Hutton said. "We like to bring in famous Carolina graduates to show alumni that they're out there."

During his performance last February, Black mixed his infamously biting social satire with comical anecdotes about his days at UNC.

Phaneuf and Hutton both said that they do not know what topics Black will include in his routine Saturday night but that they expect some of his material to focus on the University.

Student tickets for the show sold out in only a few days earlier this month, but Hutton said about 150 tickets originally reserved for alumni now are available to the general public from the GAA.

Hutton said that the tickets are \$25 but that GAA members can get a \$5 discount if they purchase their tickets in advance.

Phaneuf said he attributed the high student interest in the performance to Black's ability to weave social commentary into his routine.

And Phaneuf said that with such a positive student response to Black's work, the comedian shouldn't have to wait a few more decades to return to his alma mater.

"He really enjoyed coming in the spring, and the show was a big success," Phaneuf said. "As long as he keeps wanting to come, we'll be interested in having him here."

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Officials Debate SAPFO Trial Run

Orange County governments hold meeting

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The Orange County Assembly of Governments met Wednesday night at the Southern Human Services Center to discuss issues such as the Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance.

Representatives from Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough and Orange County primarily focused on the SAPFO implementation timeline and decision points at the Assembly of Governments meeting, which usually occurs twice a year, once in April and once in October.

SAPFO involves delaying the construction of new neighborhoods until there is enough room for the amount of projected children in these neighborhoods.

Additional school facilities might have to be built before developers begin building.

At the Assembly of Governments meeting, Orange County Planning Director Craig Benedict discussed the timeline for SAPFO.

"As it stands now, there is just some fine-tuning before it goes on to the school districts in a few weeks," Benedict said.

"It was always anticipated that there would be similar growths between the two school systems."

But some elements of the ordinance created dissension among several members of the Chapel Hill Town Council and the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, who are concerned with large developers taking over small developers.

Some also cited equal treatment of each school system as a concern.

"I see it beginning to erode when we say we'll separate out the two school systems and treat them differently," said council member Pat Evans. "We're changing the rules to fit the situation as it goes along."

Benedict said both districts, Chapel

Hill-Carrboro City Schools and Orange County Schools, will implement the ordinance at the same time.

According to the timeline, the deadline for enacting SAPFO is Feb. 15, which Benedict said could be achieved.

But Orange County Commissioner Alice Gordon said she would like to see it progress much sooner.

"I think it's time to take a crack at this in November and to make some sort of decision as of what to do," Gordon said.

Members from the two area school districts also attended the meeting. Orange County Board of Education members presented a new idea to deal with SAPFO — a trial run.

"We agree to go through a practice run or a trial run so we see how this whole process plays itself out," said Dana Thompson, chairwoman of the school board.

Throughout the trial run of SAPFO, meetings about it would continue to be held, Thompson said. She compared the trial run to test-driving a car before actually deciding to buy it.

Thompson also said that with a trial run, people could see the positive and negative effects of SAPFO and "scrutinize the plan as it unfolds."

Then one year from the starting date, the real plan could commence.

Council member Bill Strom said he does not support the proposed trial run.

"We'd be behaving in a different manner by not implementing the plan for real," Strom said. "It just doesn't seem practical."

"When test-driving a car, it's voluntary," he said. "You're not signing the sales agreement."

No decisions were made regarding the proposed trial run, leaving SAPFO's implementation date and timeline to be discussed at future meetings.

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THE Daily Crossword

By Bruce Venske

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