

UNC Shows State's Unsolved Mysteries

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From buried Confederate gold to ghosts wandering at night, many legends surround North Carolina and the UNC campus.

Many of them involve factual events and people, while some are pure fiction. This is the focus of the "North Carolina Mysteries, Myths and Legends" exhibition in Wilson Library, running until Jan. 19.

"Very rarely do you get a topic like this where you can pull all parts of North Carolina together," said Neil Fulghum, keeper of the N.C. Collection Gallery in Wilson Library.

One of the most circulated stories overheard from campus tour guides involves Wilson Library and the Bell Tower. The top of the Bell Tower, funded by John Motley Morehead, can be seen above the dome of the library, named in honor of Louis Round Wilson.

The legend says there were ill feelings between Morehead and Wilson. Morehead had the tower built tall enough so that when looked at from in front of the library, the tower's conical

peak appears to sit like a dunce cap on the library's dome, which represents Wilson's bald head.

Fulghum said the story has no grounds because the library was named in honor of Wilson in 1956, 25 years after the completion of the Bell Tower.

"I don't know whether there was an actual disagreement between Morehead and Wilson, but this story has been circulated and alluded to for half a century," he said.

Another common campus legend goes back to 1833 and involves a duel between a student at UNC, Peter Dromgoole, and a jealous suitor. The story tells of a midnight duel between Dromgoole and his rival for a local girl's affection in front of a large rock, which today sits outside the entrance of Gimghoul Castle, about one-half mile from campus.

Today there are dark reddish stains on the stone, which is said to be the tombstone of Dromgoole. The legend also tells of the ghosts of Dromgoole and his girlfriend, which can be seen walking hand in hand during a full moon.

Fulghum said the story was made up to explain the disappearance of

Dromgoole, who was from Virginia and left Chapel Hill suddenly in 1833.

"Dromgoole left Chapel Hill in a huff because he did badly on an exam, but he was seen in Virginia before he disappeared," Fulghum said.

In an old article of "The White and Blue" was born yet another legend - of buried Confederate gold at UNC. According to the story, in the final days of the Civil War gold coins disappeared from the Capitol in Raleigh and were brought to Chapel Hill and buried.

This story, which ran in 1989, was based on a detailed journal by J. Fraser Allenby and a transcribed lost manuscript by Hamilton G. Dowd.

Fulghum said the story also has no truth to it. "Just because something is in print or on a computer does not make it a fact," he said.

A mystery told near the Outer Banks of North Carolina is about a five-masted schooner, the Carroll A. Deering, which washed up along Diamond Shoals off of Cape Hatteras in 1921. When the rescue boat reached the stranded ship, no crew was found on board - only three kittens.

There are many speculations about what happened to the crew of the ship. A rich documentary collection including FBI and investigators' reports tried to explain the mysterious disappearance of the 11 people on board.

UNC Professor Bland Simpson, director of the creative writing program, wrote a book about the mystery of the Deering. He said he decided to explore it more in depth because he grew up hearing the story.

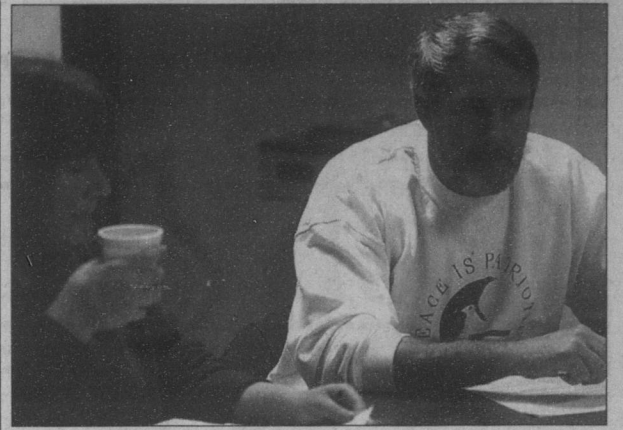
"It's one of ours - I've heard it all of my life," he said.

"It's an unresolved mystery, which means you can turn it all different ways and find things about it but never find the heart of it."

Tiffiana Honsinger, a volunteer at Wilson Library, said the myths and legends at the exhibit remain popular because people still want to explain what actually happened.

"I think that the unknown is fascinating to everybody," she said. "It fills a basic human need to explain the unexplained, kind of like gossip."

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Phil Jones, coordinator of Peace 1st, discusses how the group can further its antiwar message at a meeting Monday night.

Students, Locals Join in Activism

Much of activism focuses on peace efforts

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As student concern over international affairs heightens, students increasingly look to seasoned local activists for guidance. Locals, in turn, are working more closely with campus peace organizations to enable more UNC students to express their views effectively.

Student protests historically have played important political roles, as in the Vietnam and Cold wars. More recently, two UNC freshmen were arrested during an October protest against war in Iraq at the Chapel Hill office of Rep. David Price, D-N.C.

Anna Dewitt, one of the students arrested during the protest, said both campus and local activist groups offer students a venue and a support network. Dewitt said she wanted to become involved with peace movements until she arrived at college, where greater resources and autonomy make such involvement easier.

"When students enter into the world, they become more aware of important issues," she said. "College students are more a part of the world than they were before. Established organizations provide a venue and an organized way of expressing emotions ... They are useful in terms of training, resources and providing affirmation of views."

Sascha Bollag, a UNC freshman history major who also was arrested at the October protest at Price's office, said he became involved in many organizations to which he did not have access before arriving on campus.

Many UNC peace organizations, like those Bollag and Dewitt belong to, work in conjunction with local groups, though students usually do not hold leadership positions in those situations.

Peace 1st, a small group operating in

the Triangle, coordinates antiwar events in which students often participate.

"We want to be a network, talking about what is going on, organizing and informing," said Phil Jones, Peace 1st coordinator. He said students offer organizations enthusiasm, naivete, a willingness to learn and bodies.

"A very small amount of students are involved in organization," Jones said. "Mostly they participate in events. Students were involved (in Peace 1st) at the start. But they were fed into campus organizations where they can be more involved."

Peace 1st does not recruit students actively, but Jones said UNC's campus provides an eager audience and a wealth of willing participants. "This is the easiest community to do peace work on. It is a progressive, liberal campus."

Despite UNC's purported liberal tendencies, peace organizations in other areas of the nation tend to have a higher degree of student leadership than seen in the Triangle.

"Ninety-eight percent of our organizers are college students - everyone except me," said Diane Landsbery, executive director of Non-Violence Project USA, based in Miami. "Strong university leadership is what makes projects work. This is not an adult thing."

Dewitt said it is unfortunate that organizations are necessary at all, because ideally, students would act on their own initiatives. "I would like to say that students are so proactive that organizations were not necessary."

"Anything that is over-organized is dangerous, because you are acting in order to advance the aims of a group over acting because of feelings in your heart."

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The number of schools pegged as inadequate will increase dramatically when averages cease to be used as indicators. In North Carolina, the number of on-par schools is expected to drop from about three-fourths to roughly one-third.

Many governors said they worry that the public will not differentiate between schools that are in need of improvement and those that are failing.

But Paige said it is governors' responsibilities to draw vehemently a distinction between schools needing improvement

and those that are failing - and not the federal government's job to lower standards.

"Don't label these schools as failing schools," he cautioned. "Call them in need of improvement. We don't know they're failing. But we will encourage high standards and being aggressive in identifying schools that need improvement."

The act, which allows students at low-performing schools to switch to a different private or public school, has threatened the state's ability to guarantee reduced class sizes. Gov. Mike Easley said he has requested that North Carolina have additional flexibility to control class size.

The governor acknowledged that implementing the new standards will be

costly, adding to the state's fiscal burden during a substantial revenue shortfall.

"It does have a price tag to it," Easley said, floating the idea of an education lottery as a possible source of funding.

He added that no matter where the money comes from, he is confident that the state will continue to invest in education and that it will be in full compliance by the deadline. States must present their initial plans for complying with the act by Jan. 31. The Department of Education then will review and revise the plans, which must be implemented by May.

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personally through e-mail, but many listed e-mail addresses are out-of-date, Orr said.

Also, many classes are listed as taught by "staff" instead of by a professor, so it was impossible to contact professors of those classes personally, she said.

The committee will try to work with

University officials to remedy these problems next semester, but committee members nonetheless are happy with the results of their work in the fall semester, Orr said.

"One hundred percent compliance will never be established," she said. "But we can strive to get closer next semester."

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with enough spending money for a fancy dinner and a night on the town.

For those interested in shopping and dining, historic downtown Asheville's specialty shops, galleries and cafes and restaurants give it a European feel.

And Jenkins said the area provides enough entertainment for every student's taste. "The hottest nightclub by far is Scandals in the downtown district," he said. "It's 10 times more fun than any other club you've ever visited."

Barley's Taproom, located downtown at 42 Biltmore Ave., is the most popular college bar in Asheville, Jenkins said.

"Barley's is the place to be on the weekends and definitely a must-see for any visitor," Gore said.

Asheville also caters to specific food preferences. The Laughing Seed Café at 40 Wall St. is a purely vegetarian

restaurant painted with bold colors in the midst of downtown.

The Blue Moon Bakery at 60 Biltmore Ave. is a European-style bakery known especially for its desserts, and Malaprop's Bookstore and Café at 55 Haywood St. is considered by Peter Jennings to be "the best bookshop in the Southeast," according to Malaprop's Web site.

Although the cheapest way to explore Asheville's charm is on foot, visitors can observe Asheville "in style" from aboard a vintage trolley. These narrated tours cost \$16 and hit all the highlights of Asheville, including The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa, Historic Biltmore Village, and the downtown shopping and restaurant district.

"It's an easy city to love," Jenkins said. "You never run out of things to do, and people never want to leave."

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sentations by ResNet employees.

It is difficult to measure the effectiveness of outreach programs, but over the past year, about 100 letters were sent to UNC from the recording and motion picture industries reporting copyright violations, Smythe said.

For the first offense, students are asked by the University to remove the illicit material and all file-sharing programs from their computers. Students who commit a second offense might face Honor Court charges.

"We do try to take the smallest action we can," Smythe said. "If we have to take your system off the network, we still leave your ONYEN functional so you can check your e-mail and grades."

More than 800 courses offered at the University rely on the network for a variety of services.

Smythe said, "We don't want academic progress to be adversely affected if we can help it."

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and maintain long-term friendships," he said. "It's one characteristic about her that is very distinct."

Sociology Professor Howard Aldrich said Rosenfeld always was a positive person in her work.

"Rachel worked with people to help them improve," he said. "She really had our best interests at heart."

Women's issues, particularly the social implications of women's careers, were top research interests for Rosenfeld. Her recent work included studies in the women's movement in the United States, as well as work histories of women and work-family policies in advanced industrialized countries.

During her career, Rosenfeld published two books: "Work, Farm, and Family in the United States" in 1985 and "Reconstructing the Academy" in 1988.

Rosenfeld also received many awards for her work in sociology, including the Sociologists for Women in Society Award for Outstanding Mentoring in 1992 and the first UNC Sociology Department Graduate Student Association Award for Excellence in Mentoring in 1998.

In 1995, Rosenfeld was the first recipient of the Katherine Jocher-Belle Boone Beard Award of the Southern Sociological Society. The award recognizes distinguished scholarly contributions to the understanding of gender in society.

When she wasn't working, Rosenfeld enjoyed spending her free time with her friends and family. Aldrich said she was concerned with the well-being of her friends, family and colleagues and always was understanding.

"I don't know how we're going to replace her," he said. "I don't think we can."

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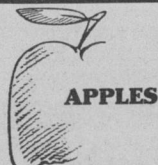
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