

## 5-year-old dead after truck slams into bus

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**MAXTON** — A truck driver fumbling for a cell phone plowed his tractor-trailer into a stopped school bus here Tuesday, killing a 5-year-old girl and injuring her mother and more than a dozen other children, troopers said.

The wreck happened at about 7 a.m. on N.C. 71 near the North Carolina-South Carolina border. Sheila Hernandez was struck and killed as she boarded the bus. Maria Hernandez, 25, was injured severely as she stood nearby.

Trucker Gary Kendall Garnett, on his way to pick up a load of chickens, told troopers "he was distracted because he was trying to find his cell phone, which he dropped on the floorboard," said Highway Patrol spokesman Sgt. Everett Clendenin.

Charges were expected against

Garnett once troopers confer to prosecutors later this week, Clendenin said.

The Highway Patrol said the 38-year-old Garnett had been involved in at least two other accidents and had four driving convictions.

The bus driver had taken all necessary precautions to let Sheila Hernandez board, Clendenin said.

He said skid marks at the scene showed the driver tried to stop before his truck hit the bus squarely in the rear and then hit the child's mother. The force of the crash propelled the bus more than 400 feet.

Maria Hernandez was transported to UNC Hospitals for treatment, where she was listed in serious condition Tuesday afternoon. One child from the bus was also taken to UNC Hospitals and a 9-year-old boy was transported to Duke University Medical Center. No additional information about their conditions was available.

Ten children and the bus driver were taken to Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton. Four other children were treated and released from Scotland Memorial Hospital in Laurinburg, where the truck driver also was being treated for severe injuries.

## PlayMakers brings 2 'Lears' to life

BY LAUREN STREIB  
STAFF WRITER

The PlayMakers Repertory Company knows how to begin a new year the right way: combine a little insanity, a bit of love, some family, a smidge of brief nudity and wrap it all up in a Shakespearean tragedy.

Short of some Dom Perignon, what more could one ask for?

The PlayMakers' production of "King Lear," which starts tonight at 8 p.m., offers what Media Relations Director Pam O'Connor terms a "quite-rare" performance.

The production offers two versions of Lear, performed on alternating nights, one of which is a full 3-hour, First Folio version with some brief nudity. The second version offers a shorter 2-hour, abridged version.

The tragedy focuses on the division of a kingdom in pre-Christian Britain.

With marriage as a condition for the love and the land of King Lear, his three daughters fall into paths of deceit and drama in an attempt to win the inheritance. As Lear is driven into madness, the plight of the characters highlights the frailty of human perception and existence.

Though the play might be familiar to many, this presentation promises to be a unique, theatrical experience.

Artistic Director David Hammond said, "Every so often a production comes along which reveals to a contemporary audience overlooked or forgotten things in a classic play or familiar musical."

The piece is directed by OBIE award winner Mark Wing-Davey.

Wing-Davey is no stranger to Shakespeare. He has directed "Troilus and Cressida" and "Henry V" in the past.

Hammond credits Wing-Davey as "one of the world's finest directors, and his knowledge of Shakespeare is profound."

In addition, the play features a noteworthy cast of actors and designers.

The collaboration of PlayMakers' resident actors, Romanian costume designer Marina Draghici, British set designer Narelle Sissons and acclaimed U.S. actor Michael Winters as Lear, offers the audience an international and distinctive experience.

As with other performances,

## IF YOU GO

Date: Through Sunday, Feb. 8  
Time: 8 p.m. daily, Sundays 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.  
Location: Paul Green Center for Dramatic Art.  
Info: [www.playmakersrep.org](http://www.playmakersrep.org)

subscribers may exchange their tickets in order to attend the version of their choice.

While the performance should attract those interested in literature and theater alike, Hammond said, "no matter how well you know the text of 'King Lear' or how many performances of the play you have attended, you're about to see something you've never seen before."

Contact the A&E Editor at [artsdesk@unc.edu](mailto:artsdesk@unc.edu).

## Applications to work at DTH due today

STAFF REPORT

The Daily Tar Heel is now accepting applications for its spring staff. Applications are available in the DTH office, located in Suite 104 of the Student Union.

All applications must be turned in by 5 p.m. today in the DTH office.

Staff lists will be posted Thursday. There will be a brief mandatory orientation Friday for those selected.

All students are encouraged to apply. No prior experience is necessary. Positions are available in most areas. There are also opportunities for investigative reporting.

Applicants with experience creating informational graphics are needed especially.

People applying for the copy desk must take a test prior to turning in their applications. To schedule a test time or for additional questions, e-mail [samuels@email.unc.edu](mailto:samuels@email.unc.edu).

For specific questions about investigative reporting opportunities, contact [jbfrank@email.unc.edu](mailto:jbfrank@email.unc.edu).

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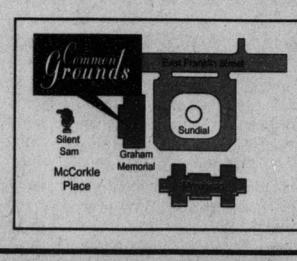
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