

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Drama department lets its "Hair" down with musical

The UNC Department of Dramatic Art is set to revisit the often-performed hippie-era musical "Hair."

Feel-good numbers from Galt MacDermot and James Rado provide the backbone for this flower child drama, set in the late 1960s.

The love-in musical performance will take place at 8:15 p.m. Friday through Monday in historic Playmakers Theatre. Additional performances will take place at 4 p.m. Monday and 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Music festival to offer twist on classical music

The UNC Department of Music will host "Revisions and Rethinkings: A Festival on the Hill" this weekend. The festival will highlight new interpretations of long-familiar classical music from the Baroque period through the 20th century.

The festival kicks off with a gala concert 8 p.m. Friday by the Carolina Choir, the UNC Cello Choir and the UNC Symphony Orchestra. At 8 p.m. Saturday, faculty artists will perform American songs for solo voice at a chamber music concert.

The festival concludes at 8 p.m. Tuesday with a performance by UNC Symphony Orchestra. All concerts are in Hill Hall auditorium.

Tickets for each concert is \$5 for students, \$15 for the public and \$12 for senior citizens. Festival passes for the entire weekend are available as well. For more information, call 962-1039.

WORLD BRIEFS

European nations reject alleged bin Laden truce

LONDON — Key European nations, including Iraq war opponents Germany and France, vigorously rejected a truce offer purportedly from Osama bin Laden Thursday, saying there could be no negotiating with his al-Qaida terrorist network.

Many viewed the audiotaped proposal as an attempt to drive a wedge between the United States and its European allies, and one analyst said it might contain a message to militants to hold back on attacks against Europe.

The tape, which the CIA said is likely to be an authentic recording of bin Laden, was broadcast on Arab TV stations and showed bin Laden offering "a truce ... to any country which does not carry out an onslaught against Muslims or interfere in their affairs."

Cheney encourages checks on North Korean nukes

SEOUL, South Korea — U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney challenged Asian powers Thursday to do more to contain North Korea's nuclear program, saying that allowing it to grow unchecked could spark a new arms race in the region and create a weapons bazaar for terrorists.

"We must see this undertaking through to its conclusion," Cheney told a university audience in Shanghai, China. "Time is not necessarily on our side." He expressed frustration with the current diplomatic stalemate before flying to South Korea, his last stop on a weeklong Asia trip.

The speech was broadcast by China's state television without deletions or blackouts, which U.S. officials took as an encouraging sign of change.

Cheney praised China for setting up six-way talks to persuade North Korea to dismantle its nuclear program, but he prodded Chinese leaders to be more aggressive in bringing pressure to bear on Pyongyang.

The six-way talks comprise the United States, China, Russia, Japan and the two Koreas.

CALENDAR

Today

9 a.m. — The swim test will be offered until 4 p.m. in Koury Natatorium, located next to the Smith Center. Completing the test is a graduation requirement.

No appointment is necessary. Bring a UNC ONE card.

This is the last date for the swim test before May Commencement. There will be no make-up swim tests. The next swim test will be offered during the summer.

7 p.m. — Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, along with Alpha Kappa Delta Phi and the Residence Hall Association, will host "UNC Idol," a talent show featuring UNC students, in 209 Manning Hall.

Tickets are \$2. All proceeds will go to the National Conference for Community and Justice.

From staff and wire reports.

Senate race set to top spending record

Bowles, Burr have raised \$11.2M

BY TRISTAN SHOOK

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U.S. Senate hopefuls Erskine Bowles and Richard Burr are on pace to top campaign spending records in North Carolina for a Senate seat, according to Federal Election Commission numbers.

Bowles, an investment banker and Democrat from Charlotte, and Burr, a Republican U.S. represen-

tative, raised a combined \$11.2 million by the end of March in their race to win the seat to be vacated by former presidential candidate Sen. John Edwards.

The aggressive fund raising by both campaigns foreshadows a close race that could wind up swaying which party controls the Senate.

The previous high fund-raising

mark was set in the 2002 U.S. Senate race between Bowles and Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C. That election finished with Dole on top and the candidates having spent a combined \$27 million.

"It is indicative of the interest that Democrats and Republicans across the nation have in this race," said Andrew Taylor, professor of political science at N.C. State University.

Burr has the fund-raising edge, having raised a total of \$7.1 million

last year and in the first quarter of 2004.

But Bowles' campaign has outpaced Burr's since Bowles entered the race six months ago. By September, Bowles had raised all of his \$4.1 million in campaign funds.

Guillory said the candidates' success is largely due to their experience as politicians.

"Both Erskine Bowles and Richard Burr are well-known and highly skilled candidates," said Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's

Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life. "These are not neophytes."

Other than Burr's head start in fund raising, Guillory added, neither candidate will have a significant advantage in campaign spending.

"This is a very divided state as well as a nation," Guillory said. "This state has, in partisan terms, a near even split."

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COURTESY OF MARGARET FONTANA

Dental school Dean John Brauer (center) instructs two members of the 1954 inaugural class of the dental school in front of the quonset hut that was used as the dental school building for two years.

1st dentistry graduates to reconvene, reminisce

BY CLAIRE DORRIER

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Leftover World War II quonset huts housed the University's first class of dental students before the UNC School of Dentistry opened its doors in 1950 and evolved into the technologically advanced and highly regarded school it is today.

The surviving members of the dental school's first graduating class will gather this weekend to celebrate their 50-year reunion and the establishment of the school.

"I guess you could call us pioneers," said Dr. Alexander Biddell, a member of the class. "It

was quite an experience."

Fifteen of the 34 original graduates will reunite to reflect on the memorable experiences they had and the close relationships they created while studying at North Carolina's first dental school.

"I am glad and sad at the same time to be returning for the anniversary," said Dr. George Edwards, a member of the dental school's first class.

Many of the first students said that going to the school was a delight because they had the opportunity to stay close to home and attend a professional school at the same time.

The school opened just after

World War II, when many men returning from the service wanted to get into any professional school, Biddell said.

"To be honest, you were lucky to get into any professional school because there were so many of us," he said. "I was especially happy to go here because it was my home state."

Edwards expressed a similar view. "It was an honor because there were 3,500 applicants and only 40 students admitted."

Dr. Henry Lineberger Sr. lobbied the N.C. General Assembly to create a dental school in North

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1st VCSA hopeful shares UNC vision

BY JOE SAUNDERS

STAFF WRITER

Members of the University community got their first look at one of three finalists for the position of vice chancellor for student affairs during a series of interviews and public forums this week.

Edward Spencer was on campus from Tuesday to Thursday to meet with administrators, faculty and students and to discuss his background and his vision for student affairs at UNC.

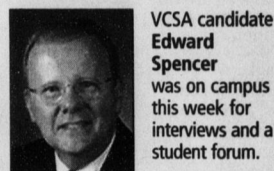
The other two candidates, George Harpster and Margaret Jablonski, will visit UNC next week.

The position has not been permanently filled since Sue Kitchen stepped down in spring 2002 and Dean Bresciani was appointed as interim vice chancellor.

Spencer is currently the assistant vice president for student affairs at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, where he has served in the position since 1996.

During an open forum with students Wednesday night, Spencer said he would champion projects that would improve students' education and experiences. "The bottom line with me: to be open and honest with students," he said.

Spencer said he would work to bring academic and student affairs together in a more collaborative role.



VCSA candidate Edward Spencer was on campus this week for interviews and a student forum.

He also suggested the creation of a student advisory committee for the vice chancellor for student affairs to help decide which issues the administration needs to tackle.

"I have a proven track record for turning programs around (and) a reputation for being a straight shooter and a team player," he said.

Spencer also discussed many of the special projects he spearheaded while at Virginia Tech, including the overhaul of the university's dining services division into one of the top college dining systems in the nation.

At Virginia Tech, Spencer supervises fraternity and sorority life, town-gown community relations and the University Judicial System, which is the equivalent of UNC's honor system.

Spencer noted the effectiveness of the UNC honor system. "My impression is that it works very well," he said. "It has really impressed me how engaged students are here."

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Celebration marks new sexuality minor

BY LAUREN HARRIS

STAFF WRITER

Festivities showcasing a new minor in sexuality studies drew a crowd of about 50 people Thursday night, with students and faculty discussing the addition to the College of Arts and Sciences curriculum.

The "Coming Out" Party, organized by members of the Provost's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Advisory Board, allowed prospective students to mingle with one another and with faculty members who will be teaching courses that will count toward the minor.

Pamela Conover, chairwoman of the Provost's LGBTQ Advisory Board, said Thursday's program would help provide students with a better understanding of the new minor. "We felt like a lot of students were unsure of what the program was about," she said. "This is an occasion for celebration, an occasion for education and an occasion for creating community."

The multidisciplinary minor will be offered in the fall and will explore sexual and gender identities as well as the history of human

sexual behavior.

The program will draw from a wide range of disciplines including anthropology, biology, cultural studies, economics, genetics, health sciences, history, legal studies, literature, political science, psychology, visual arts and sociology.

David Barbour, a junior political science major, said he felt that sexuality studies is something that needs to be explored.

"In our country, where homosexuality is becoming more visible, I think it's important to find out the struggles they have to go through on a daily basis, like discrimination, and what the government is doing," Barbour said. "(The government) is not dealing with issues in the homosexual community such as AIDS."

Allison McNeil, who helped organize the party, said she hoped the minor would raise awareness of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and heterosexual issues.

"Sexuality is a part of everyone's life, and having a chance to study the academic part of it is impor-

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Freedom of expression focus of panel event

Federal probe sparks campus debate

BY RAND ROBINS

STAFF WRITER

When he began thinking that English professor Elyse Crystall should have known better than to write "white, Christian, male" to describe a dissenting student, Mark Driscoll realized how frighteningly close he was to self-censorship, he said.

A panel member at last night's discussion, "The Marketplace of Ideas?: Censorship, Surveillance and Academic Freedom," Driscoll spoke about the history of self-censorship and how it relates to the current debate surrounding Crystall's class.

Driscoll, an assistant professor of Asian studies, addressed the need for an environment in which faculty and students do not have to censor themselves from stating factual information.

Moderator Karen Booth, a women's studies professor, said

that the need to discuss freedom of expression in a context broader than the University, especially in the wake of a U.S. Department of Education investigation of alleged anti-discrimination policy violations, motivated the discussion.

"Free speech is an issue, but not in the way (the controversy) has been framed," said Booth, who expressed concern about the investigation and posed questions about its motives.

"There is a strong move to organize students to frankly reduce professors' ability to speak from either a liberal or conservative standpoint," Booth said. "What has become increasingly clear over time is that 'free speech' was a way in."

Noting current budget shortfalls, Booth worried about the influence conservative groups such as the Pope Foundation, a private conservative advocacy group,

might have, as they have begun to step in with private funding for the University.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender-Straight Alliance member and panelist Jessica Albrecht said she is looking to University administration for a strong response to the question of discrimination on campus.

"What could have been a dialogue turned into a media event," she said.

The administration has not openly supported Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer affiliated students, Albrecht said, so the nondiscrimination policy is virtually meaningless.

Albrecht said protection for all sexual orientations is not emphasized by administrators because it is not required by law. "Your silence will not protect us," she said.

Some students in attendance said they thought the discussion was very informative.

"I think political correctness and the First Amendment definitely



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Trudy Bennett (left) and Jessica Albrecht participate in Thursday's panel discussion about censorship, surveillance and academic freedom.

clashed," freshman Michelle Roberts said.

"Everyone is so concerned with being politically correct," she said. "More than anything, this panel

confirmed that there is a leftist and a rightist split on campus."

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