

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Artist showcase to occur Friday in Student Union

Sonia Sanchez, along with more than 20 other musicians and artists, will perform Friday in the Student Union.

The Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History will sponsor the program at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall.

Sanchez will sign copies of her new compact disc after the show.

Tickets are \$25 and will be sold at the door for the public and \$10 for students. Call 962-9001 to reserve tickets in advance.

Tresolini gets promotion to associate provost position

Carol P. Tresolini of the UNC School of Medicine has been named associate provost for academic initiatives. She will be responsible for public service and outreach beginning Sept. 7.

Tresolini succeeds Steve Allred, promoted recently to executive associate provost.

Now director of the medical school's Office of Educational Development, Tresolini also is a research associate professor in the school's psychiatry department. She joined the UNC faculty in 1995.

Tresolini will oversee centers and institutes including the Ackland Art Museum, the APPLIES service learning program, the Carolina Center for Public Service, the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center, the N.C. Botanical Garden, the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History and the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education.

She also will oversee campus-wide education programs, academic facilities planning and the Center for Teaching and Learning. She now leads the center's advisory committee.

CITY BRIEFS

Carrboro has open slots on 04-05 advisory boards

Citizens interested in serving on the town of Carrboro's advisory boards can now apply for a number of different panels for the 2004-05 year.

The Board of Adjustment, Planning Board, Neighborhood Preservation District Commission, Transportation Advisory Board, Downtown Development Commission, Arts Committee and Chapel Hill Horace Williams Advisory Committee all have open positions.

All interested citizens may call Town Clerk Sarah Williamson at 918-7309 or visit the town's Web site at <http://ci.carrboro.nc.us>.

STATE & NATION

Fighting continues to rage in war-torn areas in Iraq

NAJAF, Iraq — A Shiite insurgency appeared to be weakening Tuesday night as Iraqi forces moved to within 200 yards of the revered Imam Ali Shrine and Iraq's defense minister once again demanded fighters loyal to a radical cleric surrender or face a violent raid.

The militant force, which once waged fierce battles with U.S. troops throughout the Old City and Najaf's vast cemetery, seemed considerably diminished in number and less aggressive after days of U.S. airstrikes and relentless artillery pounding.

In Baghdad, assailants bombed the convoys of two government ministers in separate attacks that killed five people and a suicide bomber, but left the ministers unharmed, officials said.

Hundreds of insurgents have been spotted leaving Najaf in recent days, witnesses said. Those that remained appeared to have pulled back to the area around the shrine, where the fighting Tuesday was concentrated, U.S. troops said.

Police say radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who has not been seen in public for days, has fled the city.

His aides, however, vigorously denied that, saying al-Sadr was in a secret hideout here. Regardless, the fiery, charismatic cleric's absence from the battlefield may have withered his followers' morale.

Charlotte man files lawsuit against gay sports Web site

CHARLOTTE — A North Carolina man has sued a gay sports Web site, contending its use of a photograph of him at the Los Angeles Marathon caused him to suffer public humiliation.

Chris Harbinson, who states in the lawsuit that he is not homosexual, seeks unspecified damages in the case, which he filed last month in Wake County Superior Court.

According to the Web site, Outsports.com, its photographer Brent Mullins took a photograph of Harbinson stretching before the start of the race March 7.

From staff and wire reports.

Group struggles to save West House

BY JOSEPH R. SCHWARTZ
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With the cards seemingly stacked against them, the Save the West House Coalition is resolute in its goal to keep the quaint structure at its current location.

The coalition originally was formed last semester by Jeffery Beam, an assistant in the Couch Biology Library and a founding member of the Chancellor's Task Force on Landscape Heritage and Plant Diversity, after plans for the new Arts Common slated the 69-year-old building for the wrecking ball.

State Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, recently joined the force of grass-roots supporters and wrote a

letter to Chancellor James Moeser, pleading that UNC officials rework construction plans.

Moeser's three-page response, sent Aug. 18, stated that his commitment to preserving University history lies on an equal plane with his commitment to the new common.

In doing so, he noted that West House does not have the same historical value as other campus landmarks. Buildings like the Campus Y and Memorial Hall, he said, are 19th- and 20th-century structures that officials already are allotting millions of dollars to preserve.

"It is, by contrast to these larger, more architecturally and historically significant buildings, a smaller

and interesting, if undistinguished, curiosity built by a wealthy industrialist to house his son while he was a Carolina student," Moeser stated in his response.

Kinnaird said she still believes that West House can remain where it stands.

"We feel that it has not proceeded to the point that we couldn't have a discussion with all elements involved," she said, noting that campus construction projects have been reworked in the past.

"There are different solutions to this, and I think the University is open to discussion."

Kinnaird said the claim that West House lacks the historical value of other campus land-

marks was made without proper research.

"The National Trust (for Historic Preservation) says this is probably the only type of building (of its kind) in the United States," she said. "I mean, what a treasure."

Originally constructed by a wealthy industrialist to house his son and his son's friends while they attended UNC, the building now is home to the Carolina Asia Center.

Beam's group has explored numerous options, including moving the house to another campus locale, but a feasibility study has quashed that notion. Estimated costs to move the structure reach \$600,000.

"We've been told you could

build the house from scratch for \$250,000 — its not an equation that makes any sense," Beam said. "There's no way anyone is going to pay that kind of money to move that house, and there's no way we can raise that kind of money."

The group now is hoping to muster enough support to convince administrators to either rework their plans or aid in moving it.

Beam said the group might resort to fund-raising efforts such as Pit-sitting to gain student support.

"We're thinking about having street parties."

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Members of Delta Kappa Epsilon pass out rush schedules to prospective rushees after an interest meeting in Hamilton Hall on Tuesday night. The meeting and a pig pickin' kicked off rush week, which is operating under a new code of conduct in an effort to prevent hazing.

IFC kicks off rush season

Group begins 1st year under new hazing policy

BY STEPHANIE JORDAN
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A pig pickin' and an information session kicked off fall rush for the Interfraternity Council Tuesday night.

And though a new school year has begun, the IFC remains in a shadow cast by the University's Board of Trustees in January.

The board's scrutiny forced the council to examine the issue of hazing within fraternities, and now a new code of conduct is in place for the organizations.

"Hopefully, it'll make a difference," said Jim Tatum, chairman of the UNC Fraternity Alumni Advisers Committee. "If it makes a difference, it makes the organization more attractive to join."

He added that the new code makes it clear that a pledge is only accountable to a fraternity itself and not to its individual members.

"(We) will not allow personal servitude to other members of an organization," Tatum

said. Though the BOT brought the issue to the forefront, the council has taken responsibility for drafting the new code.

New policies more clearly define appropriate behavior and also attempt to match the severity of punishments with the severity of violations.

The IFC worked in conjunction with the alumni board to develop the code and also is taking steps to educate its current and prospective members on new policies. Parents, students, alumni advisers and all chapter presidents and officers have taken part in the education process.

The IFC also has ensured that pledges have active contact with alumni advisers so that they can report anything they think might constitute a code violation.

"We prefer to make these changes (instead) of a full-blown overhaul of the Greek system," said Will Robinson, IFC vice

president of public relations. "We're confident it's going to result in a positive change for the Greek system."

Walker Rutherford, IFC president, said the Greek judicial board met Monday for a training session on the new code. During the meeting, the board was presented with scenarios and discussed the steps needed to correct them.

"We're doing it for a positive goal," he said. "We're really trying to do good."

The IFC also has been collaborating with the Office of the Student Attorney General to find out how violations could warrant honor court charges.

Carolina Chavez, student attorney general, said sanctions will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

"I really applaud the Greek community in policing itself," she said.

Open rush starts at 9 p.m. Thursday and will continue through next Wednesday.

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Late Night held over break Law may ask schools to release court rulings

BY JOSEPH R. SCHWARTZ
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Last year, ushers had to turn away almost 1,000 fans trying to squeeze in the Dean Smith Center for a glimpse of UNC's first official men's basketball practice.

Students packed the arena, turning out in droves and lining the aisles to witness the annual festivities that mark the beginning of the season.

One year later, a scheduling conflict has University officials scrambling to attract those same fans.

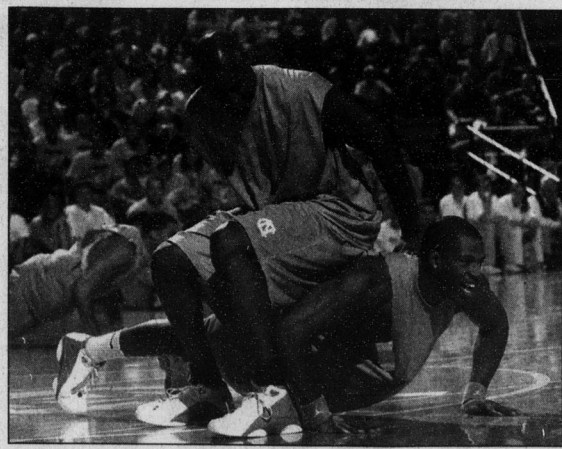
For the first time in recent history, Midnight Madness — now dubbed "Late Night with Roy Williams" — is scheduled during Fall Break.

The event is slated for Oct. 16, but classes don't meet between Oct. 13 and 17. Officials say nothing can be done to fix the conflict.

The University calendar is already in place when the National Collegiate Athletic Association sets the date for all basketball teams in the nation to start practicing.

Steve Kirschner, associate athletic director for athletic communications, said it is an unavoidable snafu.

"It's an event best done at the



Jawad Williams and Rashad McCants, members of the North Carolina men's basketball team, participate in last year's "Late Night with Roy."

beginning of the basketball season," he said. "We really don't want the guys doing skits when they're doing two and a half hours of practice."

The event will be advertised more prominently this year to encourage more students set the date aside, said Kris McGrath, assistant direc-

tor of sports marketing. She said she is hopeful that the tactic will yield a turnout similar to the crowds that attended last year.

"Basketball is so big at Carolina," she said. "(The date is) not ideal

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BY MARK PUENTE
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A proposal pending before Congress that would require the release of some information from campus judicial proceedings could change the way universities run honor hearings.

The proposed amendment to the renewal of the Higher Education Act, which is up for review in January, would require all colleges and universities to disclose disciplinary action about the perpetrators of violent crimes to the victims or their families.

But Dave Gilbert, UNC-CH's assistant dean of students, said that Honor Court proceedings would not become open records under the legislation because student records are protected under the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.

"I am not aware of any pending legislation that would have that effect," he said.

The bill was inspired by the family of a Georgetown University student who died after suffering

injuries from an alcohol-related fight with another student.

It took the family of David Schick more than a year and a half and \$100,000 to find out the results of the student's disciplinary proceeding.

Prior to releasing the information, Georgetown wanted the parents to sign a confidentially agreement that would prohibit them from talking about the results — even to their other son, who was also a Georgetown student.

The proposed legislation would outlaw such agreements.

But the act would not allow honor court proceedings to become open to the public.

Still, supporters of the legislation say the new rules will hold colleges and universities more accountable when disciplining students that commit violent crimes.

Daniel Carter, senior vice president of Security on Campus Inc., a campus-based crime watchdog group, said the bill would make

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