

# Local treats town to '9/11'

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Two months after its nationwide release, Michael Moore's film "Fahrenheit 9/11" still remains a hot topic among Democrats and Republicans alike.

Thanks to the efforts of a lone Carrboro citizen, the Varsity Theatre on East Franklin Street will prolong the film's visibility by hosting two free public showings of Moore's left-leaning movie Thursday.

Bruce Stone, owner of the Varsity, said that the evening showings are going to be free to the public thanks to the effort of local Kent Kanoy.

"Thursday is the last day that we will be showing the movie, and Mr. Kanoy has offered to subsidize

everyone's ticket for the 7 and 9 p.m. shows," Stone said.

Kanoy, a UNC alumnus of the class of 1974, said that he wanted to offer an incentive for the community to view "Fahrenheit 9/11."

"I saw the film and was very impressed and felt it was important enough for as many people to see it as possible," he said.

Kanoy said he was inspired by an article he read about a theater in Wisconsin that also had offered free showings of the movie to the public.

A longtime area resident, Kanoy said he is not normally involved in politics, but he felt that funding this event was something he wanted to do. "I'm just a private citizen contributing to the political process."

Kanoy said that when he saw the movie a month ago, he felt that it was powerful and thought-provoking.

"One thing that's stayed with me is the footage of the first few minutes of President Bush sitting in that Florida classroom," he said.

Kanoy also said he was surprised by what the soldiers in "Fahrenheit 9/11" said about their tours of duty.

"I was interested by the interviews with the soldiers in Iraq, and how it showed that they felt so gung-ho about their missions and then started having second thoughts," he said.

The Varsity seats 150 people per show, and it will cost Kanoy about \$2,100 to offer the free screenings.

He is planning to provide voter registration forms afterwards to

encourage viewers to take advantage of their right to vote. "It's going to be a very tight (presidential) election, and voter turnout is really what it's coming down to this year," he said.

While Kanoy doesn't want to urge people to cast their vote for a particular party, he said he hopes supporters of Bush who haven't seen the movie will take the chance to do so.

"What I would really like is for people who have a negative opinion about the film to go and see it," he said. "I know there are some people who wouldn't want to pay to see the film, but I hope that some of them will on Thursday."

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# ASG taps Ducote, Liles for positions

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The UNC-system Association of Student Governments is gearing up for the fall semester under new management.

ASG president Amanda Devore and returning Senior Vice President Victor Landry have appointed vice presidents who will act as advocates for UNC-system students.

UNC-Chapel Hill senior Matt Liles will serve as vice president of legislative affairs in a notable appointment. ASG officials have mentioned in the past that UNC-CH delegates did not attend meetings often enough to build a strong relationship with student leaders from across the UNC system.

But Liles said he hasn't encountered any enmity from the association. "I've met no animosity, and I haven't really had to mend any fences," he said. "I think from both ends, we just cut off communications too quickly (in past years)."

N.C. State University senior Jamen Miller will aid Devore in her goal to increase the association's accountability in his work as vice president of finance.

"I'm in a position to improve the financial record-keeping and the general information available to the public," Miller said.

Last year, the ASG failed to adjust its budget to reflect fees that were not collected from students who are not required to pay fees.

A new position — director of federal relations — will be filled by Jonathan Ducote, who served as the association's president for the last two years. He will be responsible for representing student interests in Washington, D.C., with special attention paid to the Higher

Education Act, which is due to be reauthorized in January 2005.

The act, which has been around since 1965, is responsible for authorizing most student aid programs.

"(We're going to) make sure North Carolina students are clearly represented in Washington," Ducote said.

Ducote was chosen for this position because of the moves he made as president to gain recognition for the ASG on a national level.

"He was the one who started the ASG on the path of federal affairs," Devore said. "(His term) was the first year the ASG had ever gone ... beyond the state level."

Another change Devore made to her staff was to restart the development committee, which was discontinued last year after the student who was in charge stepped down for personal reasons.

This year, it's up to Joseph Payne, a senior at East Carolina University, to start the committee afresh.

The main goal of the committee this year will be to compile information from student governments on all 16 campuses and make sure they're getting the aid they need.

The ASG will distribute surveys, which are meant to determine the different needs of each student government, to each system school. "We're making campuses better with their permission," Payne said.

Rounding out the new cabinet is Tiffany Richmond from Winston-Salem State University. She was chosen to be vice president of the newly combined academic and student affairs committees, Devore said, because of her work on the Higher Education Act last year.

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# Hospital scrambles to keep funds after patient's leap

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DURHAM — Durham Regional Hospital officials are trying to avoid losing \$67 million in annual Medicare reimbursements following a patient's two-story jump from a hospital window Aug. 11.

The federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services notified hospital officials that the hospital's Medicare funding would stop if the hospital fails by Sept. 5

to correct problems that allowed the patient to smash a bedside tray table through the fifth-floor window and jump out.

The patient, whose identity has not been released, landed on a gravel-covered, third-floor roof. After being rushed to the hospital's emergency room for evaluation, the patient was transferred in critical condition to Duke University Hospital, according to Durham

Regional spokeswoman Katie Galbraith. The patient was still alive, she said.

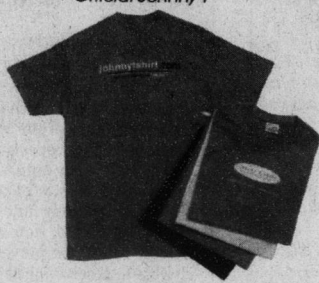
Durham Regional's chief executive officer, David McQuaid, said the hospital called the state Division of Facility Services in Raleigh nearly two weeks ago, shortly after the incident. Such reports are required when so-called "sentinel events" occur, meaning situations that represent a danger to patients

or residents of hospitals and other care facilities receiving Medicare.

Two DFS inspectors visited the hospital Aug. 13, developing the list of required improvements and focusing on the hospital's failure to provide adequate monitoring while the patient was suffering a crisis related to alcohol. McQuaid said he was faxing the hospital's response late Monday to regional CMS officials in Atlanta.

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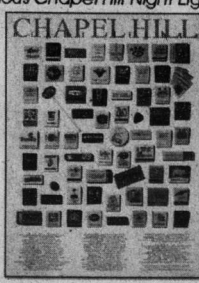
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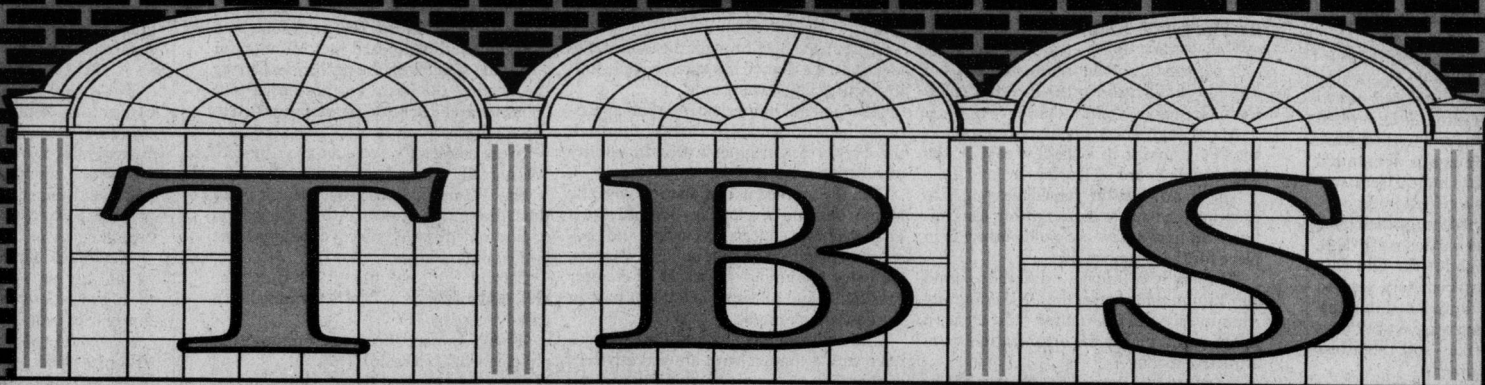


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