Week to laud Hispanic culture Playboy photo shoot

Events work to raise local awareness

BY JACKI SPIES

The campus will come alive this week with the rhythms of salsa and merengue and the flavors of

Hispanic culture.
CHispA Week, the University's celebration of Hispanic heritage at UNC and in the surrounding com-munity, kicked off Monday with the first of a series of events promoting awareness of the Carolina Hispanic Association

'I'm excited. It's about time we spread some Hispanic culture around campus and brought it to the community," said Nathalie Wenzell-Ortiz, vice president of

Led by 15 executive board members, the group has, for the first time in its 14-year history, organized an entire week of activities.

CHispA has undergone many changes, such as increasing its size and presence on campus, since Wenzell-Ortiz joined the group three years ago. CHispA officials want the group

to grow into an umbrella association with smaller subgroups oper-ating underneath it, similar to the Campus Y's structure.

"The Hispanic community is growing," Wenzell-Ortiz said. "It's time the University embraces that." Members met for dinner at CHispA.

Hector's on Monday after a previously arranged soccer game was cancelled because of a scheduling

A general meeting is set to be held today, and CHispA will host a forum Wednesday to discuss the DREAM Act, a bill that was reintroduced recently to the U.S. Senate after failing to pass two years ago.

The bill addresses the financial needs of high school graduates who are not citizens of the United States but who otherwise have the necessary qualifications to attend col-The DREAM Act also helps college-bound students gain U.S.

The group will continue to assist the cause throughout the school year. CHispA will team up with El Pueblo, a nonprofit organization based in Raleigh, to sign petitions and write letters to inform the president about undocumented students

who deserve to attend college.
Also during CHispA Week, salsa and merengue lessons will be offered Thursday by Que Rico, a University dance subgroup of

ChispA.

The dance group has focused mainly on performing, but by giving free lessons, Que Rico is providing more than entertainment, said Cristina Garcia, secretary of



Senior Ashley Baldwin (second from left) eats dinner at Hector's on Monday night with members of the Carolina Hispanic Association.

Friday marks the beginning of the third annual Hispanic Student Recruitment Weekend, during which 40 Hispanic high school students who are ranked in the top 25 percent of their grade will be invited to attend classes and spend the night at UNC.

Fernando Soto, president of CHispA, said this weekend allows students to see what it is like to be

a Hispanic student at UNC.
On Saturday, CHispA will host
a charity carnival, which Soto said is a great event to teach people

about the culture while benefiting Hispanic charities.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend any of the events, regardless of their heritage,

"You don't have to be Hispanic to be in the club," said Ashley Baldwin, a senior majoring in Spanish and Latin American Studies who joined CHispA this year. "I thought that for a long time."

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draws department's ire

Professor aims to set record straight

BY LINDSAY MICHEL

The chairman of UNC's Monday that he is disappointed in a faculty member who hosted a Playboy photo shoot at his home last spring.

Department Chairman James Jorgenson announced this week-end that other members of the chemistry department were not involved with the photo shoot and

do not approve of the event.

"It seemed that people were coming to the conclusion that the department was condoning his actions," Jorgenson said during an interview Monday. "I wanted to make it clear that his actions were in no way connected with the chemistry department."

Criticism arose last week after an article published by The Chapel Hill News reported that UNC chemistry Professor Malcolm Forbes hosted the photo shoot at

Forbes has claimed that he was not present during the photo shoot, but the article did not indicate this fact.

The article also stated that a member of the department acts as a liaison for Playboy, but Jorgenson said there is no such faculty or staff

Maya Parson, a graduate student studying anthropology, was among those to voice public disdain toward Forbes' actions.
"I felt that his actions were

totally unethical and was com-pletely shocked," Parson said of her initial reaction.

She added that she was equally upset by the apparent lack of response within the University community.

Lisa Katz, director of UNC News Services, explained Monday the University's stance on the issue.

"The University's faculty and staff have the right to enjoy the same freedoms as other citizens without institutional censorship or discipline," she said. "This includes the right of a faculty member to allow his residence to be used in any lawful way that he deems

appropriate."
Forbes has submitted letters to the editors of area newspapers, including The Daily Tar Heel, to defend his involvement with the

In the letters, Forbes expresses his regret that his affiliation with the University was publicized. He also apologizes to members of the University community who are offended by his actions and makes note of his voluntary absence during the photo shoots.

Forbes said Monday that he did not want to comment further and expressed his desire for nor-

malcy.
"I want to let my letter stand as the only news I want to provide," he said during a phone interview.

Dana Powell, a graduate student in the anthropology depart-ment who co-authored a letter to the editor with Parson, was wary of Forbes's statement.

"I appreciate the apology," she said. "However, I still question his initial judgement."

While Forbes' decision not to attend the photo shoot makes his

decision more acceptable, Powell said, it doesn't change the overall impact of his actions.

She said she hopes the events

will serve as learning experiences for the community.

This issue is not just about women students but about how gender is perceived and depicted in our community."

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hands as a result of the attack,

According to reports, Foushee later was arrested after he tried

to attack Eaton while Eaton was

being detained by police.
Foushee was charged with being

intoxicated and disruptive as well as interfering with police business,

According to reports, dozens of people gathered around the scene

as police attempted to calm the

police spokeswoman Jane Cousins

"It was just a mess," Chapel Hill

Leaf blowers spark debate at meeting

Several residents showed up at the Chapel Hill Town Council meeting Monday night to sound off on a proposed ban on the operation of leaf blowers within town limits.

Council member Cam Hill, who first suggested the ban when he made an unsuccessful bid for mayor in 2001, was the impetus behind the proposal — and his ideas drew arguments from both sides Diana Steele of Mason Farm Road said Monday that she has

for 50 to 60 years, and that only recently has she begun to find those walks unpleasant "I love walking here, but not so

walked the streets of Chapel Hill

much anymore because it is getting noisier and noisier," she said.

"Leaf blowers are illogical, especially when eight lawn main-tenance workers at the University

tenance workers at the University are chasing one leaf around." But Ken Robinson, an employee of Williams Landscape Services Inc., said Hill's accusation that Inc., said Hill's accusation that leaf blowers emit a high amount of carbon dioxide is false. He also pointed out that banning leaf blow-ers could have unintended conse-

quences.

"Grass will die if we ban leaf blowers. Twenty percent of the Chapel Hill turf will die off, and that equates to 10 million square feet of turf," Robinson said. "The

turf that would die off produces

"Leaf blowers are illogical, especially when eight lawn maintenance workers ... are chasing one leaf around."

DIANA STEELE, CHAPEL HILL RESIDENT

oxygen for 16,000 people per day." Council member Edith Wiggins also commented on the proposal's effects. "I think this is an interesting discussion for a community that loves its trees," Wiggins said.

"The leaves have to be managed before they end up in the storm

Hill's research comes from a study performed by Citizens for a Quieter Sacramento, a group

that worked to ban leaf blowers in California's capital. The study found that leaf blower motors emi a large amount of ozone gass

In addition, Sacramento's acceptable noise level in residential areas is no more than 60 decibels, and most blowers exceed that limit by 10 decibels.

More than 70 communities nationwide have banned leaf

"The tool is noisy," Hill said. "It's

Ron Holdway, director of the Orange County Environmental Health Services Division, said the region has been placed under nonattainment status by the Environmental Protection Agency The EPA designation means that on any given day, Chapel Hill could

have air quality problems.

But he added that leaf blowers

are not significant polluters.

"The dust and debris could affect anyone in the immediate area or anyone sensitive to dust or debris," Holdway said. "But it wouldn't be that much more of a problem than

the wind on a dry day."

Hill said that his proposal still vould make a difference

"There are greater polluters than leaf blowers, but I can't ask people to stop driving cars."

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Police make myriad arrests after fight erupts at a club

Chapel Hill police made almost

Two men who were arrested

Police responded to the scene at about midnight after the erup-tion of a fight that took place inside the nightclub, according to police

The fight continued outside the club on Rosemary Street, reports

The victim in the incident, Rahsaan Shabezz Foushee, 32,

reports state.

situation.

Police arrested Sean Edward Eaton, 26, and charged him with

with a deadly weapon, according to

OPEN LATE

BY TERRENCE JORDAN had cuts all over his face and

a dozen arrests early Sunday morning at Alley Oops Treehouse, a nightclub located at 157 E. Rosemary St., after a fight broke out among some of the club's

during the fracas are University

breaking a bottle over another man's head, reports state. Eaton was charged with assault

In the midst of the fray, police arrested others who were present Damian Jamal Russell, 27, was

arrested and charged with one count of carrying a concealed weapon and one count of posses sion of marijuana, according to reports.
Police found a gun and a small

amount of marijuana on Russell's person, reports state.

Antwan Angelo Russell, 23, was

arrested and charged with being armed to the terror of the people after displaying a gun in a large crowd, according to reports. Kevin Antuan Cruz, 19, was

apprehended by police and charged

with resisting arrest after trying to flee the scen According to police reports, Hunter Mcnair Jackson, 21, a senior business major at the University, was arrested at the scene and charged with possessing an open container of alcohol

in public. Alexander Thomas Jenkins, 21, a senior mathematical sciences major at the University, was arrested in a parking lot outside Treehouse after smash-ing a glass bottle on the ground in view of officers, according to

police reports.

He was charged with littering,

Each of the arrested men was brought before the magistrate and was released on written promise to appear in Hillsborough District

Their appearances all are sched-uled to take place during the next two weeks.

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Honor & Integrity Week

September 27, 2004 to October 1, 2004

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Tuesday 9/28 affirmation of the Honor Pledge Location: 12pm-2pm, The Pit Students are invited to re-affirm their commitment to the Honor Code by signing the Honor Pledge.

David Callahan Location: 5pm, Toy Lounge Author of the book The Cheating Culture: Why Americans Are
Doing Wrong to Get Ahead will deliver a lecture. For more
information visit www.cheatingculture.com

Wednesday 9/29 Reaffirmation of the Honor Pledge Location: 12pm-2pm, The Pit e invited to re-affirm their commitment to the

> Performing for Honor Location: 12:50pm, The Pit Enjoy a performance by Cadence.
>
> Honor in the Workplace

Location: 3pm, 2518A Student Union Join members of the faculty and administration from multiple fields n a discussion of how issues of honor and integrity affect their daily work.

Reaffirmation of the Honor Pledge

Location: 12pm-2pm, The Pit Students are invited to re-affirm their commitment to the Honor Code by signing the Honor Pledge. **Performing for Honor**

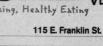
> Location: 1pm, The Pit Enjoy a performance by the Gospel Choir. Honor Court Mock Hearing

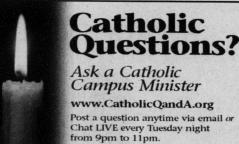
Location: 7pm, Student Union Cabaret Students are invited to watch a mock honor court hearing in order to gain an understanding of the Honor Sysem process.

> Friday 10/1 **Closing Ceremony** Location: 12pm-2pm, The Pit

Reaffirmation of the Honor Pledge continues. Students are also invited to complete a brief honor quiz for prizes.







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The General Alumni Association's Tar Heel Kids Camp is accepting applications for 8 counselor positions. Camp i nildren ages 4-12 vill be held during ni Weekend Octo