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GRAPPLING WITH GENOCIDE



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Students sign petitions in support of two recently proposed amendments to the Darfur Accountability Act as part of a rally put on by Students United for Darfur Awareness Now in Polk Place on Thursday afternoon. Participants stood in the quad for two hours before marching and taking their cause to the Pit.

BY HILARY DELBRIDGE STAFF WRITER

More than 250 students came face to face with images of brutality, suffering and death in Polk Place on Thursday afternoon.

And the message — to spark awareness and to rally against the Darfur, Sudan, crisis — conveyed a sense of urgency that invaded the once-peaceful quad.

"It's one of those issues you can't say 'no' to," said Julia Marden, member of Students United for Darfur Awareness Now. "No one is pro-genocide."

Students stood to shed light on the Sudan crisis that has resulted in more than 350,000 deaths and the displacement of more than 2 million people.

"Our aim was two-fold," said Matt Craig, event organizer and SUDAN member. "There are still a number of people on campus and in the community who just don't know about the situation in Darfur. We hope to expose people to what's going on and to show them that they do have a voice."

Students held signs with facts about the genocide and phone numbers of local politicians. The demonstrators urged students to call in to support

two recently proposed amendments to the Darfur Accountability Act, which calls for the government to help end the genocide and bring a return to normalcy in the war-torn nation.

A recent addition to the Darfur Accountability Act proposes adding \$53 million to strengthen the African Union mission in Darfur and \$40 million for additional disaster aid.

"The point of the rally is that there are amendments that should be

passed," said Tim Phillips, a sophomore participant. "We need to sign petitions and call senators today to let them know what we're all about and to show them the sense of urgency."

After standing in Polk Place for two hours, students walked to the Pit to place the images, along with their signatures supporting the end of the crisis, on a 60-foot banner.

"It's not whether the information is out there, it's whether or not people receive it," Craig said. "The idea of

having pictures is so that students are forced to walk through it. It will open people's eyes and ears."

Abdalla Adam, director of relief and development for the Darfur Peace and Development Fund, concluded the rally by speaking about the crisis situation and praising the students for their compassion and awareness of the issue.

"Student activism is really the key to success," Adam said.

He said human rights and educational issues in the west African nation need to be addressed because of the inhumane conditions under which the children of Darfur must live.

"We are trying to build a bridge between the United States and the needy children in Darfur so that they will know who is really helping them and so that they will remember that for the rest of their lives," Adam said. "That will build a better human rela-

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"I was sad when I left. But if I stayed I'd probably be a raging alcoholic and a drug addict, and I'd get nothing done."

LEWIS BLACK, COMEDIAN, ON LEAVING UNC

Comedian to return to the Hill

BY JIM WALSH

ASSISTANT ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Sometimes, it's good to be a black sheep.

A regular on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," comedian Lewis Black has achieved national prominence with his acerbic brand of political commentary and racy stand-up.

He just released a best-selling book and is on the road two-thirds of the year. This weekend, he's stopping off on campus for the Carolina Comedy Festival.

Though Black has a degree from Yale University, he always tells people he got his start in Chapel Hill — he graduated from UNC in 1970.

Perhaps it was the University's storied tradition that won a place in his heart.

More likely, it's just as Black puts it: Telling people he went to Yale doesn't get him laid any faster.

It was a typical comment from the guy who's built an empire on negativity.

Black, 56, transferred to the University during his sophomore year.

That was in the late 1960s, when he had aspirations of becoming a famous playwright.

That was before he perfected the now-famous mad-guy act that has won over throngs of college politicians with its firebrand wit.

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A look into the Carolina Comedy Festival

Development causes disagreement

ON THE TOWN

A look into college-town politics

TODAY How the town and gown interact with development

BY TED STRONG

ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Zoning in and around university campuses often is a divisive issue, though the town of Chapel Hill's recent controversy with UNC-Chapel Hill officials seems moderate when compared with some other college towns.

University and town officials agree that municipal zoning is key to the

relationship they have forged, even with the rough patches.

The bumps often stem from development at the edges of established campuses and the areas just beyond, where the town and gown not only interact, but also rub one another — sometimes the wrong way.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Mark Kleinschmidt said recent border disputes locally began in 2003

when the town approved UNC-CH's combination chiller plant/parking garage, which will loom above the historic Gimghoul neighborhood.

"It's just common sense that as those projects approach the edge of campus that neighborhood interests become more influential because at that point of juncture, the interests

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"By and large, I think that we and the town are doing our best to balance our two sets of responsibilities."

NANCY SUTTENFIELD, UNIVERSITY VICE CHANCELLOR FOR FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Technology offers perks for cheaters

Instructors try to combat 21st-century crib sheets

BY JULIA FURLONG

STAFF WRITER

When one of Jay Smith's students wants to make a trip to the restroom during an exam, he'd better be prepared for a quick detour.

"My students have to empty their pockets before leaving an exam," said the history professor.

Students might perceive such stringent guidelines as overblown, Smith said, but in an age when they commonly have access to gadgets ranging from camera phones to Web-enabled BlackBerry devices, "I see it as a necessity for maintaining the integrity of the test."

Colleges nationwide are grappling with a way to reconcile two equally pressing dilemmas: how to keep students competitive in the 21st-century economy and how to prevent cutting-edge technologies from being exploited for academic dishonesty.

Such issues abound at UNC, deemed the fifth most wired campus in the nation by the Princeton Review in 2004.

Even Smith's future students are likely to experience a curriculum with computer-administered tests and assignments.

"It's mainly because the students are more technologically attuned than I am," Smith said. "And it

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Apple Chill gears up for another year's festivities

Despite safety concerns, town prepares for fun

BY JENNIFER FAIR

STAFF WRITER

Cloggers, motorcycles and free condoms will fill Franklin Street on Sunday and transform downtown for the 34th Apple Chill street festival.

The festival will take over the area of Franklin Street between Henderson and Mallette streets from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sonya Reddick Shaw, programming and marketing supervisor for the town Parks and Recreation Department said she expects 40,000 to 50,000 people to attend.

"Festivals like Apple Chill are good opportunities to bring people in from outside and show off," said Aaron Nelson, executive director of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, an event sponsor.

"We are always excited to support any event that brings 50,000 people down-

town."

Shaw said about 175 vendors will participate in this year's festival. Local businesses also will be open throughout the celebration.

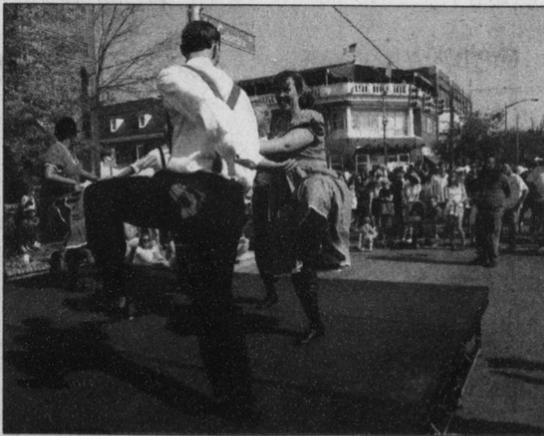
But not everyone is as excited as Shaw and Nelson.

While Apple Chill is lauded as a popular community attraction, past events have drawn scrutiny because of violence that has occurred at unofficial "After Chill" events, when motorcyclists and others often take over downtown.

Last year, the town held a motorcycle and car send-off at the end of the festival as a way to help bridge the gap that some people said existed between the afternoon and the evening crowds.

But there was still a reported stabbing at

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The Apple Chill Cloggers perform during the festivities on Franklin Street last year. This year's event will take place from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.



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Softball team finds its spark, spanking an outmanned UNC-W in two straight shutouts Thursday PAGE 9



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