Comedy improv marathon to benefit children's hospital

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Not every all-nighter derives from procrastination.

A show tonight at the ArtsCenter in Carrboro is one such all-nighter. It will feature comedians from across the country performing improvisational sketches for 24

straight hours. Called 24LIVE, the annual charity event will run from 10 p.m. today until 10 p.m. Saturday, with all proceeds benefiting the N.C. Children's Hospital.

Zach Ward, executive producer

and one of the event's core of nine comedians, started the event four years ago. He said it is a good exposure to on-the-spot comedy in the

"It's a really awesome opportu-nity to see a lot of improv in a short time," Ward said.

The event also brings in special acts from across the nation that will perform with the nine core improvisers throughout the day.

Curtis Gwinn and John Gemberling of the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre in New York City will perform Friday and Saturday, and N.C. comedy groups such as

ComedyWorx and UNC's CHiPs will also perform.

The event was started as a way to sponsor different charities in the area, and though this is the first year proceeds will go to the hospital, Ward said they will continue their sponsorship in the future.

When I went over there and saw the things that they were doing, it just clicked," Ward said.

Comedians from Dirty South Improv, the group that puts on 24LIVE, already have gone to the hospital since the partnership was

started to perform for patients.
"It kind of gave everyone a break from day-to-day hospital life," said Courtney Fancsali, development coordinator for children's programs at the N.C. Children's Hospital.

Donating to the hospital every year could help funding and also attract more interest in the show, said Lisa Palmisano, assistant producer for 24LIVE.

24LIVE raised more than \$2,000 last year, and its move from UNC's Hamilton Hall to the ArtsCenter could help bring in a greater crowd and more revenue, Ward said.

The event is a test of the comedic skills of its performers.

Date: Friday, Sept. 9 and Saturday, Sept. 10

Time: 10 p.m. to 10 p.m. Location: Carrboro ArtsCenter Info: www.dirtysouthimprov. com/24live

Performers are made up of comedians with Dirty South Improv in North Carolina, New York, Los Angeles and Chicago, as well as comedians from CHiPs.

Core performer Henry Droege of Los Angeles said he was nervous about its demanding time span. "I've never stayed up 24 hours in a row in my life."

But performers often find some of their best work in those last hours of the night, said 24LIVE's artistic director, Ross White.
"After the 24th hour a piece of

the brain is unlocked that wouldn't necessarily be in a semi-conscious state," White said.

There have been some absolutely amazing, hilarious and touching moments at our previous 24LIVE's."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- The Nested art gallery, 118B E. Main St. in Carrboro, will hold a reception from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. today for artists John Marsh and Jimmy Kellough. Their works — abstract paintings and photomontages,
- Company Carolina will hold an interest meeting at 7 p.m. today in Union 3206.
- Chi Phi Fraternity is holding a benefit concert at 8 p.m. tonight at Sandbar, 136 E. Rosemary St., featuring Reality Show Band and a G105 DJ. Tickets are \$5 and are on sale in the Pit, the Chi Phi House (968-9073) and Sandbar. All proceeds will go to the American Red Cross for hurricane relief efforts.
- Tony Bennett will be on campus tonight as part of the grand reopening of Memorial Hall, which kicks off with Bennett's sold-out performance at 8 p.m.
- WXYC will present its fourth-annual Early '90s Dance party from 10 p.m. today to 2 a.m. Saturday at Wetlands Dance Hall, formerly known as Treehouse, on the corner of East Rosemary and

Henderson streets. Admission is \$5. Visit http://www.wxyc.org for more information.

- The 2005 Southeast Regional Barista Competition will be held Friday to Sunday in the Center for the Dramatic Arts. Baristas from 10 Southeastern states will prepare one espresso, one cappuccino and one specialty coffee drink for each of the four taste judges in 15 minutes. For more information, call 361-5282.
- La Fiesta del Pueblo 2005, the largest Latin American festival in the Carolinas, will run from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday at the N.C. State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. Tickets are \$2 for adults. Call 835-1525 for more information, or go to http://www.ncstatefair.org/2005/.
- The second annual "Run for the Kids" 5K will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday off Old Mason Farm Road. The event will benefit the N.C. Children's Heart Center. For directions to the event, registration and packet pick-up information, go to http://www.unckids.com/ events/5krun/chapelhill.shtm.

■ StreetSigns production of Moliere's "The Miser" will run at 8 p.m. Saturday and at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday in Swain Hall, Studio 6 Theater. Go to http://www. streetsigns.org/ for ticket and other

■ Meredith College will host Sister Hazel in concert Saturday in McIver Amphitheater. Tickets are \$5 and are available on a first come, first serve basis. Gates open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 760-8338.

■ Kenan Community and the Residence Hall Association will bring "The Freakin' Sweet Family Guy Season Kick-Off" at 8:30 p.m. Sunday to the Great Hall of the Student Union. Festivities include big-screen projection of the show, Family Guy trivia and prizes. This will be followed by a discussion about the show and controversial topics prevalent in the episode.

To make a calendar submission, visit http://www.dailytarheel.com for a list of submission policies and contacts. Events must be sent in by noon the preceding publication date.

POLICE LOG

■ Ronald Alberto Lopez Medrano, a Chapel Hill man with no fixed address, was arrested at 8 a.m. Wednesday at 510 Umstead Drive on charges of breaking and entering a vehicle, police reports

Police Spokeswoman Jane Cousins said Medrano was found dripping wet from a nearby pond,

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wearing black rain pants when police responded to a report of a Suspicious person.

Next to him on the ground, she said, were several items, including automobile parts, a Ford owner's manual, a dog bowl and a garage

door opener, she said.

Reports valued the items at

Cousins said the police then used the name written in the manual to identify the Chapel Hill man whose car had been broken into and contact him.

The man had not been aware of the break-in, she said, but con-firmed that items were indeed his when police asked.

Medrano was taken to Orange County Jail pending an appearance in Hillsborough District Court on Thursday.

■ Three men in a car stopped on Wilson Street near West Cameron Drive were arrested at 10:28 p.m. Wednesday after police discovered a stolen shotgun in the vehicle, police reports state.

The two passengers, Ronquelle

Kashif Johnson of Wake Forest and Darryl Gregory Warren of Durham were charged with possessing a stolen firearm, according

The driver, Jamaal Christian of Burlington, was charged with driv-ing a vehicle with a revoked license and displaying a fictitious registra-tion plate, police reports state.

According to police reports,

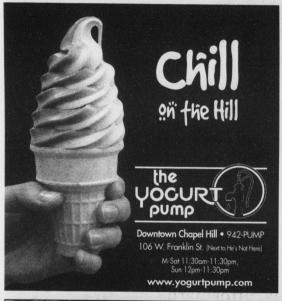
a Wendell woman's vehicle sustained \$80 in damage when someone slashed one of her Goodyear tires. Police reports state that the

incident happened at Camelot Village and that the victim discovered the damage at 7 a.m. Wednesday.

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