

# Free prostate screenings offered

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Men won't have to bend over backwards to find free access to prostate exams.

UNC Health Care urologists will provide free prostate cancer screenings today and Thursday to aid in the battle against the second-leading cause of cancer deaths nationwide.

The annual screening program, now in its 12th year, will provide walk-in appointments to the public from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., though hospital officials encourage appointments. The exams will be held at UNC Hospitals' Urology Clinic, located on the second floor of N.C. Memorial Hospital.

The screening involves both a blood test and a physical exam, said David Collins, administrative manager for the Division of Urology.

Last year 376 men took part in the screenings. Out of that number, 34 tests came back abnormal,

according to a UNC Health Care press release.

Collins said the screening, which lasts 20 minutes, is especially helpful for the community at large.

"One, it is open to the public, not just UNC or hospital employees, and two, this is free," he said. "And if you park in the visitors parking deck, we'll give you a one-hour get-out-of-deck-free pass."

The target populations for the tests are all black men over 40, white men over 40 with a family history of the disease and all white men over 50, said Raj Pruthi, director of Urologic Oncology for the Division of Urology.

Pruthi said the disease is particularly prevalent among black North Carolinians.

"Caucasian Americans have a high risk of developing prostate cancer," Pruthi said. "But African Americans have even a higher risk, and African Americans who live in

## HOW TO GET SCREENED

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- Date: today and Thursday
- Place: N.C. Memorial Hospital, second floor

North Carolina actually have one of the highest risks of any population in the world."

Collins said that in the past, it had been difficult to get men in for screenings, but he has seen perceptions beginning to shift.

"Over the last 10 years we've seen a small but steady increase in men coming to see their doctors," he said. "I feel like there's been an increased media push for men to see their doctors on a variety of health issues."

Pruthi said he has seen a change in attitudes about prostate cancer.

"In days in the past, it was a taboo issue," he said, noting that

now men are discussing it among themselves and with women.

The exams help detect cancer earlier, Pruthi said, which saves lives.

"Screening does not change whether you have it or not," he said. "But it does allow us to come to a diagnosis earlier rather than later."

The screenings at UNC are made possible by donated time from Division of Urology physicians, reduced lab fees at UNC Hospitals and donated supplies from pharmaceutical companies, Collins said.

"Our mission here is health care, whether it be patient education, preventative health care, or active intervention," Pruthi said. "All three of those are the primary mission of the School of Medicine, UNC Hospitals and every doctor here."

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ Borders Books, 1807 Chapel Hill Blvd., will host Storytimes are Special, a story time with snacks and songs, beginning at 10 a.m. today.

■ The Newman Student Center will be observing the 24-hour International Day of Peace beginning at noon Wednesday in Polk Place. Readings will occur on the hour, and students are invited to attend.

■ The Class of '38 Summer Abroad Fellowship Program will hold an information session at 3:30 p.m. today in Union 3502.

■ The Friday Center for Continuing Education will host an open house on Adult Learning and Part-time Study from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. today.

■ Hunter Lovins, president of Natural Capitalism Inc., will speak about sustainable energy at 6 p.m. today in Koury Auditorium.

■ University Career Services will host a Diversity Career Fair from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. today in the Great Hall of the Student Union. Sixty-three employers will attend the event, which is open to all majors and years.

■ Honor System Outreach will host a Right to Life Roundtable beginning at 7 p.m. today in Toy Lounge in Dey Hall. Students will be able to debate the issues surrounding the death penalty, abortion and the Terri Schiavo case, among other topics. The discussion will be moderated by Ryan Tuck, editor of The Daily Tar Heel.

■ Linking Immigrants to New

Communities, a committee of the Campus Y, will hold an interest meeting at 7 p.m. today in Union 2500. The group helps ease the transition of recent immigrants to the U.S. by facilitating student interaction and raising awareness in the community.

■ The town of Chapel Hill will hold a neighborhood conservation district meeting for the Greenwood neighborhood from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at Town Hall.

■ Table Talk, a committee of the Campus Y, will hold an interest meeting at 8 p.m. today in Saunders 104. The group strives to unite students, faculty and community leaders through discussion of provocative issues that impact campus and community life.

■ The Student Attorney General's staff now is accepting applications for staff counsels. The counsels prepare and argue cases before the Honor Court. Applications can be found at <http://honor.unc.edu>, and are due by 5 p.m. Friday in Union 3505.

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.

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## POLICE LOG

■ A Zorbas Restaurant employee was arrested Monday after causing a disturbance at Camelot Village Apartments, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Mark David Stiles, 39, of 130 H4 S. Estes Drive, was arrested at 5:04 p.m. on charges of being drunk and disruptive after allegedly starting a fight, reports state.

He then failed to comply with officers and was transported to Orange County Jail in Hillsborough and held until deemed sober, when his secured bond was changed to a promise to appear, and he was released,

according to reports.

Police reports state that Stiles was extremely uncooperative and was not photographed or fingerprinted.

■ A larceny was reported Monday from The Lumina Theatre, 620 Market St., in Southern Village, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

An employee of the theater reported a safe, valued at \$400, and cash missing, but police found no evidence of forced entry, reports state.

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Monday from a fire hydrant at 1765 Dobbins Road, Chapel Hill police reports state.

An Orange County Water and Sewer Authority employee reported witnessing a water truck filling up from a fire hydrant without permission, stealing \$1,000 worth of water, according to reports.

■ Players, 159 1/2 E. Franklin St., was the scene of an assault early Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Reports state that a woman sustained severe lacerations after being assaulted with a blunt object.

An unnamed subject was arrested at 1:30 a.m. on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and assault on a female, reports state.

■ A Chapel Hill woman was cited Monday for two drug violations, Chapel Hill police reports state.

Katherine Cosgove Buysse, 27, of 103 Perry Creek Drive, was cited at 7:22 p.m. for misdemeanor possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia after officers smelled a strong odor coming from her person and the residence she exited, according to reports.

## LOS LOBOS

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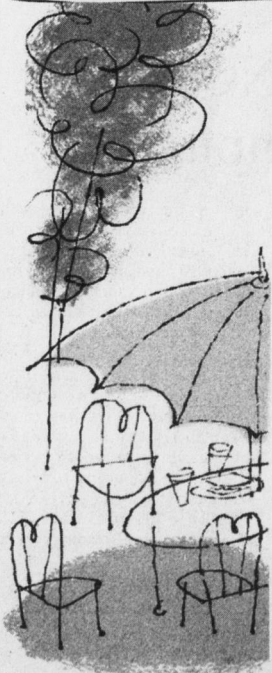
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### Women faculty/staff are invited to join us for a Prospective Womentor Interest Session

On September 22 at 4:30 in Union room 3205

1st or 2nd year women students please check out our program online at <http://leadership.unc.edu>

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## Free Peer Tutoring

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