

SPOOKY

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segment in the Carolina Performing Arts Series at Memorial Hall. "It's more student-oriented with the thought behind it," said Whitney Martin, a representative from UNC's office of the executive director for the arts. "We wanted to include everyone in the campus community and expose them to something that is a different form of art."

Miller's "Rebirth of a Nation," which has played in cities across America and around the world, has received critical acclaim for its complexity and political themes.

Miller also received note for his album, *Drums of Death*, released in April. Last year he published

a book titled "Rhythm Science," which combines his autobiography with history and music to demonstrate the impact of conceptual art and popular culture in society.

As part of his visit to the campus, he also will give a free lecture at 12:30 p.m. Friday in Kenan Theatre.

Miller said the medium he is working with now is beneficial because it has the ability to bring people together.

"Music is far more of a connection than anything else, and I think that's what DJ culture celebrates," he said. "Here we are in the 21st century and we're more connected than ever."

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RITA

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pates in the Gulf waters, but it's better to be safe than sorry," Perry said.

While Rita poses a sure threat to residents in its path, the storm could have national implications.

The Houston area supports a significant number of oil refineries essential to American fuel and natural gas supplies, said John Tobin, executive director of The Energy Literacy Project.

Any damage to the industry from Rita would come fast on the heels of disruptions caused by Hurricane Katrina, which struck the coasts of Louisiana and Mississippi on Aug. 29.

Although some refineries in New Orleans were damaged by Katrina, the oil industry was hurt most by the storm's damage to platforms and pipelines in the Gulf of Mexico, Tobin said.

If Rita is destined for Houston, it could be the refineries that are most at risk. Tobin noted that the U.S. already has a shortage of refining capacity.

A supply crunch could push prices well above \$3 per gallon, perhaps as high as \$4 or \$5, Tobin said.

Katrina's devastating magnitude and Rita's imminent landfall have left some wondering whether this recent succession of historic storms is a new climate trend linked to global warming.

But Zaleski said the uptick in hurricane activity is nothing new. He said there is a consistent cycle of 25 years of low hurricane activity followed by 25 years of more intense and frequent storms. "Since 1995, we've been in that up phase, and we'll probably be in that up phase for the next 10 to 15 years."

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DUAL ROLE

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students before entering the room," Calabria said.

When the board faces the issue of campus-based tuition increases later this year, Dearmin will have to define both his roles.

Students in the past have fallen on opposite ends of that spectrum — with mixed success.

When Nic Heinke served as student body president from 1999-00, he fell back on the student voice to fight a several thousand dollar increase for several years.

Standing up against University bureaucracy, he rallied more than 400 students in protest of the proposal and was one of three trustees to vote against the proposed hike.

Trustees approved a reduced increase for all UNC students for five years, but Heinke's efforts set the stage for future presidents charged with fighting the tuition battle.

Others, however, have chosen diplomacy — the trustees' language — when fighting against tuition.

Calabria opted not to oppose tuition increases outright, and he instead compromised with trustees.

While the trustees approved a lower tuition hike than they initially considered, many students accused Calabria of too readily accepting the increase.

Many former student body presidents say it is effective for the student trustee to find a balance between the two roles.

"There are times that working within the system was most effective," said Aaron Nelson, student body president from 1996-97. "And then there are times when it was our responsibility to bring outside influence into the discussion."

In finding that balance, the student body president's two oaths can come into conflict.

Dearmin said he has conveyed the interests of his constituents to trustees personally — rather than in the formal meetings.

"The way I operate is behind the scenes where two people get to sit down, talk about the issues and hash them out," he said.

Though Dearmin has been a trustee since May, he has been largely silent during meetings.

During Dearmin's first trustee meeting, he stayed silent while the board discussed Carolina North and pushed for closing the Horace Williams Airport — an issue admittedly more near and dear to Chapel Hill residents and University administrators than to students.

But as the year progresses, trustees undoubtedly will debate issues that are more pertinent to students' immediate concerns.

Last year, items that went before trustees during the school year, such as tuition and corporate advertisement in UNC sports arenas, were contentious among students.

And University administrators hope that by November's board meeting, they will present a proposal for campus-based tuition increases.

In tuition talks the student trustee usually is most active in vocalizing students' interests.

Dearmin said the fact that he has been largely silent up to this point in trustee meetings should not indicate that he is an inactive trustee.

"Just saying something for the sake of saying something is completely pointless, in my opinion."

In that sense, the student body must trust its president to represent its interests to the board, said Reyna Walters, student body president from 1998-99.

"Because when it's all said and done, no one knows what happened in the room except for the trustees."

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Trustees discuss tuition, budget, personnel issues

Trustee members will look at a broad report of graduate and professional tuition issues during the Board of Trustees meeting in November. Chairwoman of the Faculty Judith Wegner encouraged trustee members to take a closer look at graduate and professional tuition needs and how increases affect UNC.

Officials have narrowed the search for a new director of the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center to four candidates, said Provost Robert Shelton.

A search committee is reviewing more than 100 nominations to the dean of the UNC School of Law position, Shelton said.

John Jones, director of UNC Student Stores, said textbook prices have increased more than 6 percent annually since 1986, but Student Stores has kept prices low by offering a large selection of used books. Student Stores has made \$5 million in direct schol-

arship contributions since fiscal 2001 and has contributed \$1 million to create a Student Stores endowment fund for merit scholarships, he said.

Dwayne Pinkney, assistant vice chancellor for finance and administration, said 24 percent of the Capital Improvement Program has been completed on schedule and within the approved budget except for Memorial Hall. Pinkney said 39 projects are underway and the vast majority are on schedule. Trustees will review projects that have not begun so that they can consider the effects inflation will have on costs.

Members of the Tuition Task Force will meet Sept. 28 to discuss tuition recommendations they will make to the Board of Governors.

The Carolina First Campaign must average \$11.3 million per month for the next 21 months to reach the \$1.8 billion goal, said Trustee Paul Fulton.

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Satellite Tract, will include 140 family houses, town houses and condominiums just northwest of Carolina North.

"It will be our first venture in building homes for faculty and staff, but it will not be the last," Moeser said at the address.

Officials plan to develop the parking lots near the Bell Tower, creating a 750-car parking deck. The site also will feature a raised walkway that will cross South Road.

"It really is the last major undeveloped site on campus," said Anna Wu, director of facilities planning.

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TUITION

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would benefit graduate students, if the task force follows its current direction.

According to documents presented to the task force, undergraduates would account for the majority of tuition revenue funds.

For every \$100 that tuition is raised, undergraduates would provide almost \$1.6 million, compared to graduates' \$919,200.

"Ultimately, part of the burden is going to have to be carried by undergraduate students," Brady said. "There's no way around that."

But that's not to say undergraduate students' interests have been left out of the discussion.

Members say investing in graduate students will improve undergraduates' educational experience.

Graduate students who assist in classes or labs create a better learning environment, members say.

"I know that no students want to see their tuition continually raised," Brady said. "But at the same time the issue of TA stipends is so dire it really needs to finally get some serious attention."

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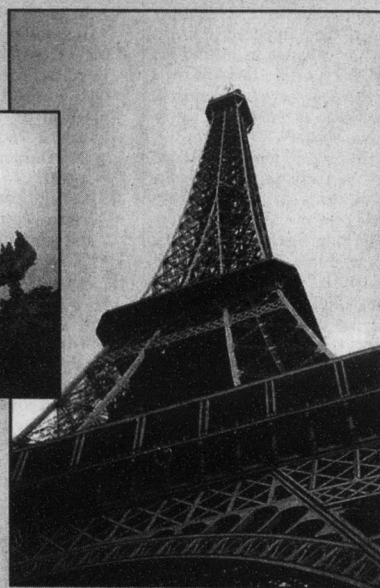
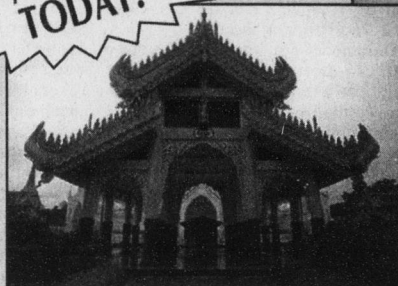
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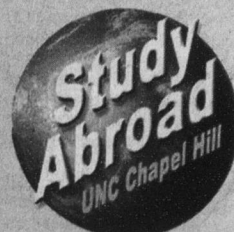
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