

Woollen site of unique game Student council kicks off meetings

CHASE hosts basketball clinic

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Twenty-seven people showed up to play wheelchair basketball Monday night. Only six of them actually were physically disabled.

Chapel Hill Adaptive Sports Experience hosted a wheelchair basketball clinic Monday in Woollen Gym for both disabled and nondisabled members of the community.

Junior Lindsey Green and senior Tara Thananetapon said they founded CHASE at the end of last year because there were no disability programs available on campus.

"It's something that people can really get involved in to draw more people in who don't know much about adaptive sports," said Thananetapon, an exercise and sport science major.

Thananetapon and Green went to Dr. Diane Groff, a professor of exercise and sport science, with

the idea to start a group that would promote physical disability awareness through adaptive sports and recreation.

"What we hope to do is have a variety of activities ... expose people with and without disabilities to adaptive sports," Groff said.

The Wake Wheelers Wheelchair Basketball team was on hand to teach those who never had played before.

J. Michael Atkins, of Robeson County, and three Wake Wheelers helped the nondisabled participants in the clinic understand the rules of the sport and how it works.

"I've been in this area in a chair for longer than anyone in this group of guys that came tonight," said Atkins, who has been playing wheelchair basketball on a team since 1992.

"There was no type of adaptive sports program in this area," he said. "For years I've been beating on the doors of Duke, N.C. State and UNC for gym time, any type of assistance or help."

Senior Chris Ellis, a communi-

cations studies major, was among the students without disabilities who never had played wheelchair basketball before.

"I'm pretty bad at able-bodied basketball," Ellis joked a few minutes before rolling a borrowed wheelchair behind the three-point line for the first time and shooting.

Students without disabilities said the experience helped them not to take their physical abilities for granted.

"It's a great opportunity to appreciate how lucky we are to have bodies that do such amazing things and understand what it's like not to be so lucky," said sophomore Ben Scandella, from Seattle.

CHASE has future plans for other activities, including a showing of "Murderball," a documentary showcasing quad rugby, Dec. 2 and Dec. 3 in the Student Union.

To learn more about CHASE, go to www.unc.edu/chase.

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Designed as way to unite campus

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The Top of Lenoir was a virtual who's who of campus leaders Monday night.

More than 20 student leaders came together to hold the first meeting of the Student Organization Council — an umbrella group for campus leaders to discuss University issues.

The group is a collaboration between Don Luse, director of the Student Union, Virginia Carson, director of the Campus Y and Ryan Tuck, editor-in-chief of The Daily Tar Heel.

"I think it's a great opportunity to press pause and ask, 'What can we do?'" Tuck said.

Student leaders stressed the need to coordinate communications between organizations, highlighting the fragmented Hurricane Katrina relief effort as an example of the missing link between campus groups.

"All major organizations were

trying to do a Katrina relief effort," said Bobby Whisnant, senior class president. "But there was no organization like this to go to."

Students also emphasized the need to coordinate events with other groups and to try to avoid conflicts of events.

"It's not that campus groups aren't doing things," said KaDarra Lowe, chairwoman of the UNC chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. "We're all doing the same things, we just don't know about them."

This communication problem soon will be addressed by a new aggregate campus calendar.

Using new software called Mambo, each student organization's calendar will be able to feed directly into SLICE — the Student Life Integrated Calendar of Events.

"It's your slice of life at UNC," said Mark Laabs, Student Body President Seth Dearmin's chief of staff.

Laabs said that the programming is being finalized and that everything is almost in place for student organizations to use the technology.

"Literally, in the next couple of days, I should have confirmation of

that status," Laabs said.

After confirmation, he said it should be about one week until organizations are able to use the Web site.

Laabs said he would help members ease into the transition at the council's next monthly meeting.

Members also said they hoped the next meeting will include representatives from more groups.

"By virtue of representing the largest student organizations on campus, we aren't representing all the 500 student organizations," Laabs said.

But Tuck said many organizations who were invited did not attend, including the Young Democrats, College Republicans, Sangam, CHiSpA and Campus Crusade.

The council also will accept applications for five general member spots for students who are involved on campus but not necessarily a major leader in one group.

"I think it would be good for up-and-coming students and would give us an outside perspective," Dearmin said.

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Forum addresses war in Iraq

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About 650 people attended a panel discussion Monday on the war in Iraq, sponsored by the Orange County Democratic Party.

The forum was moderated by Jack Sanders, chairman of the Orange County Democratic Party, and featured U.S. Rep. David Price, D-N.C., and Bruce Jentleson, a professor of public policy and political science at Duke University.

"I think it's a shared consensus here to say 'No,' to stay the course (of the war)," Jentleson said.

Some in the crowd affirmed this statement by waving green papers supplied by the OCPD.

Jentleson said the papers

— red sheets showed disapproval — allowed the crowd to express themselves and participate.

"It also reduced interruptions," he said.

Tom Henkel, the treasurer of the OCPD, said the papers contributed to a free exchange of ideas between the audience and the panelists.

He said he was pleased with the turnout and the effect it could have on Price. "I think our congressman is getting educated."

There was discussion among panel members about how and when U.S. troops should pull out of Iraq and whether the upcoming Iraqi constitution will solve any problems.

Jentleson said he advocates a time frame instead of a fixed schedule for flexibility in handling unforeseen situations.

But Price advocates holding President Bush to a fixed schedule for leaving Iraq. "The benchmark idea is a way of challenging the president."

Ray McGovern, a former CIA

analyst, said the president would not adhere to a timetable. "He thumbs his nose at things like benchmarks."

He added that the Democratic Party needs strong leaders, a statement that was met with the most green paper, applause and whistles of any other statement.

However, Jentleson said after the debate he thinks Price did an excellent job answering questions. "He conveyed to people that his opinions are heartfelt too," he said.

Price was asked in an audience-submitted question whether he would support a bill in the U.S. House to pull troops out of Iraq by the end of 2006.

He said the bill only would support the American troops and did not mention any help for the Iraq people.

"There's a narrow perspective in this."

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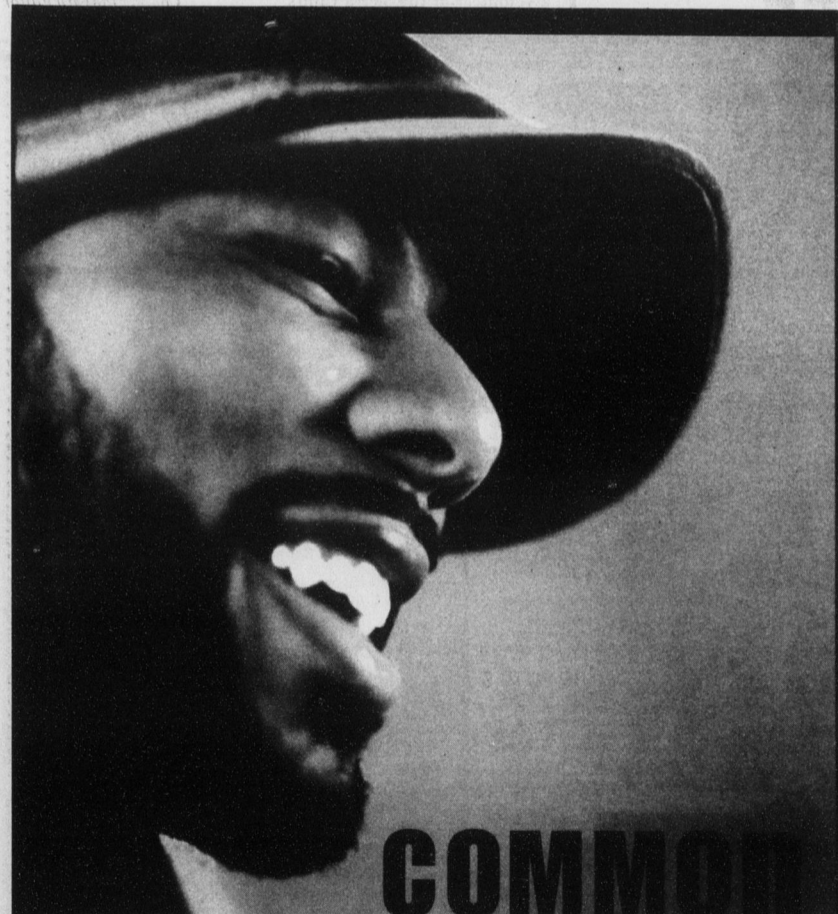
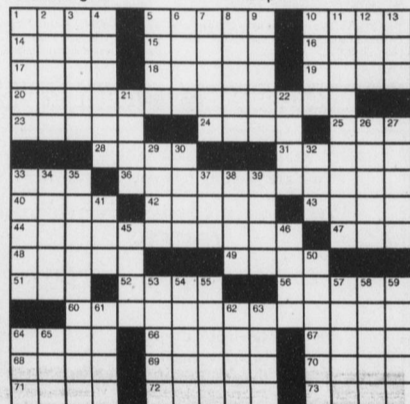
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