

Films 'gadding' about campus Sports clubs unite to host event

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The UNC communications department's ScreenArts series will host an installment of the fourth annual Gadabout Travelling Film Festival today in Bingham Hall.

The festival, orchestrated by Eric Ayotte, was designed to introduce moviegoers to new and unusual films.

"If you are interested in independent filmmaking, this is the place to be," said Shannon O'Neill, curator of the ScreenArts series.

Each year, Ayotte travels the United States in an ambulance van powered by vegetable oil and diesel fuel, looking for up-and-coming independent filmmakers from across the world.

He will be rolling into Chapel Hill this year for the first time ever with a collection of about 20 music videos, animated shorts, documentaries and live-action pieces.

The films come from across the world, representing places from New York to California — with additional submissions from

Spain, France and Canada.

Gadabout primarily screens shorts, and submissions usually have a running time anywhere between 15 seconds and 15 minutes. In some local festivals, however, Gadabout occasionally premieres longer shorts and full-length feature films.

One of the shortest films this year, "Rubber Band Ball," directed by Ellen Lake of Oakland, Calif., runs for exactly 3 minutes.

Ted Passon's "Robot Boy," a submission from New York City, has the festival's longest running time at 20 minutes.

"What's most interesting about the Gadabout festival is its truly independent nature," said O'Neill.

"It allows people to pick up a camera, do their thing and have their work shown across the country."

Gadabout provides a different twist on large film festivals such as Sundance and Cannes.

"Most films shown at major festivals have big budgets and appeal to more of a mainstream audience," O'Neill said.

"Gadabout is much smaller in scale and only screens short films

Gadabout Traveling Film Festival
Time: 7 p.m.
Date: today
Location: Murphey 116
Info: www.unc.edu/screenarts

that tend to have a primarily low budget."

The festival also prides itself on traveling anywhere and everywhere to screen films.

The festival debuts works anywhere from coffeehouses to living rooms in order to "get films out there."

After Friday's screening, Ayotte will speak about the festival and conduct a question-and-answer session with anyone interested in learning more about Gadabout and independent film.

ScreenArts leaders anticipate a warm welcome for Ayotte.

"We're pleased to have Eric (Ayotte) come to Chapel Hill, and we're interested to see what comes of it," O'Neill said.

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In a unique opportunity for community bonding and community service, more than 500 students will Race for a Reason on Saturday.

The reason — relief for hurricane victims — is one for which many groups on campus have been raising funds since Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast in September.

The Race for a Reason will be held at 10 a.m. The five-kilometer run will begin and end at the Ehringhaus field. Participation fees are \$15 for students and University staff, and \$20 for community members.

Entry costs an additional \$5 on the day of the event.

The UNC Sports Clubs Council is sponsoring the event, which it hopes will become an annual race for a different cause each year.

"The response has been outstanding," said Stacy Warner, director of the sports clubs.

Warner said 550 students had registered as of Thursday, but she said she hopes that even more will show up on race day.

University club team members have taken the initiative to publicize the event and register students.

Each of the more than 50 sports clubs on campus has taken on the goal of signing up at least 10 students, Warner said.

"I can't emphasize enough how much club team members have done," Warner said. "It's a great cause, and we're very excited."

Sports Clubs Council intern Josh Swenson, who conceived the idea for the fundraiser, also praised the initiative of club members.

"We've relied completely on volunteer manpower to get the word out," he said.

Members have publicized the event by advertising in the Pit and notifying running groups in the area, Warner said.

Sports clubs typically do fundraising events, but this is the first year all members are participating in a joint venture.

Both Warner and Swenson said they were pleased that the club teams could unite in their volunteer efforts. Swenson said he believes that community service is not only valuable for those

Run for hurricane relief

Time: 10 a.m.
Date: Saturday
Location: Ehringhaus field
Price: \$15 for students; \$20 for community members

it benefits but that it also should be a positive experience for participants.

"This is a great cause," Warner said.

Planning for the event began six weeks ago. Swenson said that if a great need had not arisen for hurricane victims, the council might have held a fundraiser later in the year. But circumstances forced leaders to work quickly.

The council had not established a fundraising goal prior to the event.

Although final tallies cannot be made until sometime next week, Swenson estimates that the council had raised \$8,000 as of Thursday.

"I figured anything we pulled together and raised would be enough."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ Carolina Cancer Focus will be in the Pit from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. all week to celebrate Cancer Awareness Week.

■ The Morehead Planetarium and Science Center director search committee will meet at 10 a.m. today in South Building 307.

■ The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender-Straight Alliance will sponsor Midtown Dickens and karaoke at 8 p.m. today in Gerrard Hall as a part of Coming Out Week.

■ The North Carolina Jazz Repertory Orchestra Series kicks off at 8 p.m. today at Memorial Hall with "Portraits of Ellington."

■ Lab! Theatre will present "Waiting for Godot" by Samuel Beckett at 8:15 p.m. today in Kenan Theatre in the Center for Dramatic Art. The show will run through Monday, and two bonus performances also will be shown at 4 p.m. Monday and at 5 p.m. Tuesday. Admission is free.

■ The Carolina Women's Center will host the Women in Leadership Development Conference from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Student Union. The conference will focus on the "voice" of women's leadership and will offer a variety of workshops, including "Self-Empowerment and Self-Worth" and "Women and Conflict." For more information go to leadership.unc.edu.

■ The United Nations Organization will host a discussion on "Building a Safer World: Defining the U.S.-U.N. Relationship" from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday in the Friday Center. Discussion will center on how this relationship affects world poverty. Breakfast will be provided.

■ The 18th-annual "Sculpture in the Garden" artists' reception and award ceremony will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the N.C. Botanical Garden. The exhibit features 50 sculptures located throughout the garden and can be viewed by the public through Nov. 18. Call 962-0522 for information.

■ The North Carolina Symphony will play its second feature show at 8 p.m. Sunday at Memorial Hall. The performance will be conducted by Stefan Sanderling and feature Antonio Pompa-Baldi on piano.

■ Orange County Girl Scouts will run their weeklong "Blanket the Community" service project beginning Sunday. Donate new or clean blankets to benefit local women's shelters and foster homes, among other organizations. For a list of drop-off sites, go to www.pinesofcarolina.org or call 1-800-282-GIRL.

■ The West End Merchants will host OktoberWest, a celebration of West Franklin Street businesses, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday behind the Carolina Brewery at 460 W. Franklin St.

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

POLICE LOG

■ At 10:59 p.m. Wednesday, the 300-block of Franklin Street was the scene of assault with a deadly weapon, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Someone using a handgun shot and wounded one victim in the buttocks and another in the wrist, reports state.

Chapel Hill native Lavar Devone Brown, an employee of Rams Head, was charged at 11:50 p.m. Wednesday with aggravated assault, weapon-possession by a felon and discharging a firearm in a city, according to reports. Brown had consumed drugs or alcohol, reports state.

Upon his arrest, Brown was taken before a Hillsborough magistrate and received a \$50,000 secured bond, according to reports.

According to a town press release, the incident was the result of an encounter between two groups of individuals downtown. At least seven shots were fired from at least two different weapons, according to the press release.

The Chapel Hill Police Department is continuing its inves-

tigation, reports state.

■ A Rams Head employee was arrested for assault at 9:39 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Durham native Troy Arrington Jr., a server at Chase Dining Hall at Rams Head, was charged with pointing a gun at an unnamed victim at Trinity Court in Chapel Hill, reports state.

Arrington was taken before a magistrate in Hillsborough and was released on a written promise to appear in district criminal court in Hillsborough, according to reports.

■ Two vehicles parked on the upper deck of Boshamer Stadium parking garage were vandalized Tuesday, according to police reports.

Each vehicle had one window broken by rocks, which were found inside the cars, reports state.

The owner of the first vehicle, a Volvo, told police that nothing had been stolen, while the owner of the second vehicle, a Toyota Corolla,

told police that a case of 250 CDs valued at \$265 was stolen, according to reports.

Estimated damage was \$100 for each car, reports state.

There are no suspects or witnesses, according to reports.

■ An unnamed victim was assaulted by a deadly weapon at 5:11 p.m. Wednesday at the corner of St. Thomas Street and Standish Drive, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The suspect, whose name was not released, pointed a can of deodorant with a lighter held up to it at the victim and sprayed the deodorant, creating a burst of flame, reports state.

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