

Original film makes the list

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

This Christmas, one UNC senior is cashing in with a different kind of wish list.

Sean Overbeeke, a communications major in the writing for the screen and stage program, will have his original Christmas film screened at the Varsity Theatre just in time for the holidays.

Titled "Christmas Wish List," it is a quaint story about two busy people who cross paths on Franklin Street and teach each other the true meaning of giving. About 20 minutes long, the film will be shown with "Good Night and Good Luck" beginning Saturday at the Varsity.

Set and filmed in Chapel Hill, "Christmas Wish List" was an offshoot of Overbeeke's work in the University program, the reason he transferred to UNC and the source of his confidence in directing.

"It's been the attention to detail that they make you pay to your screenplay," he said, referring to the program's strength.

Overbeeke's \$15,000 project was funded by investors and

picked up by a production company in Durham. He took it to Bruce Stone, owner of the Varsity, and asked him to screen it. Overbeeke said he wanted to incorporate a local angle in the film, which was shot over the course of three days.

"I sat down and the first three things I wrote were Christmas, reflective glass on Franklin Street and coffee," he said.

From those simple designs Overbeeke crafted his tale, employing several UNC students in the process. Two actors in "Christmas Wish List" hail from UNC, and most of the cast are N.C. natives.

Filming a movie in the middle of Chapel Hill's busiest street was an interesting task for Overbeeke and his crew. Production started at sunrise and went all the way to sunset. Many of the extras were people who happened to be walking along the street at that time.

"Obviously Franklin Street is a big part of the story," he said. "We had to set up literally two traffic cones on different sides of the sidewalk. ... We had production

people on either side with signs telling people if you're walking through, you're going to get filmed and asking them not to look in the camera."

Overbeeke's story also incorporates a lot of music, and many of the scenes are punctuated with dramatic lyrics.

At the film's climax, "The Christmas Song" by Dave Matthews' Band can be heard. Overbeeke said it was no small task securing the rights to the popular tune.

"We sent it to Dave Matthews and they watched it, and I guess they were so impressed with the use of that song in the movie they gave me one year's rights to use it for foreign and domestic film festivals."

Overbeeke has won two awards and more than \$5,000 in prize money for his film. He said he hopes to enter it into more festivals.

"The movie just got finished Oct. 22," he said. "Basically I'm starting my film festival run right now."

Contact the A&E Editor at artsdesk@unc.edu.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ The Chapel Hill Police Department will conduct a safety seminar for restaurant and retail businesses at 8 a.m. today at McAlister's Deli at 205 E. Franklin St.

■ The School of Nursing will present "The Collaborative Health Care Model: A Basis for Building Successful IT Implementation Teams" from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. today in Fox Auditorium at Carrington Hall.

■ UNC's Habitat for Humanity will host a benefit concert from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today in the Great Hall of the Student Union, featuring the Achordants, Loreleis and more.

■ The inside issues committee of the Carolina Union Activities Board will present the "Healthy Food Cook-Off" at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Carmichael Ballroom. This event is free to students.

There will be a meeting for participants at 5 p.m. today in Union 2510 to review the rules and guide-

lines.

■ "Writings on the Wall," a multimedia presentation on the graffiti and mural paintings on the annexation wall in the West Bank will be shown from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. today in Carroll 105. Students who were in the West Bank during the summer compiled the show.

■ United for New Ideas Toward Ethnic Diversity and the LGBTQ Office will present a free screening of the documentary "Paris is Burning" at 6 p.m. today in Union 3503. Mandy Carter, a Durham native and activist for women's and queers' rights, will facilitate a discussion following the film.

■ Amnesty International will hold its weekly meeting at 7 p.m. today in Murphey 304.

■ The Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies will host a debate at 6:30 p.m. today on the top floor of New East.

■ Matt Jones will speak at Photo Night XXV at 7:30 p.m. today in Carroll 33. Jones has served as a photographer for the International Mission Board since 1997. The event is free to the public.

■ Students Working in the Environment 4 Active Transformation will host Bar Night from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. today at Top of the Hill. One dollar from your house beer of choice will go toward hunger relief efforts in Kenya and Tanzania.

■ There will be an open dress rehearsal and post-show discussion of "How the Cradle Rocked the Boat" starting at 8:15 p.m. today in Playmakers Theatre. Go to music.unc.edu for more information.

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

■ An officer found an unattended vehicle that had run off the road at 2:55 a.m. Sunday on Hospital Drive, according to University police reports.

The officer spoke with the 19-year-old driver Monday, reports state.

He said he was lost and turned onto Hospital Drive when a red sedan drove toward his vehicle, causing him to swerve off the road and go down the embankment, according to reports.

The tags of the other driver involved is unknown. Damage to the vehicle is estimated at \$2,000, reports state.

■ A UNC student was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol late Saturday night, according to University police reports.

Sarah Morgan Hayter, 21, of 228

Finley Forest Drive, failed to stop at a stop sign, reports state.

While talking to Hayter, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol, according to reports.

After the officer administered a field sobriety test, Hayter was arrested and taken before a Chapel Hill magistrate. She was released on a promise to appear in traffic court Jan. 10, reports state.

■ A Chapel Hill man reported an incident of breaking and entering and larceny at 7:45 p.m. Saturday, Chapel Hill police reports state.

An unknown subject used a blunt object to break into the home, according to reports.

Cash, toilet paper and a letter were reported stolen, reports state.

■ A window was broken at Kappa Delta sorority house Friday, accord-

ing to Chapel Hill police reports.

A subject used a blunt object to break a window, valued at \$400, at the house at 219 E. Franklin St., reports state.

No items were reported stolen, according to reports.

■ A Chapel Hill man was arrested Thursday on charges of speeding and driving while impaired, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Christopher Galen Hughes, 21, of 2005 Pathway Drive, was arrested at 2:10 a.m. on Main Street after police observed him driving 61 mph in a 35-mph zone, reports state.

Hughes performed poorly on multiple sobriety tests with a blood alcohol level of 0.08 on an Intoxilyzer 5000 test, according to reports.

Hughes was released on a written promise to appear in administrative traffic court Jan. 24, reports state.

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