

Rival high schools gear up for showdown

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You thought the Tar Heels and the Blue Devils had it out for each other? You ain't seen nothing yet.

The Chapel Hill High School men's varsity basketball team travels to East Chapel Hill High School today in a game each team hopes to win for bragging rights, plus a climb in the conference standings.

And for whichever team loses — well, just imagine the University football team losing the Victory Bell to that school in Durham.

"If there's one game you want to win, this is it," CHHS senior and player Debin Agee said.

Since ECHHS's opening in 1996, the schools always have harbored some animosity toward one another.

"It's kind of like there's not enough room for the both of us," junior and CHHS player Eric Williams said.

And the competition has been even more fierce since ECHHS moved to the PAC-6, the same conference in which CHHS plays.

Superintendent Neil Pederson said he has never seen problems with the rivalry between the schools.

"I think it's been a healthy rivalry over the years," he said. "It means games are usually extremely well-attended."

But the meeting is more than a game for CHHS head coach Paul Kieckbush — it's also a reunion of sorts.

After acting as the assistant coach for the ECHHS Wildcats for

almost a decade, Kieckbush, who already has been dubbed "Coach K," took a head coaching position down the road.

"It's exciting for me," he said. "And I'm excited for our boys. It'll be great for our kids to experience that."

Coach Ray Hartsfield of ECHHS said he is looking forward to visiting his former assistant coach.

"It's going to be different, because for nine years he was my right-hand man," Hartsfield said. "I know he's going to do a great job, though."

The Wildcats also are excited to see their old coach but are worried about how he might handle the outcome.

"It's gonna hurt to give him an 'L,'" said senior D.J. McCray.

One other addition to the CHHS Tigers came from East — junior Matt Sellers.

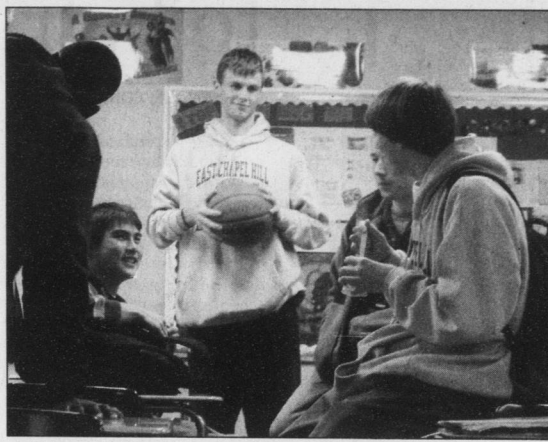
"We wanna prove all these people wrong," he said. "That's what gets me excited."

Roberson said the Wildcats had been founded on incorrect assumptions.

"When the school was built, the rumor was that the guys who didn't make it at Chapel Hill made it here," he said. "Then we won the state championship that year."

But Hartsfield said he wanted to put aside hostility — at least to some degree — and promote sportsmanship throughout the city with this game and the two coaches' behaviors.

"When you go head to head, someone's going to win and someone's



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East Chapel Hill juniors Daniel Bolick (bottom left) and Griffin Wilson (center) of the basketball team chat with others during a study break.

going to lose," he said. "But we'll shake hands before the game, and we'll shake hands after the game."

The players said they are both excited and anxious to meet tonight.

"We grew up playing with these guys in middle school," said senior CHHS player Andrew Simpson. "That just makes it that much more intense."

Both Chapel Hill and East players said that even though they are friends during the day, after tipoff that all changes.

"It does get emotional when we play," CHHS senior Michael Pulver

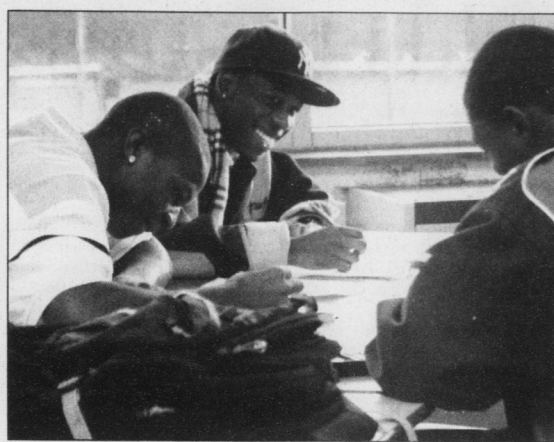
said. "It's more than a game." McCray had similar thoughts.

"It's like before the Chapel Hill game, you're so nervous," he said. "Because you know when you walk through those doors, the lights are on, the cameras are going."

And attendance is expected to be high.

"If (locals) don't come to any other game, they come to this one," Roberson said. "We compare it to the Duke-Carolina game."

But growing up in a town with a strong university presence in basketball often means high school games are overshadowed.



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Chapel Hill High varsity basketball players sophomore Jarvaris Quinn (left) and junior Debin Agee relax and do some studying Wednesday.

"It's one of our one times to shine over college basketball," Simpson said.

The noise level is so high that last year the Tigers said they had to make up hand signals for plays.

"Last year, I lost my voice after the East game," Pulver said.

A game like this one brings the entire school community together: Both students, players and coaches rally, looking for a win.

"It's like a tradition," CHHS

senior Luther Allison said. "We're gonna root for our side."

Indeed, almost everyone in the gym tonight will be rooting for the "good guys," whomever that is.

"It creates a good high school environment for kids to play in," Hartsfield said. "I wish everyone could get to play in something like this."

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ARTS FORUM

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University, but the plan is not formulating as fast as some had hoped.

"Logistically, it just seems like it's not going to happen this year," said Elizabeth Peacock, vice chairwoman of the forum.

Forum members scrapped a previous concept for a competition between Duke and UNC arts students and now are proposing a festival for fall 2006.

Mark Laabs, student government executive branch chief of staff, attended the meeting to talk about the new SLICE Web site.

He said the student group site

will be helpful for the arts groups on campus.

"A lot of organizations are still using their own sites but putting their events on the calendar," he said.

The calendar has been beneficial for arts groups because they have been posting their performances and meetings, he said.

Overall, Stapleton said she is pleased with the progress made by the Student Arts Forum this semester.

"I'm happy with it, but it has potential to be better next semester."

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Drive steered toward poverty

Students give back to community

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In the spirit of giving, UNC law students are promoting a drive to help families who live below the poverty line in Orange County.

The One Student, One Gift program is aimed at encouraging students to remember those in the community who are less fortunate, said Joyce Kung, president of the Carolina Public Interest Law Organization.

The drive, a nonpartisan effort meant to bring students closer to the community, calls for each law

student at UNC to pledge \$20. So far the law school has raised about \$3,000.

Second-year law student Chaz Lusk, president of the Federalist Society said he saw an opportunity to challenge his peers to get together for a common cause.

"With exams approaching and everyone is focusing on themselves, it's important to refocus on others," he said.

"Our goal is to give students in the law school the opportunity to serve others in the community. A lot of people think the law school only

has its own interests at heart."

Lusk brought together several law school organizations, including the C-PILO, the Black Law Students Association, the Federalist Society, the Carolina Law School Republicans Society and the Carolina Law Young Democrats.

Representatives from the groups formed the steering committee, which requests the support of every student in the school.

The committee proposed the drive just before Thanksgiving and began collecting money shortly after the holiday.

Law school representatives will collect money until Dec. 16. Orange County residents eli-

gible for the gifts will be identified by social workers through the Department of Social Services and the Inter-Faith Council Shelter, Lusk said.

Gifts will be based on the specific requests of these residents, he said.

Students interested in getting involved with the drive can e-mail the steering committee at onestudentonegift@yahoo.com.

"The law school is standing up for a lot more than themselves these days," Lusk said. "We are promoting selfless and sacrificial giving."

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MASSAGE

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insurance plans, says BlueCross and BlueShield of North Carolina representative Mark Stinneford.

To compensate, BlueCross and BlueShield does offer the Alt Med Blue program, which it introduced five years ago. The program allows members to receive discounts of up to 30 percent on services including massage therapy, fitness centers, acupuncture, nutrition counseling and stress management.

"Massage is a service that's been popular with our members," Stinneford says.

Interest in massage therapy expanded to the classroom last year at Duke University. Robert Brame teaches a massage therapy class that counts as a physical education credit for students.

Brame educates students on the health benefits of massage therapy and teaches them techniques.

Brame says massage strengthens immune systems, increases range of motion, alleviates spasms and cramps and creates a sense of

well-being. "It reduces stress," he says. "That should be the number one."

A typical class involves Brame walking students through a massage technique. They work in pairs and take turns massaging each other on professional massage tables.

"At first they're apprehensive about being touched and touching someone else," he says. "At the end they're just ready to have their massage."

Brame says he has been pleased to see the recent increase in the popularity of massage therapy and is glad more people are enjoying its effects.

Moore-Pleasant says the surge in interest is a slight inconvenience to regular massage clients.

"It's harder to schedule appointments now, and I've noticed massage therapists increase their prices, so I assume that means demand is increasing," she says.

"But it is absolutely worth the price."

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TICKETS

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from low attendance. Although all students have access to women's games with a One Card, attendance typically is low while classes aren't in session.

"I do think the teams feel under-appreciated," said Dan Findlay, CAA athletics communication chairman.

While the CAA has high hopes for students to attend games of their own accord, its members have planned many ways to encourage attendance throughout the school

year. In addition to revamping the online forum, CAA officials say they hope to spend money to get students out to women's basketball games.

Running advertisements and giving away iPods are among the proposals being considered by CAA officials, Johnson said.

"When we come back from break, we're hoping to put some more money into different events (to promote) women's basketball because they are so good."

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SPEAKER

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derful things that just happen."

Executive Associate Provost Steve Allred said the provost's office is open to the idea of funding the event again, but it has yet to receive a proposal.

Whisnant said last week that he is in contact with one student organization regarding funding, but he declined to say which group.

As senior leaders continue to work toward securing a speaker, Whisnant said it is possible for the format of the event to change.

Earlier in the semester he said senior class officers were considering hosting a performance in addition to the address, but they now are considering finding someone who can fill both roles.

"We're looking at if we can find someone who can do both," Whisnant said. "Like if there was a comedian that could give like a comedy show who could also speak. Like if there's someone who performs but students look up to them and who could speak to them."

He said he is confident that when substantial talks begin with a performer or speaker, the process will go quickly from there.

"The first thing we have to do is to make sure we have that date open," he said. "After we do that they send us a quote. And then we either say yay or nay."

As far as paying for the event, seniors class officers say they will

wait until they have a clear picture of how much the event will cost before they begin nailing down funding sources.

"It probably depends how soon we can find out who the potential speaker can be," said Julian Miller, senior class treasurer.

"It's kind of been in the back-ground because we've been pretty much focusing on establishing ourselves and establishing the senior class as the semester winds down."

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The state troopers said they intend to increase checkpoints and campaigning during the holidays.

The Chapel Hill department held checkpoints last year one or two weeks before Christmas Day.

There is a plan for each checkpoint, which local judicial officials approve to outline a systematic way of pulling people.

The amount of people in Chapel Hill will decrease, so checkpoints likely will not increase, Blue said.

"The checkpoints will be about the same," he said.

"There is enhanced potential (for drinking and driving), but the number of people we see are less, the volume of cars goes down."

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next up for women's basketball

Saturday, December 17

vs.

Coastal Carolina

2:00 pm

Saturday, December 31

vs.

College of Charleston

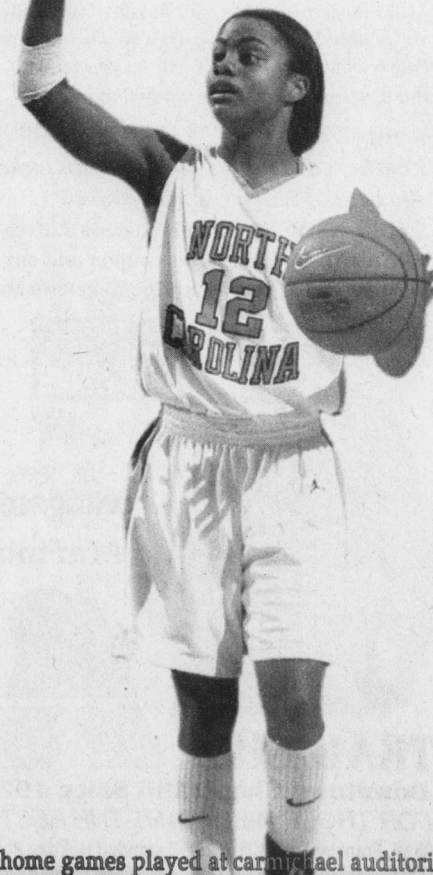
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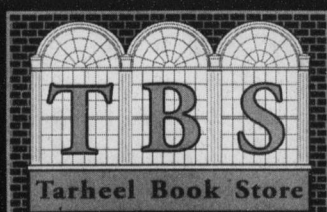
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