

# Play slays viewers with laughter

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The similarity between photography and murder is all in framing the shot.

Art and professional assassination were combined Friday in Swain Hall Studio Six Theater during the one-act play "Framing the Shot," which was written and directed by University master's student Allan Maule.

The comedy explores the notion of death as a life-defining experience in the aftermath of a near-death experience.

Maule's work takes place entirely in the apartment of Jake, a nervous, socially anxious photographer.

At the outset of the play, Jake's exuberant neighbor Terry bursts in his door to tell Jake that he had just survived an assassination attempt and that he had found a new zeal for life.

It is revealed in a conversation with Jake's gangster boss, Lance,

that Jake was actually the gunman.

Lance, the obnoxiously macho mobster, encourages Jake to follow through with his assignment, but Jake becomes increasingly conflicted as his friendship with Terry grows.

The play's theme lacks subtlety but is nonetheless effective in its exploration of death and near-death.

Jake, the hit man whose philosophy basically states, "Death is that which gives meaning to life," grapples with his cheapened view of death as Terry learns what it is to be alive and not to take it for granted.

But it's a comedy, right?

Laughs abound with one-liners and gallows humor, not to mention the constant irony of Terry's unknowing friendship with his would-be assassin.

The play pokes fun at Lance's disposable idea of life with dialogue

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such as his command to Jake: "If he's not dead when I get back, I will f---ing kill you. Understand?" (beat) "Good." (beat) "I'm gonna get a smoothie."

Constant jokes about Jake's sexuality ("Have you heard his music collection?") also provide comic relief.

But the dark humor and irony do more than enough to offer comic relief, while the gay jokes tend to detract from the play's overall purpose.

Other than the occasional unnecessary joke, the writing is solid. The dialogue is dramatic but not overblown, and the actors do a great job of bringing it to life.

Cory Kraftchick, as Jake, gives

the introverted artist/killer a slightly unsettling level of social anxiety, making him the perfect killer: socially acceptable, but just a little bit off.

Southey Blanton, as Lance, embodies the cocky gangster: nonchalant in the face of violence and ready to snap with the wrong glance.

The standout performance belongs to Bo Odom with his portrayal of Terry. He gives an energetic, physical performance — very much like a Jack Black character in style and wackiness.

The homegrown production comes together with solid direction to become a highly enjoyable play.

As the cast bowed and the appropriately chosen music of The Killers filled the room, the only real disappointment was that it was over.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### TODAY

**Jeans giveaway:** Students Helping to Achieve Positive Self Esteem is sponsoring a jeans giveaway. The theme is "Be comfortable in your genes," and jeans will be donated to Hurricane Katrina relief organizations.

**Location:** Collection bins will be set up throughout campus.

**Picture show:** Roy Lindholm's photography exhibit "Chapel Hill Naturally" continues at the N.C. Botanical Garden.

The free exhibit features pieces by the artist, whose favorite subjects include dragonflies, flowers, fall color and scenes featuring geology or old buildings.

**Time:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Location:** Totten Center

**County schools:** The Orange County Board of Education is slated to approve final plans for student reassignment.

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** New Hope Elementary

**Greek excellence:** The 11th annual Fraternity & Sorority Life Chapter Excellence Awards will be held to honor outstanding achievements in the Greek community. The theme is "Greek Night at the Oscars" and will feature a Greek Walk of Fame.

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Student Union, Great Hall

**Public hearing:** The Chapel Hill Town Council will hold a public hearing to get feedback on Greenbridge, a proposed development on Rosemary Street.

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Chapel Hill Town Hall

**Dance:** The UNC Ballroom Dance Club and Team will host free dance lessons.

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**Location:** Women's Gym

**Speaker:** UNC Young Democrats will host a speech by Patricia

Longoria from the Student Global Aids Campaign and other speakers to discuss the state of the fight against AIDS and the global gag rule.

**Time:** 8 p.m.

**Location:** Hanes 308

### TUESDAY

**Congressman lecture:** UNC's Environmental Science and Engineering Student Organization will host Rep. David Price, D-N.C.

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Murphey 116

**Foreign policy:** Jalil Roshandel, a visiting professor of political science and an Iran expert at Duke University, will address the current U.S. and Iranian relationship in foreign policy.

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Carroll 111

**Middle East policy:** Jeff Halper, a Nobel Peace Prize nominee, will speak about Palestine and Israel and the fallout from the recent elections.

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Murphey 116

**Budget meeting:** The Carrboro Board of Aldermen will hold a hearing on its budget for next fiscal year.

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Carrboro Town Hall

**Commissioners meeting:**

The Orange County Board of Commissioners will consider appointments to the University's planning committee for Carolina North.

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Southern Human Services Center

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## POLICE LOG

■ An assault with a deadly weapon was reported at 4:18 a.m. Sunday at Players nightclub at 159 1/2 E. Franklin St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The victim, a 20-year-old male, reported he had been stabbed during a fight, reports state. The incident still is being investigated.

■ Incidents of breaking and entering a residence by force, larceny and willful damage to property were reported Sunday at 204 Pritchard Ave., Apt. B, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

According to reports, suspects broke into the residence and took

the items.

More than \$8,000 worth of property was stolen including a laptop computer, clothes, an iPod and various other electronics, reports state.

■ The Buy & Go food mart at 106 Ephesus Church Road was the victim of larceny Friday according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Reports state the suspect used a rock to smash glass from the door, enter the building and steal cigarettes and money.

The report states the suspect took \$1,484 worth of cigarettes, \$7,500 worth of Cingular Wireless

phone cards and \$600 cash.

Damage from the incident, including the stolen goods, totaled \$9,588.14, the report states.

■ Two people were arrested Friday at 1129 Weaver Dairy Road for possession of marijuana, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Reports state that 26-year-old Shandi Reene Sutton of Sumter, S.C., was arrested at 4:30 p.m. for possession of marijuana.

After being processed, Sutton was remanded to the Orange County Jail on \$5,000 secured bond, according to reports.

Reports state that a man was

arrested for possession at the same location two hours later.

According to police reports, 28-year-old Casem Charles Gascot of Decatur, Ga., was arrested at 6:30 p.m. and charged with possession of marijuana.

Reports state that Gascot was remanded to the Orange County Jail on \$5,000 secured bond.

Both Gascot and Sutton are employees of Holly Hood Inc., reports state.

■ A noise complaint brought Chapel Hill police to the fourth floor of Grimes Residence Hall early Sunday, according to University reports. The residents were having a party when the complaint was lodged, reports state.

There were 12 people found in room 413 having what they referred to as a "dance contest" and did not realize how loud they had become, reports state.

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