

# Rams Head basks in glow of national award

Praised for mix of distinct venues

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University officials built the Rams Head Center with the dream of creating a gateway from North Campus to South Campus.

One year after opening its doors, the center also is serving as a gateway to national accolades.

Food Management magazine recognized Rams Head Center in its 2006 Best Concept Awards in its March issue.

The center won in the category of "best new facility," along with Segundo Dining Room at the University of California-Davis and the Back Door Café at Prudential Financial in Newark, N.J.

According to the magazine, Rams Head won due to its "spectacularly successful melding of multiple dining and retail venues in a single location."

"We try to recognize, with this competition, innovation in the kind of environments our readers find themselves in," said John Lawn, editor in chief of the magazine.

The publication not only recognizes campus dining halls but dining facilities of all types, he said.

With this competition, the magazine specifically wanted to recognize that there was a team involved in the facility's success rather than a single manager, Lawn said.

"I'm thrilled," said Chape Whitman of Ricca Newmark Design, the interior designer of the facility.

"It's a great recognition to a terrific project team, which included a lot of people from campus. They all played a critical role."



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Sophomore Casey Testa and junior Geoff Staton eat lunch Thursday in the Rams Head Dining Hall, which won an award for innovative design.

The project team recognized by the award includes Whitman, as well as Ira Simon, director of food and vending services; Mike Freeman, director of auxiliary services; and Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for campus services.

In addition to the dining hall, the End Zone sports cafe and the Rams Head Market were highlighted as impressive features.

Students who attended UNC before Rams Head opened said they approve of new aspects available.

"It's a lot better than Chase (Hall) used to be," said sophomore Casey Testa.

Chase Hall was torn down last year to make way for the Student Academic Services building on South Campus.

"It's more convenient than Lenoir (Dining Hall)," said Testa, a member of the softball team.

"It's better for us because it's open later, and we can go after practice."

Rams Head Dining Hall offers students a variety of distinctive dining spaces.

Students can indulge in any of five themed stations — a chop house, diner, salad bar, bakery and deli.

"I've never really eaten in a dining hall before I came here," said Susan Cadrecha, a freshman from Atlanta.

"I like the setting and the breakfast especially. It's perfect for Sunday brunch."

In addition to the dining hall, Rams Head Center offers a parking deck and recreation center.

The entire facility, which includes a scenic grass quad on top of the parking deck, was constructed with an \$80 million price tag.

Rams Head will be recognized in May with the other national winners at the Food Management Ideas Conference in Chicago.

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## POLICE LOG

■ A Chapel Hill man was arrested on charges of possessing drug paraphernalia and speeding at 9:56 a.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

According to reports, Francisco Navarez-Suastequi of 43 Woodland Path was arrested at the UNC parking lot on Estes Drive after he was observed driving his white Chevrolet at 67 miles per hour in a 35-mile-per-hour zone on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

A search of the vehicle yielded a "glass/metal marijuana smoking pipe" in the glove box with marijuana, reports state.

Reports state that Navarez-Suastequi was released on a written promise

He is to appear in District Criminal Court in Hillsborough on April 24.

■ Lionell Maurice Jenkins, also known as Maurice Lionell Jenkins of 100 W. Rosemary St. was arrested on misdemeanor charges of assault on a female, stalking and false imprisonment at 7:02 a.m. Thursday following an incident on Homestead Road the night before, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Reports state Jenkins followed a woman to multiple locations and grabbed her arm.

Jenkins was taken to the Orange County Jail on \$750 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in District Criminal Court in Hillsborough on April 24, according to reports.

■ Tristan Houser of 1747 Legion Road was arrested on charges of larceny at 12:13 a.m. Thursday following a beer-thieving incident

earlier at the Harris Teeter at 1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in which two individuals walked out without paying for brews, according to police reports.

According to reports 18 Heinekens and 24 Yuenglings were stolen.

The total amount of stolen beer was valued at \$37.28.

Houser was released on a written promise to appear in Hillsborough district court on May 22.

■ An employee of the Harris Teeter at University Mall on Estes Drive reported larceny at 6:34 p.m. Wednesday, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, \$162.90 worth of Bud Light and \$20 worth of Iams dog food were stolen from the grocery store.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### TODAY

**Ombuds "lunch 'n learn":** Representatives from the University's Ombudsman Office will talk about the services they offer to faculty, staff and professional students, including counseling and resources for confidential complaint handling and neutral, conflict resolution, during a brown bag lunch.

**Location:** Carolina Women's Center

**Comedy Festival close-ups:** The Carolina Comedy Festival, sponsored by the Carolina Union Activities Board, will host a five-part comedy workshop led by featured persons in comedy. Events are free and to sign up in advance, e-mail [cuab@unc.edu](mailto:cuab@unc.edu). For more information, visit [www.unc.edu/cuab/events.shtml](http://www.unc.edu/cuab/events.shtml).

**Time:** 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Location:** Various rooms in the Student Union

**Meet the author:** Marcie Cohen Ferris, author of *Matzoh Ball Gumbo: Culinary Tales of the Jewish South*, will be the guest speaker at the Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library's Meet-the-Author Tea.

**Time:** 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Location:** Chapel Hill Public Library

**Faculty Council:** UNC's faculty council will convene to discuss the annual report of the educational policy committee.

**Time:** 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Location:** Sonja Haynes Stone Center Hitchcock Multipurpose Room

**Nick Hornby reading:** The famed British author of "About a Boy," "High Fidelity" and "Fever Pitch" will read selections from his work and answer audience questions in a Q & A session to follow. For more information, visit [www.unc.edu/cuab/events.shtml](http://www.unc.edu/cuab/events.shtml).

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Great Hall

**Carolina Comedy Club:** Sponsored by the Carolina Union Activities Board, this comic variety show will feature improv and stand-up acts from Bryan Tucker, Evel Cathedral, X-Plus One and Chicken Ranch Improv.

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**Time:** 9 p.m.

**Location:** Union Cabaret

**Eighties Night:** La Residence will host an 1980s night. A \$3 cover charge will benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

**Time:** 11:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

**Location:** 202 W. Rosemary St.

### SATURDAY

**5K Run:** The Family Peace 5K Fun Run will be held, with proceeds going toward living wage stipends to UNC law students who work internships in the field of domestic violence. The registration fee is \$15 before the race and \$20 on the day

of the race.

**Time:** Registration at 8 a.m. Race starts at 9 a.m.

**Location:** School of Law

**Shamrock Run:** Kappa Delta will hold an annual run. The proceeds will go to the Prevent Child Abuse America organization. Registration costs \$15 and includes a T-shirt.

**Time:** Registration at 9:30 a.m. Race begins at 10 a.m.

**Location:** Kappa Delta sorority

**Culture night:** The Carolina Hispanic Association will hold the 15th annual Noche Latina night. The event will feature dinner and a show.

**Time:** Dinner from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the show goes from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**Location:** Great Hall

**Ramses' Bar Mitzvah:** Ramses is ready to become a man. Party with him for a multi-cultural celebration with a DJ, dancing, international foods and Bar Mitzvah-themed games.

**Time:** 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**Location:** N.C. Hillel

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