

Habitat week aims to open eyes

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Habitat for Humanity is in the business of raising — raising roofs, raising walls and raising funds.

But this week, the organization is raising awareness too.

Act! Speak! Build! Week is an international event aimed at getting college students involved in alleviating housing problems, said Shawn Shifflet, chairman of UNC Habitat for Humanity's special projects committee.

"College students are the best catalyst for change because they are the ones who are going out into the workforce soon," he said.

"If we can make them aware of these issues, they might be the best ones to do something about it."

This year's theme, "Poverty Knows No Borders," ties into the week's events — such as Tuesday's rally walk to the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service's community shelter and tonight's camp-out in Polk Place.

The goal of the camp-out is to let students and community members feel what it's like to be homeless, Shifflet said.

"We're even trying to get cardboard boxes to sleep in for the night," he said.

Participants in Tuesday's event said they can imagine the difficulty of being homeless in Chapel Hill.

"It seems like a really bad area to be homeless," said senior Caroline Haid, a peace, war and defense major. "I know when I walk down the street and see the same people every day, I just don't have that much to give."

Freshman Christen Hayes, an international studies and communications double major, said she thinks this college environment highlights the rift between the life of students and that of the homeless.

"You're surrounded by all these college students, most of whom are pretty well-off," Hayes said. "There's such a stark contrast."

The walk to the IFC shelter was a way for the handful of students who joined to learn about the building and how its goals coincide with those of Habitat.

It also might clear up some misconceptions about the shelter, said Jessica Jerald, co-chairwoman of UNC's Habitat chapter.

"We wanted to come by and see how we could help and raise awareness of what the shelter is doing," she said.

UNC's chapter advocates in Chapel Hill for the greater Habitat goal of raising awareness about poverty, Jerald said.

The group will hold a vigil on the steps of Wilson Library at 9:30 p.m. Thursday to show support for



Elizabeth Pratt speaks to members of Habitat for Humanity in the Pit on Tuesday before marching to the Rosemary Street homeless shelter.

basic human needs.

Jonathan Reckford, chief executive officer of Habitat, will speak Friday at noon in the Great Hall. Jerald said it is very rare for Reckford to be able to come speak, even though UNC is his alma mater.

But because his schedule allowed him to be in Chapel Hill, Reckford will be able to contribute his voice to the week's events.

"People can attach a face to the organization," Jerald said. "He can offer a perspective on Habitat that may be unheard around here. He's

been in the organization in many capacities, and what he's learned might really teach people about Habitat."

She is optimistic that the week will change students' perspectives.

"I hope these events will not only raise awareness but will make people take a piece of what they learned and apply it to their own lives, so we can affect change locally, nationally and internationally."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Employee meeting: UNC's Employee Forum will hold its monthly meeting. The body will consider salary increases.
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: Pleasants Family Assembly Room, Wilson Library

Book discussion: The Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library will hold an informal participatory discussion of Scott Berg's book "Lindbergh" in their program "Books Sandwiched In."
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Chapel Hill Public Library, lower level conference room

Council meeting: The Chapel Hill Town Council will hold a work session to discuss issues pertaining to the fiscal year 2006-07 budget.
Time: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Location: Chapel Hill Town Hall

Open house: Chancellor James Moeser will hold an open house to solicit input from the student body. Cadence, an a cappella group, will open for Moeser, and refreshments will be served.
Time: 4 p.m.
Location: Second floor study lounge of the Student Union

Screening: The Health and Human Rights Series at the James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence will present a documentary screening and a discussion of legalized abortion.
Location: 6 p.m.
Location: Graham Memorial 1301

ArtsFest: The second annual Muslim Students Association-Hillel "Artsfest" will feature a night of music, spoken word and visual art.
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Lucy's, 114 Henderson St.

Luuu Night: Freshman Camp 2006 will sponsor a Luuu Night on Franklin Street. The event will feature drink specials all night and a date auction at 11 p.m. Cover is \$3 for

everyone before 11 p.m., \$4 after 11 p.m. for those over 21 and \$6 after 11 p.m. for those under 21.

Time: 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Location: Players, 159 1/2 E. Franklin St.

THURSDAY

Bagel breakfast: Stop by for coffee, juice, bagels, cream cheese and the opportunity to mix with your colleagues.
Time: 8 a.m.
Location: Rosenau 107

Colin Hay: Student tickets, priced at \$5, for the April 23 Colin Hay Memorial Hall performance go on sale. General public tickets, priced at \$10, go on sale Tuesday, April 18.

Time: 10 a.m.
Location: Memorial Hall box office

Carolina North meeting: The University's leadership advisory council for Carolina North will consider ways to conceptualize guiding principles for the proposed satellite campus.

Time: 4 p.m.
Location: Kenan Center 204

Spaghetti dinner: Habitat for Humanity will host a spaghetti dinner at \$5 a plate. The event will fund the group's summer work-trip.
Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Chapel of the Cross

Drag show: The Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender-Straight Alliance will host a drag show. Tickets are \$5. Call the Memorial Hall box office at 843-3333 for more information.
Time: 8 p.m.
Location: Memorial Hall

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POLICE LOG

■ Two employees of Discover Unlimited Possibilities were arrested Monday on misdemeanor charges of soliciting without a permit, Chapel Hill police reports state.

Reports state Quitman Curly Slack III of Michigan was arrested at 4:35 p.m. at 100 Patton Place after he was observed selling magazines door-to-door.

Slack also was arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana when he was found to have .5 grams in his pocket, reports state.

Slack was secured on a \$200 bond and is scheduled to appear in District Criminal Court in Hillsborough on May 1.

Robert Laray Rush of Illinois also was arrested on charges of soliciting without a permit.

Rush was arrested at 4:30 p.m. on Nottingham Drive, secured on a \$100 bond and is scheduled to appear in District Criminal Court in Hillsborough on May 1.

Another Discover Unlimited employee was arrested March 29 on similar charges.

■ An employee of Alan Stone Excavating was arrested on felony charges of possession of cocaine with intent to sell or distribute on Monday on Whitaker Street, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Jimmy Ray Hardin, 38, of Brittany Lane also was arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana, reports state.

According to reports, Hardin was found in possession of 1.5 grams of "crack" cocaine and .6 grams of marijuana.

Hardin was held at the Orange

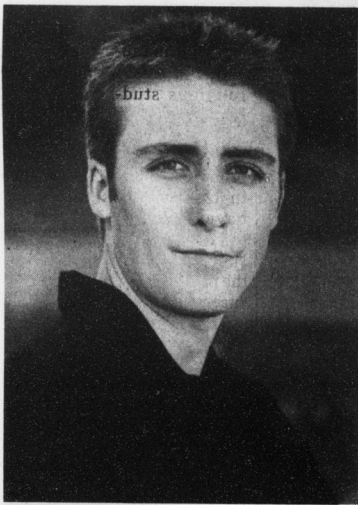
County Jail under a secured \$7,500 bond. He was scheduled to appear in court Tuesday.

■ A UNC student reported larceny Monday afternoon in Stacy Residence Hall, according to University police reports.

The Toshiba computer laptop, worth \$850, was left in the room at about 9 a.m.

The student discovered it was missing at about 4 p.m. Neither the student nor his roommate saw any suspicious persons in the area, police reports state.

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Colin Hay

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\$5 Reserved UNC Student tickets available April 6 at the Memorial Hall Box Office Mon - Fri, 10am - 6pm two tickets per UNC Student One Card, two one cards per student

Colin Hay, former frontman of Men at Work, has made guest appearances on NBC's *Scrubs*, & has songs on soundtracks such as *Garden State* & *Scrubs*.

for more info please visit: www.colinbay.com

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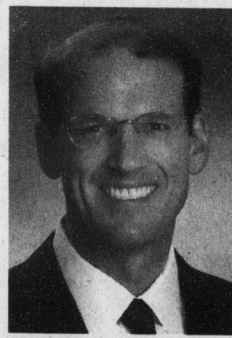


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