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Work continues on Arts Common

## **BY MAC MOLLISON VERSITY EDITOR**

What does it take to make an old building feel young again? That's just one of the ques-

tions being asked this summer as progress continues on UNC's Arts Common, a makeover plan for the northwestern area of campus.

The Playmakers Theatre could get rebuilt stonework, windows and doors as early as next month, according to historic preservation

manager Paul Kapp. That work, along with a change in color to match Old East, would bring the now-salmon colored building back to the way it looked in the 1920s — its last period of historical significance. Nearby, Gerrard Hall will see a

comprehensive restoration that will take away its distinction of being the only building on campus with no bathroom — but will restore its true honor with a reconstruction of its original portico, which was based on a temple in ancient Athens.

The building's original archi-tect also designed the administrative building at the University of Mississippi and much of the campus of the University of Alabama.

"You can see its pedigree as part of a large context of antebellum college architecture in the South,"

THIS WEEK

Theater festival: Ten by Ten in the

Triangle will present a series of ten

10-minute plays by international playwrights. Ten actors perform in

binations for these new plays.

The festival has been praised for its originality and quality of production.

Time: 8 p.m. Thursday to Satuday

Location: Carrboro ArtsCenter, 300

Art talk: As part of the Ackland

Art Museum's Artist and photog-rapher Jesse Kalisher will discuss

his new book "If You Find the

Tickets are \$10 at the do

Dates: July 20 to July 23

3 p.m. Sunday

E. Main St.

Kapp said. Not all the proposed changes included in the Arts Common plan will bring campus buildings back to the past — a \$25 million addi-tion to the Ackland Art Museum has been described by UNC offi-cials as "moderniet"

reminder that progress rarely

lion will be sought on a project-by-project basis over the next 10 to 15 years to complete the Arts Common plan, said Bruce Runberg, assistant vice chancellor for planning and construction.

The \$29 million for the first phase of construction has already been obtained, and some aspects of the plan — such as a renovation of Memorial Hall — are already being hailed as a success.

But the price of progress cannot just be measured in dollars and cents.

Local activists have lobbied to save West House, a 1935 structure located near Hanes Art Center and the future home of a planned quadrangle modeled on Polk and McCorkle places. They lost their final battle last week, when the Council of State, a group of top N.C. government officials, voted to axe the house.

While they are generally highly ptimistic about the Arts Common, West House proponents recently expressed additional concerns

Buddha," 93 images of the Buddha shot in Thailand and the United

States, many of which are local.

Yager Gallery.

Date: July 23

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Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Kalisher also will discuss Ackland

Art Museum's Thai head of Buddha,

which is currently on display in the

Location: Ackland Art Museum

Book tour: For the family workshop "Looks and Books," a gallery teacher

will guide children ages 3 to 8 and their parents on a tour of Ackland

Art Museum's exhibition "Books in

Costume," followed by an opportu-

trate books in the Kidzu Children's

Museum studio space. To register,

nity to work with local artists to illus-

DTHJULLA BARKER West House, which sits in the parking lot behind Swain Hall and Hill Hall, is slated to be demolished later this month to make way for the grassy quandrangle which will serve as the heart of the Arts Common.

about the aesthetics of the Arts Common.

"I am a little disappointed about the size of the buildings and how close they are to the street," said Jeffrey Beam, a UNC employee who spearheaded the West House movement. "It makes for an urban campus, which is totally unlike what Carolina once was." Runberg countered those

statements. "What is unique about our campus is the canopy of trees," he said. "If you go around and you look as the buildings around North Campus, you'll see some red brick, a little lighter brick and more tra-

ditional style, but it's all blended by the trees. That's what we would by the trees. I hat's what we would hope to accomplish with the Arts' Common as well. ... I think really it's going to maintain the character of North Campus."

> Contact the University Editor at udesk@unc.edu.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR** Location: Event locations vary

throughout downtown Hillsborough. Performance: The Justice Theater

Project will present a workshop per-formance of "Still...Life," a look at both sides of the death penalty issue. For more information, visit www. theiusticetheaterproject.org. Time: 7:30 p.m. Date: July 31 Location: Bingham Hall

**Prayer group:** The Chapel of the Cross' centering prayer group will meet in the parish house. The group focuses on a contemporary form of an ancient practice of silent contemplative prayer and is

open to new members. For more information, contact the Rev. David Frazelle, associate for parish ministry, at dfrazelle@thechapelofthecr oss.org. Time: 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Date: Aug. 2 Location: The Chapel of the Cross,

304 E. Franklin St.

n Aug. 23.

call 933-1455, or sign up at the front : Date: July 28 desk of Kidzu. Cost is \$4 per child or \$3 for members of either museum Time: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Date: July 23 Location: Ackland Art Museum

series featuring musical and dance and crafts vendors. For a list of events, see www.historichillsbor-ough.org/calendar. The Filmmaker's Film Series, held in the King Street Masonic Lodge, will offer a program of little known works of animation from 1921 to 1990. Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Last Friday: Historic downtown Hillsborough will host Last Friday, a performances, activities for families

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cials as "modernist." The cost of the addition is a

comes without a price. In addition to that, \$180 mil-

UNC eyes future sans West House

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