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DAILY DOSE

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Tom Cruise quit. Or Paramount Pictures fired him. The verdict isn't on who sacked whom, but either way, the relationship between the "Top Gun" star-turned-tabloid top liner and the production company is finished. After a series of public relations pitfalls — including a televised couch romp with Oprah and a public blasting of Brooke Shields — Paramount reps said Cruise's behavior led them to terminate his contract.

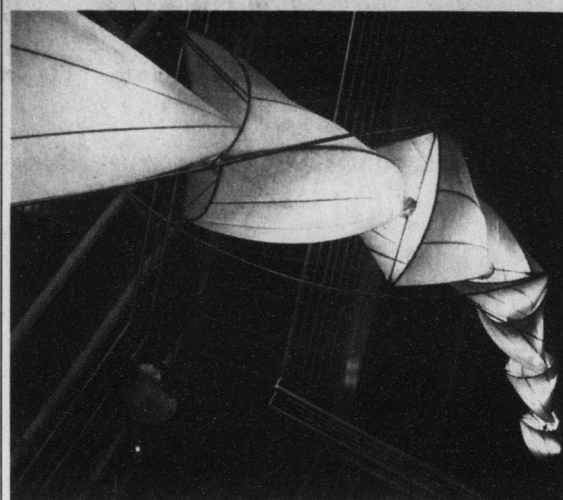
NOTED. UNC-Chapel Hill Webmail acted annoyingly slow Wednesday, though Thomas Thames, at the Information Technology desk, said there's nothing wrong with the system.

Be patient, he said. "You just have to keep in mind that it's you and 32,000 other people trying to use it. The system is probably just overloaded with it being the first day of classes and everything."

QUOTED. "It's interesting to see all this fuss going on, but for the most part I think Pluto had been quietly demoted by most of people teaching astronomy around the nation."

—UNC Chapel-Hill astronomy professor James Rose, regarding the news that the International Astronomical Union is considering demoting Pluto from "planet" to "dwarf planet."

STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN



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Freshman Amanda Pervine walks past a new art installation in the staircase next to Alpine Bagel in the Student Union. New art is being placed throughout the building. "It is sort of abstract," Pervine said. "It adds a nice touch to the Union." The piece was put in last week.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Career services: University Career Services will give out free food and information.
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.
Location: Polk Place near Hanes Hall

Taste of fitness: Campus recreation will host a fitness event featuring fitness classes and nutrition information, as well as food samples. Thirty-minute fitness demos will include muscle pump, high energy and pilates.
Time: 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Location: Student Recreation Center

Magazine interest meeting: Virtuous Woman Magazine, a religious student publication, will have its first general interest meeting.
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Union 3209

ROTC open house: The Army, Air Force and Navy ROTC programs will hold a joint information session. Pizza will be provided.
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: ROTC Armory
Final performance: Songs for

Sixty Five Roses, the musical collaboration that benefits cystic fibrosis research, will host its final concert as the third installment of the Borders Summer Concert Series.
Time: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Borders, 1807 Fordham Blvd.

Outdoor play: The Village Players will perform "The Importance of Being Earnest."
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: The Village Green at Southern Village

Overeaters anonymous: There are no dues, fees or religious affiliations. For more information, call (919) 968-0304.
Time: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: 300 E. Rosemary St., Augsburg Room

FRIDAY

Join us for java: The Transfer Student Association invites transfer students to Alpine Bagel for a cup of coffee and a chance to fraternize with other new students.
Time: 9 a.m.
Location: Alpine Bagel

Greek promotional day: The Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council will hold their first promotional day.
Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: The Pit

Jazz playing: The Historic Hillsborough Commission will host free jazz on the lawn.
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Burwell School Historic Site in Hillsborough

Puppet show: Paperhand Puppet Intervention will perform its annual summer giant-puppet pageant.
Time: Pre-show starts at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m.
Location: Forest Theatre on Country Club Road

To make a calendar submission, visit www.dailytarheel.com/calendar, or e-mail Deputy Managing Editor Rebecca Wilhelm at becca07@email.unc.edu with "calendar" in the subject line. Events will be published in the newspaper on the day and the day before they take place, and will be posted online when received. Submissions must be sent in by noon the preceding publication date.

POLICE LOG

■ A Chapel Hill woman was arrested at 1:20 a.m. Wednesday on charges of attempting to commit robbery, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Rita Baldwin, 42, of an unknown address in Chapel Hill, was arrested at 325 W. Rosemary St. after she grabbed \$11 from a person's hand in front of Key Food Mart, reports state.

She was held in lieu of \$3,000 bail and was scheduled to appear in court Wednesday, reports state.

■ A 51-year-old Carrboro woman was robbed and assaulted Tuesday afternoon while she was walking on North Graham Street, Chapel Hill police reports state.

The suspect grabbed the woman by the throat and ripped her purse, which contained \$180, from her, according to reports.

The victim did not have any injuries, reports state.

Police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said that the suspect was a friend of the victim but that he has not been charged. The case is under further investigation.

■ A UNC sophomore was

cited for the second day in a row on charges of underage drinking, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Alyssa Haight, 19, of Charlotte, was arrested at 2:04 a.m. Wednesday at 310 W. Franklin St. on charges of underage possession of a malt beverage, public consumption and having an open container of alcohol, reports state.

She was also cited for underage possession of alcohol on East Rosemary Street early Tuesday, reports state.

Haight is scheduled to appear in District Criminal Court on Oct. 4.

■ A Pittsboro woman was arrested at 310 N. Greensboro St. early Wednesday morning on charges of driving while impaired, Carrboro police reports state.

Colleen Madara, 42, of 50-B Allendale Drive, was arrested after a police officer saw her drive into a trash receptacle at the corner of Harris Teeter, reports state.

According to reports, Madara said she had used prescription medication and had been drinking. Her blood alcohol level was .22, reports state.

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Then join Carolina Fever

Interest Meeting Tonight @ 7 p.m. in the Union Auditorium

GO HEELS! GO HEELS!

Sullivan Stevens

LIVE IN CONCERT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 8PM

Memorial Hall UNC Chapel Hill

RESERVED SEATING
UNC STUDENTS: AUGUST 24 - \$12.00
GENERAL PUBLIC: AUGUST 28 - \$20.00

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