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DAILY DOSE

'Plutoed' planet enters the lexicon

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Though it's no longer a planet, Pluto isn't gone from our hearts. "Plutoed" was chosen to be 2006's Word of the Year by the American Dialect Society at its annual meeting Friday.

To "pluto" is "to demote or devalue someone or something," which happened to the former planet last year when the General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union decided Pluto didn't meet its definition of a planet.

"Our members believe the great emotional reaction of the public to the demotion of Pluto shows the importance of Pluto as a name," society president Cleveland Evans said. "We may no longer believe in the Roman god Pluto, but we still have a sense of personal connection with the former planet."

**NOTED.** A lovers' quarrel and a case of mistaken identity landed a teenager behind bars after police say he repeatedly rammed a teenage girl's car, thinking it was his girlfriend.

The suspect, 17, struck her car about 15 times, pushing it through stop signs at intersections, the victim told police. The teen said he thought she was his girlfriend, who left a party after the two fought. He said he wanted a goodnight kiss.

**QUOTED.** "If the rat makes it through your (house connection sewer), that's a determined rat."

— Laura Hagen Fairbanks, spokeswoman for the Wastewater Management Department in Tucson, Ariz., on how small white rats have been swimming through sewer pipes and into toilets. The Pima County Health Department said it's best not to handle or touch a toilet-surfing rat.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

**First day of classes:** The Daily Tar Heel welcomes all students back for the spring semester.  
**Time:** All day  
**Location:** varies

**Art exhibition:** The Preservation Society of Chapel Hill will host its first exhibition of 2007: Atlanta-based The Salon Grrls present Tension. The exhibit will run until Jan. 28.  
**Time:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Location:** 610 E. Rosemary St.

**Office hours:** The town relations committee of student government will hold office hours for those interested in discussing University-town relations.  
**Time:** 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Location:** Union 2501

**Study abroad in Germany:** Journalism students interested in learning about a study abroad program in Erfurt, Germany, can meet with Professor Kathleen Arendt. The program offers two courses during summer 2007.  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Carroll 33

THURSDAY

**Gift kickoff:** The senior class will begin its campaign for funds to be donated by members of the senior class. Seniors can find out more information about giving to either the Carolina Covenant, the senior class's cause of choice or another area of campus.  
**Time:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Location:** the Pit

**Lunch box concert:** Harmony-laden classic country and mountain music will be performed by Bill and Libby Hicks with Janet Place. Bring a brown-bag lunch. Free.  
**Time:** noon to 1 p.m.  
**Location:** Carrboro Century Center

**Dean forum:** The search committee for the next dean of the College of Arts and Sciences will hold its first open forum for the position. Holden Thorp, UNC's chairman of the department of chemistry, will be the first of five candidates to be interviewed on campus for the position.  
**Time:** 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.  
**Location:** Wilson Library, Pleasants Family Room

**Overeaters anonymous:** There are no dues, fees or religious affiliations. Call 968-0304 for more information.  
**Time:** 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Location:** 300 E. Rosemary St., Augsburg room

**Police chief hiring:** The Chapel Hill Police Department will host a meeting for citizens interested in the hiring of the department's new police chief.  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Chapel Hill Public Library

**Judo practice:** UNC's judo sports club will hold its first weekly practice of the semester.  
**Time:** 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
**Location:** Fetzer 001

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TOGETHER AGAIN



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Sophomores Erika Lopez-Finn (left), Lee Arphai and Juliana Adedoyin do some catching up during dinner Tuesday at Lenoir Dining Hall. After being away from each other on Winter Break for three weeks, they discussed what they got for Christmas and other details of their holiday.

POLICE LOG

■ According to Chapel Hill police reports a North Carolina State University student was arrested at 2:21 a.m. Sunday on Raleigh Road near Country Club Drive.

Tyler Mitchell Yancey, 21, of 1156 Belfair Way, was charged with a misdemeanor count of driving while impaired and a stoplight violation, reports state.

Yancey was observed running traffic lights on Country Club Drive. He performed poorly on field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol level registered at 0.10, according to reports.

Reports state that Yancey was released on a written promise to appear in court Feb. 13.

■ Chapel Hill police reports state that a man was arrested at 1:46 a.m. Saturday at 2001 Eubanks Road.

Jesse Noel Cathell, 18, of 1118 Blackwood Mountain Road, was arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and

driving while impaired and without a license, reports state.

According to reports Cathell was seen driving through the center grass median of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard near Eubanks Road. The Intoxilyzer 5000 measured a blood alcohol content of 0.10.

Reports state that Cathell is scheduled to appear Feb. 13 in traffic court in Chapel Hill.

■ An employee of Carolina Chimney Sweeps was arrested on misdemeanor charges of being drunk and disruptive in public and resisting, delaying and obstructing, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports Joshua Michael Sowell, 22, of 2525 Highland Ave. in Durham, was arrested at 12:01 a.m. Sunday at 313 E. Rosemary St.

Sowell was presented to the magistrate and received \$500 unsecured bond and is scheduled to appear in court Feb. 5, reports state.

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