

CAMPUS BRIEFS

School of Medicine names head of pediatric division

The UNC School of Medicine has named Dr. Stuart Gold as the new chief of pediatric hematology and oncology.

Gold, a professor of pediatrics, succeeds Dr. Julie Blatt.

As the division chief, Gold will help develop the division's clinical care programs, research and train residents and fellows.

He has been a member of the School of Medicine since 1989.

Pre-Jan. 30 research submissions lost, due Monday

Because of a technological glitch, abstracts submitted to UNC for the annual University Research Day before Jan. 30 were lost and should be resubmitted by the Monday deadline.

UNC will continue to take new submissions till Monday for the event.

All students, faculty and affiliated researchers can participate. Applicants should submit abstracts.

There will be a reception after presentations where awards will be announced.

For more information, visit gpsf-wiki.unc.edu/confluence/display/gpsfExec/University+Research+Day.

Applications available for 08-09 Honor Court positions

The UNC Honor Court is seeking applicants for 2008-09.

Applications are available online at honor.unc.edu or in paper form at the Honor Court offices in Student and Academic Services Buildings.

Completed applications are due to the honor system office on March 20 by 5 p.m. The court is a student group that makes decisions about all suspected Honor Code violations.

There will be two informational sessions in the next few weeks. E-mail honorcourt@unc.edu.

CITY BRIEFS

Early one-stop voting will resume on campus in April

The Morehead Planetarium will again host early one-stop voting this year.

The second floor faculty lounge will be open for early primary elections voting in April and during the presidential elections in November.

A voter registered in Orange County can vote early at one of four sites. Qualified N.C. residents that miss the 25-day deadline for voter registration can register and vote at the same time during the one-stop absentee voting period but not on election day.

The three other county early voting sites are the Robert and Pearl Seymour Center in Chapel Hill, the Orange County Public Library in Hillsborough and the Carrboro Town Hall.

Artist picked for the second of Lot 5's public art project

Gordon Huether will design the second public artwork for the development at Lot 5, The Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission announced Thursday.

"I look forward to creating something relevant, dynamic and timeless for the community of Chapel Hill," he stated in a press release.

Downtown parking study is soliciting community input

The town of Chapel Hill and the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership are seeking community input for their downtown parking study.

The study aims to create a parking management strategy to suit the town's economic development needs.

Visit www.downtownchapelhill.com for the survey and additional information.

STATE BRIEFS

Duke lacrosse players sue school, city of Durham

More than three dozen current and former Duke lacrosse players filed a lawsuit Thursday, claiming they suffered emotional distress from the fallout of the now-discredited rape case against three of their teammates.

The case was filed in U.S. District Court in Durham. It accuses Duke University and the city of Durham of fraud, abuse and breach of duty for supporting the case's prosecution.

The lawsuit alleges that Duke's cancellation of the lacrosse season when the allegations surfaced implied that the players were guilty.

It accuses Duke of ignoring, suppressing and discrediting evidence that proved the players innocent.

The lawsuit also accuses former Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong and his investigators of hiding and fabricating evidence.

—From staff and wire reports.

Seeking those who fit the suit

BY MEGHAN E. WOODS
STAFF WRITER

When Brad Lockwood wanted to try out to become the UNC Rameses mascot, he received a few simple instructions: go to Carmichael Auditorium and bring gym shorts and some socks.

But what Lockwood had to do after he arrived at Carmichael wasn't so simple.

"They told me to go out there and do the first half (of the game)," Lockwood said. "I was kind of just thrown into it."

Lockwood eventually beat out 15 people to become one of two people who now portray Rameses.

Soon students will be able to have a similar experience when the search begins for the next Rameses.

An interest meeting will be held at 4 p.m. today in the Student Union multipurpose room.

Lockwood, a junior biology and French double major, said there are

no requirements for the position.

"You've just got to fit the suit and have a good time," he said. "We're looking for someone who gives it their all."

Junior Tyler Treadaway, who also portrays Rameses, said the ideal candidate will be someone who is fast and energetic.

"Once you put that (suit) on, you kind of become a different person, so you have to be able to become somebody else really quickly," he said. "You always have to be moving and bring a new spark to the suit."

Lockwood and Treadaway will contact each interested person during the next few months to try out.

A typical tryout will allow prospective mascots to put on the costume and work various events interacting with people.

"It's going to be a lot of observation and improvisation," said Treadaway, a history major. "But the biggest thing is getting in the suit."

Rameses tryouts

► To find out more about Rameses tryouts, attend the interest meeting at 4 p.m. today in the Student Union Multipurpose Room.

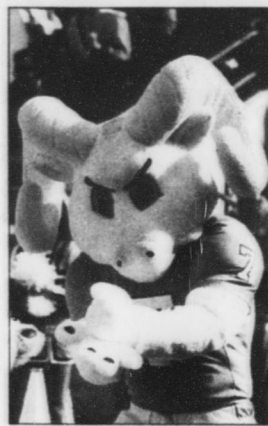
► All applicants will be contacted after the meeting to set up an audition time.

Both Lockwood and Treadaway have played the role of Rameses since their freshman year.

A previous Rameses mascot, Jason Ray, died last year after being hit by a car in New Jersey where he was with UNC's men's basketball team for the NCAA tournament.

Lockwood said Ray's death made Rameses more visible. He said the tragedy also added a new dimension.

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Rameses performs at the N.C. State football game in November. The mascot attends a majority of UNC athletic events, exciting the crowd.

State rethinks rape kit funding

Student fees fully fund UNC exams

BY BECCA DENISON
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Rape victims who elect to undergo a forensic procedure using a sexual assault evidence collection kit often feel as though they've been victimized a second time when they receive the bill.

"It's one of those factors that it almost retraumatizes a victim in a sense by having to actually pay for the exam and the evidence collection that this crime has brought about," said Sabrina Garcia, domestic violence and sexual assault specialist for the Chapel Hill Police Department.

The Rape Victims Assistance Program in North Carolina was formed to give financial assistance to victims in order to solve that very problem.

For UNC students, rape kits are provided free of charge at Campus Health Services or UNC Hospitals, with the recently increased student health fee covering practitioner costs at both locations.

The way funds for the program are allocated in the rest of the state beyond UNC might be restructured.

N.C. Rep. Alice Bordsen, D-Alamance, co-chairwoman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, said victims and insurers have been billed anywhere from \$1,000 to \$1,700 for medical visits during which rape kits are administered.

The N.C. General Assembly's goal is to integrate the fund into the state budget during its next session, said N.C. Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, co-chairwoman of Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety.

She said a joint House and Senate committee examining the fund recently discussed how to structure billing and who should pay for the compensation fund.

"It is a forensic procedure, not a medical procedure, so where the payment comes from is very different," Kinnaird said.

UNC's need for the kits is increasing this semester, said Campus Health Director of Nursing Services Carol Kozel.

The assistance fund at UNC was originally budgeted for 10 kits, but Campus Health administered 26 rape kits last year.

In the past four years, expenses

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Services for victims of sexual assault

► The Victims Assistance Fund pays for UNC students to receive medical treatment at Campus Health or UNC Hospitals after a sexual assault occurs.

► Campus Health administered 26 rape kits last year. The fund originally was budgeted for 10.

► A 50-cent increase in the safety and security student fee passed via referendum Feb. 12 will provide additional funding.

► Part of the extra funding will go to raise awareness of the resources available to victims.

SDS HOSTS MOCK DRAFT PROTEST

Fake draft cards burned in the Pit

BY LAURA MARCINEK
STAFF WRITER

Senior Charlie Soeder timidly approached the "UNC Draft Board" table at noon Thursday.

"You sir, will you sign up for the U.S. Army?" said Tamara Tal, a toxicology doctoral student, wearing a tie, vest and a fake mustache.

"Absolutely," Soeder said, throwing his shoulders back, puffing his chest and lifting his chin.

"All right, drop and give me 20," Tal ordered.

So he did. Protesters with Students for a Democratic Society used these theatrical displays and handouts of fake draft cards to attract students to their anti-war protest.

"We must understand that war is peace. If we want peace, we must have permanent war in Iraq," Clint Johnson, organizer of the event, said through a megaphone to clapping and laughing spectators. "Everyone's being drafted today."

Men ages 18 to 25 must register for the draft — a mandate by the Military Selective Service Act. About 93 percent of men required to register have done so, according to the Selective Service System Web site.

Organizers Thursday set up a fake draft board to satirize the troop surges in Iraq, such as the one in January 2007 when President Bush announced 20,000 more troops would go to Iraq, bringing the total to more than 150,000.

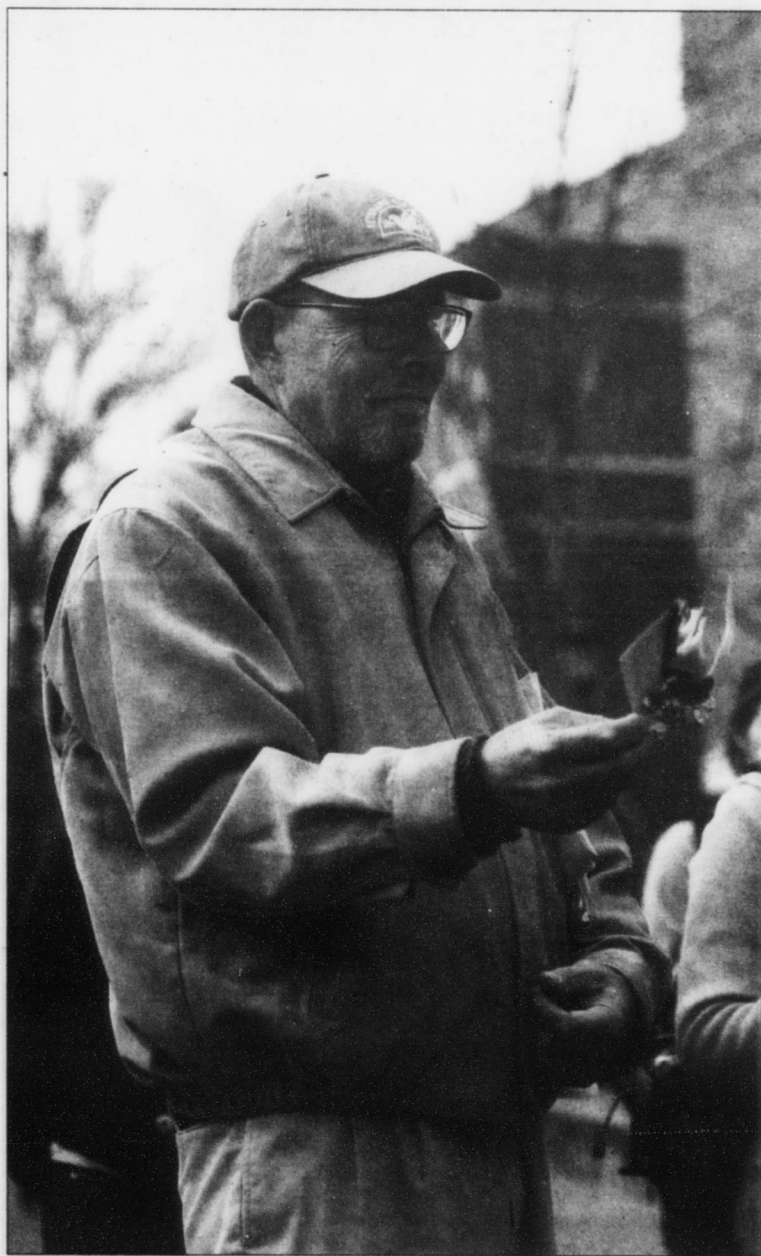
Students stood by Lenoir Dining Hall, holding signs that read "UNC Draft Board" and "Support the Troops in Iraq! Join them Today!"

Lt. Col. Monte Yoder, of UNC's Army ROTC, said it's rarer to find people who speak out publicly in support of current policies. "I think as a nation we're very fortunate to have a voluntary military service."

At Thursday's protest Dahlia Wasfi spoke against the negative impacts of the war on the Iraqi people. She has lived in Iraq before and after the fall of Saddam Hussein.

"Life basically for Iraqis is a liv-

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Veteran John Heuer burns his mock draft card Thursday at an anti-war rally in the Pit organized by Students for a Democratic Society. Heuer remembers when he burned his real draft card in the 1960s.

Black groups grow with time Dancers explore slavery through performances

BY MEGAN HANNAY
STAFF WRITER

Since African Americans were first admitted as UNC undergraduates in 1955, numerous black professional, social and service-related student groups have formed at UNC.

These groups, such as historically black fraternities and sororities, developed as part of the University by providing a sense of community for its members, said Archie Ervin, associate provost for diversity and multicultural affairs.

"White people did not interact with those black groups at all," Ervin said. "The (Black Student Movement) and black Greeks made it easier for black students to come on campus."

Lena Eastin, president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., a historically black sorority, said the sorority focuses on "service; scholarship and sisterhood."

"The goals of the founding members at UNC were to promote excellence and awareness within the black community of our academic strength," she said.

Eastin added that when Delta Sigma Theta started a UNC chap-

A look at some of UNC's black student groups

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Founded at UNC: April 20, 1974
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Founded at UNC: April 15, 1976
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Founded at UNC: July 21, 1973
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. Founded at UNC: May 8, 1976
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Founded at UNC: Feb. 16, 1973
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Founded at UNC: April 23, 1982
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. Founded at UNC: Nov. 16, 1990
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Founded at UNC: Nov. 18, 1978

ter in 1973, there was a lot of racial tension within the University.

"Their goal was to show that we could be leaders in the community and advocate for change," she said.

Delta Sigma Theta and other historically black Greek organizations continue to serve the UNC and local

A few non-Greek student groups:

- Carolina Association of Black Journalists: uses workshops and speakers to prepare members for careers in journalism
- National Society of Black Engineers: works through meetings and conferences to increase the number of black engineering students and create positive change in society through engineering
- Organization of African Students Interests and Solidarity: promotes awareness of African culture and current event issues in Africa

SOURCES: grieks.unc.edu and studentorgs.unc.edu

communities today.

Adam Williamson, the president of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., a historically black fraternity, said his organization focuses on diversity and community service.

"We were established as a frat-

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BY NASH ROBERTS
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Fourteen dancers of varying African heritage will take the stage tonight at Memorial Hall to perform their interpretation of "Les écaillés de la mémoire (The Scales of Memory)," a story of the cultural memory and history of slavery.

Half of the dancers are from Urban Bush Women, a Brooklyn-based dance group, and the other half are from the Senegalese dance group Compagnie Jant-Bi. The performance's music was composed by Fabrice Bouillon-Laforest.

"It's a collaboration between two different companies coming together for a show," said Emil Kang, UNC's executive director for the arts. "The idea of African Americans coming together with Africans is the real linkage here."

Founded in 1984, Urban Bush Women have recreated stories of disfranchised people through dance, performing on stages around the world.

Compagnie Jant-Bi has been

ATTEND THE PERFORMANCE
Time: 8 p.m. today
Location: Memorial Hall
Info: www.carolinaperformingarts.org

together since 1998 and is now a premier contemporary African dance company.

Catherine Deney, a native of the French West Indies island of Guadeloupe, who is formally trained in ballet, said her time preparing for "The Scales of Memory" with Urban Bush Women has been a process of meticulous introspection of cultural memory and personal identity.

"The Scales of Memory" is really about the ideas of layers: love, resistance and memory," Deney said. "This piece is about 14 people discovering themselves and layering the pieces of discovery into a journey."

During the past year, the two groups have spent their time traveling between Jant-Bi's studio in

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