

Event puts spotlight on sex trafficking

Women's Center stresses local impact

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Senior Rebecca Earley was introduced to the issue of sex trafficking in a women's studies class she took last year.

"I think that collectively we should be fighting for the rights of women," Earley said. "It's not just about one individual; this world is about millions of people that are still acting as slaves."

Earley was one of dozens of students who stopped by the front of Wilson Library on Monday to learn more about sex trafficking in their own backyard.

Monday's event, Slavery Still Exists, was meant to give students an opportunity to learn how an international issue translates into a local problem.

"We're trying to focus both on the international and local crisis that is sexual trafficking. Most people think about it as happening far away, you know, Eastern Europe or Asia," said Pam Lach, conference coordinator for Carolina Women's Center.

But Lach said the U.S. is one of the places into which people fre-

quently are trafficked. In preparation for the Combating Sex Trafficking conference to be held at the Friday Center in April, officials from the Carolina Women's Center organized the on-campus Slavery Still Exists campaign.

The aim of the conference in April is to educate the community about how to combat sex trafficking, she said.

"The idea is to create a grassroots effort against trafficking," said senior Megan Hamilton, the intern who organized the event.

The campaign is part of the Polaris Project, a national and international anti-trafficking group.

Students who stopped by the booth Monday read sex trafficking statistics and had their pictures taken holding signs that said things such as "Slavery still exists (here)."

One of the signs students could choose to hold in their pictures said "In August 2006, three brothels using trafficking were closed in Durham, N.C. Stop trafficking."

The Durham brothels mentioned

in the sign employed Latina women who did not speak any English and who were instantly deported once discovered. Hamilton said this is a classic sign of trafficking.

There were busts in both Raleigh and Charlotte in the past few years, she said.

"There are aspects of North Carolina that make it vulnerable and attractive to traffickers," Lach said.

She said some of these aspects could be military presence, Interstate 95, Interstate 85 and the fact that North Carolina is on the coast.

The FBI estimates that 23 percent of all people trafficked into the U.S. end up in the South, Lach said.

She added that because of the hidden nature of trafficking, it is hard to get accurate numbers.

The Carolina Women's Center also will sponsor a free screening this month of the film "Trade," Lach said.

"We're really just trying to inspire students to do something, not just to learn about it, but to then take that knowledge and then turn it into action."

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Senior Megan Hamilton photographs freshman Lydia Lewallen as she poses Monday with a sign protesting sex trafficking. The photos are a part of the Carolina Women's Center's "Slavery Still Exists" campaign.

North Carolina baseball wins weekend tourney

BASEBALL

Fresh off of a tournament victory at Winthrop's Coca-Cola Classic, the North Carolina baseball team returns to Cary today for its second "home" game of the year.

And UNC hopes for it to go better than its first.

In its initial game at USA Baseball National Training Complex on Feb.

26, freshman pitcher Matt Harvey tossed 4.2 innings of shutout ball and struck out eight, but the Tar Heels fell at the hands of Old Dominion, 8-6.

But UNC has rebounded since the defeat, winning four straight and the Coca Cola Classic to

compile a 7-1 record.

The offensive firepower of sophomores Kyle Seager and Dustin Ackley have been instrumental to those wins.

Seager notched four straight multi-hit games and amassed 10 RBI during the weekend, upping his team-high total to 14 for the year.

Ackley, the reigning National Freshman of the Year, has now hit safely in 12 straight games, including the final four last year. He is batting .500 and is second on the team with 10 RBI.

"The two of them pretty much carried us this week," UNC coach Mike Fox said. "Kyle had a terrific weekend and drove in a lot of runs.

And Dusty, just typical Dusty, he just gets a lot of base hits. Those two were a force offensively."

A trend that has helped the Tar Heels of late is their ability to get on the scoreboard early. In the last three games, UNC has put up eight first inning runs, and has held on to win each time.

"I like to get off to a good start, and it just kind of forces the other team to play from behind," Fox said.

"It changes their strategy offensively." UNC will need this to continue, as well as get another solid outing from Harvey today, as it plays host to an ailing William & Mary squad at 2:30 p.m. UNC is 12-1 in the series, and the Tribe lost two of its last three to drop to 7-2.

"It couldn't go much worse," Fox said of the return to Cary. "We didn't play very well against ODU, and the errors came back to hurt us, but hopefully we'll play a lot better against William & Mary."

— COMPILED BY MIKE EHRLICH

Columbus, Ga. The team managed to score just nine runs in the five games, six of which came during Saturday's win against Nebraska. UNC finished the weekend at 2-3, bringing their season record to 15-6 overall.

Luckily for the Tar Heels, the UNC pitchers have done a good job keeping their opponent's bats equally as cold.

Sophomore Danielle Spaulding registered a combined 28 strikeouts in complete games against Iowa and Illinois State. Two days after shutting out Iowa 1-0, Spaulding got off to a rough start against the Red Birds on

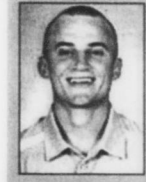
Sunday allowing two first-inning runs. She eventually settled in and retired 10 consecutive batters during one stretch.

Spaulding, though on the short end of a 2-0 decision, finished the game with a career-high 16 strikeouts and contributed offensively by drawing two walks.

In addition to their home match-up today with South Carolina, UNC will battle UNC-Greensboro twice on the road Wednesday at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Last season, the Tar Heels defeated the Gamecocks 1-0 in their only meeting and were forced to cancel both scheduled games against UNC-G.

— COMPILED BY JOHN DOUGHERTY



Kyle Seager had 10 RBIs and four multi-hit games this weekend.



Danielle Spaulding had 28 strikeouts in two weekend games.

SOFTBALL

The UNC softball team is hoping today's return to Chapel Hill will rejuvenate its bats as well as its spirit after a difficult weekend road trip.

The Tar Heels, who have won seven games by the mercy rule and broken the team record for scoring twice already this season, will look to break out of a recent offensive slumber when they take on South Carolina in Chapel Hill at 4 p.m. today.

North Carolina couldn't muster much offense during last weekend's Leadoff Classic Tournament in

State trying to decrease plant mercury emissions

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Duke Energy and the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources have been working hand-in-hand on a plan that will attempt to lower mercury emissions and increase energy output at the Cliffside coal-fired power plant located about 50 miles west of Charlotte.

"We are now able to begin construction on the four-year project that is estimated to create 1,600 new jobs and \$100 million in employee payroll upon completion in North Carolina," said Marilyn Lineberger, a Duke Energy spokeswoman.

In 2012, Duke Energy will retire four older coal units as part of the terms of the permit to begin construction that were finalized in January.

Once the Environmental Protection Agency made a decision in 2005 to regulate mercury released from power plants for the first time, states had the choice to either adopt the national guidelines or make their own requirements more stringent.

"In response, the N.C. Environmental Commission felt the

need to make their state's standards higher than the national requirements," DENR spokesman Tom Mather said.

Duke Energy plans to reduce mercury emissions by 90 percent at the Cliffside plant, which means the plant will have stricter guidelines than older plants in the state.

"The emission standards set by the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources are done on a case-by-case basis," Mather said.

He said the expectations for power plants in North Carolina differ from plant to plant because no two power plants are the same.

"Many of the power plants were built many years ago and have different capabilities, and even though technology may exist to reduce mercury emissions further, it may not be feasible in certain circumstances."

Mather added that the technology exists to block nearly all mercury emissions from coal-fired plants but that mandating such low levels of mercury output would not be feasible.

Previous studies on mercury

done in part by researchers from the University of Rochester were the reason for the EPA's 2005 decision.

Gary Myers, a professor of neurology and pediatrics at the University of Rochester, said the decision was based on a study he was involved in.

"The research that the FDA based its 2005 mercury standards on showed that high amounts of mercury adversely impacts motor functioning in humans," Myers said.

It causes damage to the development of the nervous system, and the developing human fetus is extremely sensitive to it, he added.

Marc Serre, a UNC professor of environmental sciences and engineering, said he is applying for funding to continue a study investigating the source of mercury emissions and the level of the substance found near power plants.

He said the study will help determine how much the plants contribute to the problem of mercury emissions.

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Good grammar gets its day

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When sophomore Ben Thompson is listening to a story, he won't hesitate to interrupt it in the name of grammar.

"If they say, 'Sally and me went to the movies,' I'll stop them and say, 'Sally and I.' It can be at the most crucial part of the story, but I will stop it and fix it," he said.

"Dude, I hate when people misuse grammar."

Today, magicians of the modifiers and geniuses of the gerunds can take heart, for it is National Grammar Day.

Sponsored by the Society for the Promotion of Good Grammar and the Microsoft Encarta encyclopedia, the day is intended to honor the English language and to emphasize the importance of proper syntax.

"If we don't respect and honor the rules of English, we lose our ability to communicate clearly and well," the day's official Web site states.

"In short, we invite mayhem, misery, madness and inevitably even more bad things that start with letters other than M."

How to celebrate? The grammar society recommends spreading the gospel of grammar.

"If you see a sign with a catastrophic apostrophe, send a kind note to the storekeeper," the Web site states. "If your local newscaster says, 'Between you and I,' set him straight with a friendly e-mail."

Also suggested are grammar potluck dinners, serving high-fiber foods.

"They're good for the colon. But some students at UNC take their grammar a bit more seriously."

"I don't say it to be superior. ... At this age there is so much opportunity. We need to know how to speak intelligently."

STEPHANIE SMITH, SOPHOMORE

Sophomore Stephanie Smith said she became dedicated to proper English during her junior year of high school.

She is particularly bothered by errors with "lie" and "lay" but enjoys parsing the differences between "who" and "whom."

Now, Smith said, she has trained herself to pay attention to grammatical errors in her friends' speech and corrects them when necessary.

"I don't say it to be superior or anything; I say it to help them," Smith said.

"At this age there is so much opportunity. We need to know how to speak intelligently."

She said she has converted her best friend and housemate, sophomore Elena Beidler, into a grammar aficionado.

"We talk about grammar all the time now," Smith said.

She added that grammar errors are not hard to fix, if people would just start learning basic grammar principles and noticing the errors in their speech.

"It's so effortless once you learn the fundamentals," she said. "It becomes a habit."

But UNC English professor Connie Elbe was not quite so extreme.

"I am not certain that formal training in grammar is necessary, or even important," Elbe wrote in an e-mail.

"I do think that the precise, clear and careful use of language is important. Insofar as the effective use of the language requires attention to grammatical structure, to that extent grammar is important."

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Sudoku By The Mepham Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Monday's puzzle

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8	5	9	4	6	1	3	7	2
1	4	3	9	2	7	6	8	5
2	1	5	6	8	9	7	3	4
7	3	8	2	5	4	1	9	6
9	6	4	7	1	3	5	2	8
5	2	1	8	7	6	9	4	3
4	8	7	3	9	5	2	6	1
3	9	6	1	4	2	8	5	7

Lowdown on the game UNC men's basketball takes on Florida State at 8 p.m. at the Smith Center. See pg. 4 for predictions.

Money man UNC Health Care selects an internal candidate, John Lewis, to be CFO. Go online for story.

Misconduct hearing A legislative panel may rule today on Rep. Thomas Wright's alleged misuse of funds. See pg. 3 for story.

Presenting to peers Students and faculty will showcase their work at University Research Day. See pg. 5 for story.

Spring comes to Kenan UNC football holds its first spring practice to get ready for next year. See pg. 1 for story.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Pluck
- Periods
- Garlic-basil sauce
- Gernreich of fashion
- Book before Nehemiah
- Effective use
- Aid in a felony
- To ___ a phrase
- Yeared
- Howie Mandel's choice?
- Fencing sword
- Some antibodies
- Nice guy, he's not
- China location
- "To be or ___ to be"
- Nice goodbye
- Signaled
- Raison d'
- Doris Day's choice?
- Engendered
- Final Four org.
- Of punishment ___ the ramparts...
- Track shape
- Almost not
- Conductor Toscanini
- 1976-80 Wimbledon champion
- Halloween's choice?
- Sticking stuff

DOWN

- Alum
- Local yokel
- Brainchild
- Real estate paper
- Court judgment
- Allotrope of oxygen
- Small combo
- Novelist George
- Juicy tropical fruit
- 10 Bad deeds
- ___ Antonio
- Equal score
- On its last legs
- Poppy product
- Slur over
- Mean
- Typical
- Hard like metal
- Cash of Panama
- Worshiper
- Shunt
- Of the ear
- Actress Ward
- Zany Imogene
- 36 Undying
- Closing stanza: var.
- Separate
- Solar-system mobile
- Hold your ___!
- Pronounce
- Human chest
- 50 Confab
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- If all ___ fails...
- Lamerter's comment
- Like a drumhead
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- Learn like a monkey
- Hot tub

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