

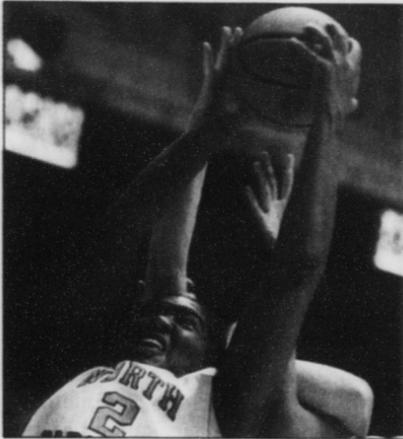
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Tar Heel duo taken in WNBA Draft



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Senior Erlana Larkins was drafted in the first round of the WNBA's 2008 draft Wednesday. She was the 14th overall pick, called by the New York Liberty.

Larkins and Pringle picked 14th and 13th

BY POWELL LATIMER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Erlana Larkins and LaToya Pringle, who for the past two years have been the North Carolina women's basketball team's twin towers of power, were drafted in the first round of the 2008 WNBA Draft on Wednesday.

While neither of the two received the hype that accompanied Candace Parker's early entry and subsequent top selection, Larkins and Pringle can both look forward to their new professional careers.

Fittingly, their names were called back-to-back. Pringle went to the Phoenix Mercury with the 13th overall pick, and Larkins was called by the New York Liberty at 14.

For a pair of players so close throughout their career at UNC,

it seems strange for them now to become opponents.

"It's going to be weird; we just played with each other for four years," Pringle said of the professional divide. "It's going to be weird to look across and see that we have on different jerseys."

One twist of the day was that Larkins, the All-American and MVP of the 2008 ACC Tournament, was taken after Pringle.

"I was shocked. I was hopin' I wasn't making any faces on TV," Pringle said. "I think it was all about what each team was looking for."

Apparently, the Mercury — defending WNBA champions — were looking for a shot-blocking center who could run the floor in their run-and-gun offense, one that's even more revved up than the breakneck pace that UNC

coach Sylvia Hatchell likes.

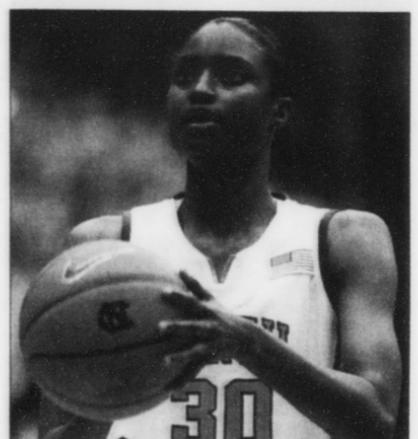
They also obviously liked that Pringle has shown the ability this season to step out to even the 3-point arc and knock down jumpers, and her silky low-post scoring moves will only look better next to former Connecticut legend Diana Taurasi.

"I've been talking with the coach, and he said, 'We like to shoot it, and we like to shoot it a lot. ... UNC runs, but we really run,'" Pringle said. "I was like, 'That shouldn't be a problem for me.'"

Larkins, viewed as undersized by some WNBA scouts, nonetheless should fit in fine with the Liberty as a power forward with superior passing and rebounding skills.

"I'm just happy," Larkins said. "At the same time I was surprised that I was still around at 14. (Liberty coach Pat Coyle) thinks that a lot

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DTH FILE/KELVIN YEUNG

Senior LaToya Pringle was drafted in the first round of the WNBA's 2008 draft Wednesday. She was the 13th overall pick, called by the Phoenix Mercury.

SEX, DRUGS AND CHOREOGRAPHY

Forest Theatre houses 'Reefer'

BY BENNETT CAMPBELL
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

What do Jesus, marijuana and the soundtrack of the 1930s have in common?

They'll all be a part of the environment in UNC's Forest Theatre starting tonight, as Company Carolina presents "Reefer Madness" at the outdoor venue at 8:30 p.m.

The musical is based on the 1936 film, "Tell Your Children," essentially a propaganda video stressing the evils of marijuana use in an exaggerated manner.

"Anyone exposed to the reefer loses any semblance of goodness in their lives," explained Kelsey Reinhard, a freshman who plays Mary Lane in Company Carolina's play.

Reinhard's character experiences the alleged moral decline that stems from marijuana use, she said.

"The fun part for me is getting to be bubbly and girly but then making a complete change," she said.

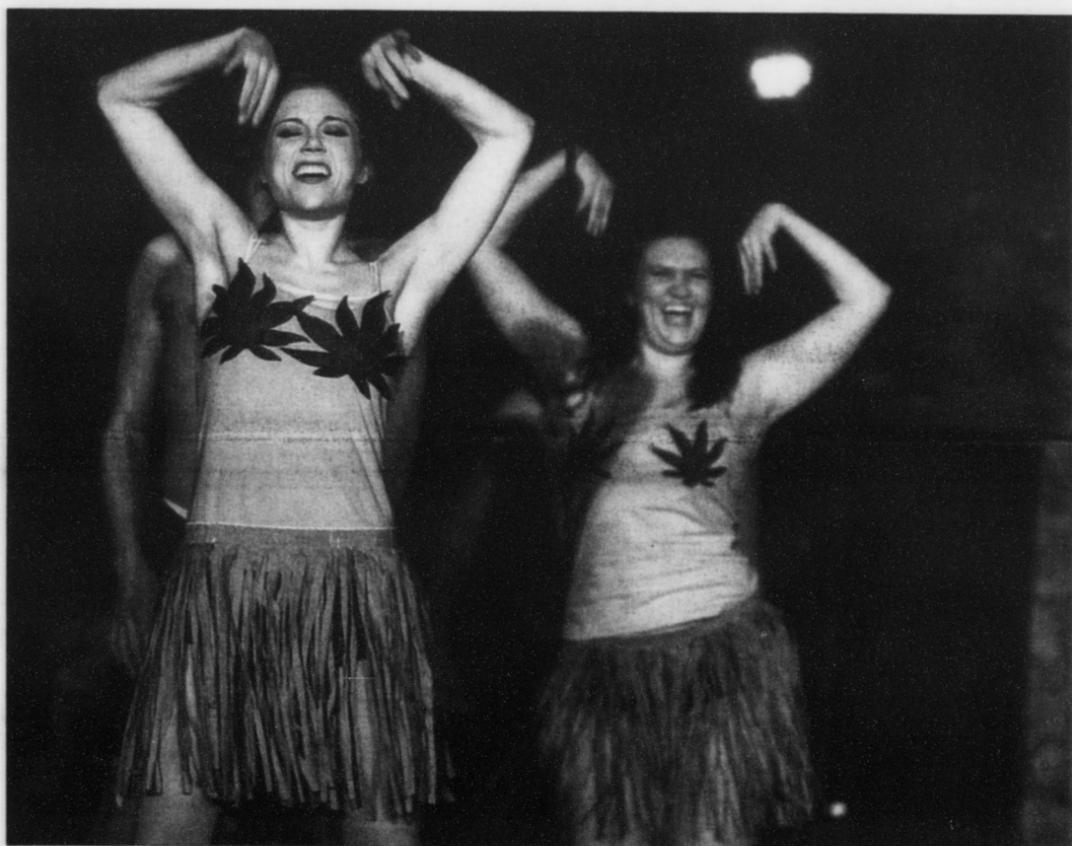
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ATTEND THE PLAY

Time: 8:30 p.m. today to April 13 and April 17-20

Location: Forest Theatre

Info: www.unc.edu/company



DTH/MELANIE HAYWOOD

Actors perform in Company Carolina's "Reefer Madness" at the Forest Theatre at rehearsal Wednesday night. The musical, which is based on the 1936 film "Tell Your Children," focuses on the alleged dangers of marijuana. It opens tonight at 8:30 p.m. and will also run April 17 to April 20.

Levine's legal woes continue

BY SETH WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

More allegations of sexual abuse are surfacing from former patients of retired UNC pediatrician Melvin Levine.

Carmen Durso, the Boston lawyer handling Levine's five pending lawsuits, said he is working with N.C. lawyer Elizabeth Kuniholm to investigate sexual abuse that might have occurred while Levine was employed at UNC from 1985 to 2006.

Levine has been accused of sexually assaulting young patients starting in the late 1960s and into the 1980s while he was in Boston.

"Calls are still coming in," Kuniholm said. "I investigate everyone who calls as soon as I can."

She said most calls were made to verify the charges already brought against Levine rather than to file lawsuits.

She said she was unable to comment on whether any civil action



Dr. Melvin Levine, formerly a UNC professor, faces allegations of sexual abuse of young boys.

would be taken but is advising clients to contact the medical board if they have concerns.

Levine retired as a full-time practicing pediatrician in 2006 but continued to see patients as an adjunct professor until he voluntarily stopped last week when the most recent allegations surfaced.

He also withdrew his practicing medical license, which is required to legally treat, diagnose or operate on patients.

Durso said he is concerned about UNC's institutional response to the allegations against Levine because the University kept Levine as a full-time profes-

sor as lawsuits were filed.

"It's my belief that the people who came to these institutions came there because the institutions were places where they believed their children would get the best possible care," Durso said. "The institutions have an obligation, in my view, to see that a thorough investigation is conducted with regard to Dr. Levine."

At UNC Hospitals, physicians are protected by medical malpractice insurance. Doctors are provided a lawyer in the event of a lawsuit.

"Every lawsuit is going to be different because every lawsuit is an allegation," said Stephanie Crayton, a UNC Hospitals spokeswoman. "It would really depend on what is revealed from an investigation as to what disciplinary actions may or may not occur."

During his career as a pediatrician, Levine helped establish the

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Audit reveals financial mishandling at WSSU

BY ARIEL ZIRULNICK
ASSISTANT STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

Winston-Salem State University has been given 90 days to correct financial discrepancies revealed in an annual report released last week by the N.C. Office of the State Auditor.

If the university's financial aid office has not made the necessary changes at the end of the 90-day period, it could lose its discretionary power regarding budget and management issues, said UNC-system Vice President for Finance Rob Nelson.

"Not only have they started, but they've implemented a lot of the suggestions," Nelson said, referring to recommendations from both the university's own internal audit and the state audit report.

The WSSU Financial Statement Audit Report outlined six areas of concern, four within the universi-

ty's financial aid office.

The audit revealed excessive financial aid packages to both students and employees, as well as awards given to ineligible candidates.

It also disclosed a failure to return, or return in a timely manner, loans from students who withdrew from the university.

The university first became aware of the issue in summer 2007, when it performed its own internal audit.

"We did our own internal investigating based on some numbers that didn't agree," said Sigrid Hall-Pittsley, interim assistant vice chancellor for university advancement.

WSSU immediately fired three of the employees involved and reassigned the fourth. Soon after, it shared its results with the

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WATER WATCH

Stage 3 may become Stage 1

Water restrictions may ease up now

BY KRISTEN CRESANTE
STAFF WRITER

Recent rainfall might have alleviated drought conditions enough to move Orange County out of Stage 3 water restrictions.

The Orange Water and Sewer Authority board of directors will meet tonight to vote on whether to return to Stage 1 water restrictions.

"We've seen substantial improvement," state climatologist Ryan Boyles said. "We are no longer looking at the dire conditions we were facing."

If the water-use restrictions are lowered, it will be against the urging of Gov. Mike Easley, who asked local leaders throughout the state Wednesday to resist lowering water restrictions, citing the potential still for a dry summer.

Ed Holland, OWASA's planning director, said one of the things the board will consider is supply and demand, because the Stage 2 and 3 restrictions are an inconvenience.

"There are swimming pools that aren't able to be filled, and the University is going to need to irrigate

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WATER RESTRICTIONS

ATTEND THE MEETING

Time: 7 p.m. today

Location: 400 Jones Ferry Road

Info: www.owasa.org

402

estimated days of water remaining

2.68

inches of April rainfall at the Jones Ferry Road Water Treatment Plant

3.43

inches of normal rainfall for April



SOURCE: WWW.OWASA.ORG
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DORM GETS NEW NAME

Ehringhaus South Residence Hall was officially renamed Maurice J. Koury Hall on Wednesday in honor of the UNC alumnus, former trustee and donor.

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TAR HEEL BASEBALL

The UNC bats came alive Wednesday night in Cary as the team beat N.C. A&T 5-0, led by stellar pitching from senior Mike Facchinei.



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SIGNAL FEST 2008

The Southeast Electronic Music Festival is coming to Chapel Hill this weekend, featuring electronic-based acts and some hip-hop performances.

this day in history

APRIL 10, 1966 ...

Society of Janus, a secret society for students, faculty and administrators for outstanding leadership in residence hall life, inducts 12 students and one professor.

weather



Partly cloudy

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