

TRKfest connects the dots

Music fest also features local vendors

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Not even a last minute lineup change could keep Durham's Megafaun from honoring its commitment to play TRKfest on Saturday afternoon in Pittsboro. Sans its regular drummer, who will be replaced by duo Midtown Dickens, the band will be taking the stage as a sort of Bull City super group this weekend. It's that sort of camaraderie that singer/guitarist Phil Cook said makes this area perfect for an all-day music festival. "Every time we are out on tour we talk about how cool the Triangle is, how nice all the people are." And that's the sort of community that Trekkie Records co-founder

Martin Anderson wanted the first TRKfest to celebrate.

"We really want people to know about all of the cool things that are happening in this area, so we'll have local vendors and artists as well as local bands."

Anderson said getting the community involved was a goal of the festival, which will take place Saturday starting at 2 p.m. and run until after midnight.

Even the site for the festival, Pittsboro's Piedmont Biofuels, was selected on the basis of its positive community and environmental impact.

"All of us at Trekkie are really concerned with environmental issues, and Piedmont Biofuels has lots of organic farmers along with,

obviously, focusing on biofuels," Anderson said.

Jonny Tunnell, of Trekkie band The Never, said the community feel even went into the planning, as band members and those involved with the label divided into various committees to plan different aspects of the afternoon.

"We split off to work on different things. We've got people working on food and things like that. I'll be working on the stage all day, making sure everything sounds good."

But Tunnell should save his energy, as The Never will be headlining the fest.

And with the impressive lineup it follows, including eight bands from the Trekkie roster and heavyweights Megafaun and The Bowerbirds, Tunnell's band needs to deliver.

"I actually feel a lot of pressure. A lot of the bands that are playing

are some of my favorite bands."

But Tunnell acknowledged that keeping concert-goers occupied and interested during a full day in the sun was a huge consideration in the planning process.

"The whole idea is not to just go out and watch some bands — we know a big aspect is people just hanging out," he said.

"So we'll have plenty of food and stuff. I'm pretty excited about the coffee sack race."

This sort of event is relatively rare in the area, something that has Cook excited about its potential.

"There are so many artists that make this area as cool as it is, and this is just the type of event that connects the dots between people and builds pride in the area."

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New principal to lead Central toward change

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Clara Daniels, 2008 Principal of the Year for Orange County Schools, has been chosen to lead Central Elementary School in Hillsborough for the upcoming school year.

Daniels said in a press release that she is looking forward to serving at Central.

"This is a wonderful opportunity and I am very excited about sharing my experiences in early literacy with the students and staff at Central Elementary School," she said.

Daniels has spent 30 years in the public school system and has had several different positions. She began her administrative career in Currituck County as principal of Mayock Elementary School.

"Her first principal job was with elementary," Michael Gilbert, public information officer for Orange County schools, said. "She really wanted to get back on the elementary level."

Daniels, currently principal of A.L. Stanback Middle School, will assume command of the elementary school that has been a source of controversy during the past year.

Central has the district's highest number of students in the free and reduced lunch program, compared to nearby Hillsborough Elementary School, which has the lowest.

School board members tried to remedy that in April by mandating that all incoming HES students who are zoned for Central or Eland-Cheeks elementary schools, but still desire to attend HES, have a low socioeconomic status or have a sibling at the school.

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SHEILA MCDONALD, FORMER CES PRINCIPAL

Gilbert said conversations about the principal change began a couple of months prior to the May 5 announcement of Central's new principal.

Daniels will be replacing Sheila McDonald, who will be heading up the district's Positive Behavior Support Initiative for the Exceptional Children division.

Gilbert said every school district across the state is now required to have a director for the program, which McDonald said is designed to help improve student performance and reduce behavioral problems of students with disabilities.

"Sheila was a natural fit with her experience," Gilbert said. McDonald has a master's degree in special education and worked as the EC coordinator before taking over at Central.

McDonald said she is very excited about the career change because she will "still be working with students in a positive way."

She said she has high expectations for the students and for her own performance.

"If we can change the behavior, it will improve student performance and morale," McDonald said.

"I believe it will create leaders in the schools. It is already in the students, it is just trying to get out."

She said she is also excited about Daniels coming in to take over at Central.

"I'm sure she will do very well here," she said. "She is a visionary. I'm sure she'll have a blast."

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UNC places high in Lombardi Ranking

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UNC has added another prestigious award to the list of honors with the recognition of its high place in the Lombardi Ranking.

Chancellor James Moeser said in a statement that the Lombardi Ranking "is just one more indication of the University's current strong competitive position on the national scene."

Moeser announced in the Board of Trustees meeting on May 22 that the University placed in the top 25 public universities on each of the award's nine measures — an achievement only made by six other public universities in the nation.

The Lombardi Ranking is awarded by Arizona State University,

where John Lombardi, former University of Florida president, runs The Center for Measuring University Performance.

The Center evaluates Lombardi Ranking candidates based on research funding, endowment assets, private giving, national academy members, faculty awards, doctorates granted, postdoctoral appointees and SAT/ACT score.

"The Lombardi Rankings are significant ... because they're based on objective criteria — not on people's opinions of the University," said Stephen Farmer, director of admissions. "They've reflected the University's really incredible strength in a number of important areas."

Farmer said that it does not

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STEPHEN FARMER, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

hurt UNC to get good press and to be recognized as an outstanding school. But he said it is difficult to tell whether or not such a ranking will make a difference in a student's decision to apply.

"Students apply for complicated reasons," Farmer said. "Typically it's not one thing by itself that pushes a student to apply or not to apply."

He added that he feels there are many students whose families certainly pay attention to rankings.

Eric Morgan, a senior majoring in business administration, said that University rankings definitely played a role in his decision to apply.

"I knew I wanted to be a business major, and UNC has one of the top ranked business schools in the nation, which influenced me to go here," he said.

Scott Maynor, a senior majoring in international studies, agreed, saying that he made his decision to apply after reading that the University was ranked best value by Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine.

On the other hand, Christina Mills, a junior majoring in environmental studies, said she didn't remember any rankings in particular that influenced her decision to attend UNC.

"I just knew of their reputation to provide such a good education," Mills said.

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Students take on UNC Tomorrow

Campus asks for Latino outreach center

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As the University continues to respond to UNC Tomorrow, an initiative that examines how the UNC system plans to respond to issues facing the state during the next 20 years, student leaders are beginning to look closely for results.

Since 2007, faculty members and students have met to determine what role UNC will play in the initiative.

One result is two projects that will be carried out by student government.

"My big thing about the entire initiative is that I want to produce actual results," said Chris Belhorn, executive assistant to Student Body President J.J. Raynor.

"I want tangible projects and results that hopefully the University and students will really start to work on in the next year."

Raynor appointed Belhorn to oversee student government's part of the UNC Tomorrow project.

Belhorn has taken the past year

to question and research what UNC's students consider to be the most pressing issues facing the future of the University and state.

The overwhelming response from the student body indicated the need for a Latino Center on campus and a public service database.

Belhorn said the Latino Center will be a resource for Latinos for academic and outreach purposes. He said student government plans to create a task force next year to evaluate the possible implementation of the center.

Its purpose would be to serve as an on-campus resource and outreach center — similar to the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History, a freestanding building that primarily serves the needs of African-American students.

The other program, a public service database done in conjunction with University administrators, will be the next big project for student government in the coming months.

"The public service database is

a place where students could better find volunteer opportunities," Belhorn said.

The Carolina Center for Public Service, in conjunction with student government's executive branch, has taken the lead on the implementation of the project.

Progress already has been made on the database, Raynor said. Student government has applied for a grant to move forward with the project and should be notified in mid July as to the result of its application.

"I am really hopeful that these projects will create a strong relationship between the Carolina community and the state as a whole," Raynor said.

She and Belhorn both said the programs will be a great benefit to both state and local communities.

"I think a lot of the need of the state will help the University communicate better to address a lot of the areas that the University already needs to be addressing," Belhorn said.

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Service held in memory of law student

Friends, teachers honor Lisa Moran

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The UNC law school community gathered Tuesday in Graham Kenan Courtroom, in Van Hecke-Wettach Hall, to mourn the loss of friend and law student Lisa Carolyn Moran.

Moran, an international student from Paisley, Scotland, was killed May 15 when she was hit by a bus while crossing Manning Drive.

About 30 people joined together at a memorial service hosted by the UNC School of Law.

"There is grief and there's sadness intermixed in the memory of someone with such great promise," said Jack Boger, dean of the law school, who led the service.

The service started with a slide show featuring pictures of Moran traveling and spending time with friends.

The song "Don't Look Back in Anger" by Oasis accompanied the slide show, followed by "Caledonia" as performed by Amy MacDonald. Elizabeth James, who spoke at the

event, shared that Oasis was one of Moran's favorite bands, and "Don't Look Back in Anger" was one of her favorite songs.

The slide show was replayed to conclude the service, followed by a reception.

"Her father said she was never in her life more happy than she was in the last semester in Chapel Hill," Boger said.

He said Moran's parents plan to donate a bench to the Coker Arboretum to honor their daughter's memory. The couple spent many hours seeking solace in the arboretum during the weekend following her death.

Boger said more information about how the public can contribute to the bench and its maintenance will be available in the near future.

"I'm so excited about the bench," said Andrea Trotta, Moran's roommate. "I think that's a beautiful idea."

Following remarks by Boger, Director of International Programs Bev Sizemore shared her memories of Moran.

"Lisa was an intelligent, beautiful young woman," Sizemore said. "A part of Lisa's soul is still with us

in Chapel Hill and will always be so."

Moran's friends and classmates had the opportunity to share their thoughts and reminisce about the time they spent with her. Many spoke of the regret they felt in not taking the opportunity to get to know her better.

Trotta recalled her apprehensions about being assigned a roommate to share her Odum Village apartment.

"I fell in love with her the second I met her," Trotta said. "She was a breath of fresh air in my life. I had forgotten how much fun it is to come home to a friend."

"She really touched my life, and I know she touched a lot of people's."

Other friends shared their stories as well, remembering her for an outgoing personality and distinctive Scottish brogue.

"She always made me laugh," said Jon Gonzalez, a friend of Moran. "I know people always say things like that at times like this, but she legitimately made me smile every time I saw her."

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