

WEEKLY DOSE

Shaq's got skills — but no longer badges

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Sheriff Joe Arpaio is not the type of man to play favorites. The man regarded as "the toughest sheriff in America," for forcing prisoners to eat green bologna and wear pink underwear, has dismissed Shaquille O'Neal from the force, stripping him of his badges as a result of the racially insensitive language used during a freestyle rap during which he bashed former teammate Kobe Bryant.

Shaq attempted to save himself using the ole' "I was just free-styling defense," but Arpaio wasn't buying it.

"Because if any one of my deputies did something like this, they're fired. I don't condone this type of racial conduct," he said.

That's the way to lay down the law.

NOTED. A Michigan judge agreed last week to extend the leave of Aaron Kay by one week so that he would be able to attend the grand opening of a White Castle restaurant near his home in Genoa Township, Mich.

Kay was determined to get a burger before heading back to his base in Okinawa, Japan, saying that he was "kind of heartbroken" about the possibility that he would miss the opening.

QUOTED. "I thought of myself as a great candidate, but I was never certain of getting into a single one college."

—New York teen Lukas Zbylut, who applied to seven Ivy League colleges and was accepted by all of them.

Zbylut, who arrived in America only five years ago after growing up in Poland, has decided to take his smarts to Harvard in the fall.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY

Art exhibit: Carrboro artist Dan Vaughan is presenting an exhibit titled "North American Landscapes in Pastels." The exhibit will be held at Carrboro Town Hall and it runs until July 31.
Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Town Hall in Carrboro

Environmental discussion: The Triangle Socialist Forum will be holding a discussion to look into the relationship between social class and drought response and supply. Hope Taylor of Clean Water for North Carolina will be on hand. For more information, e-mail southplumb@gmail.com.
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Durham County Public Library: Southwest Branch, 3605 Shannon Road in Durham

FRIDAY

Outdoor fun: The Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership and the town of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department have partnered to present a series of special events featuring local entertainers and family-friendly activities in downtown Chapel Hill

this summer. Events will include open-air markets, live street performers, children's activities, live evening concerts and family entertainment on Wallace Plaza.
Time: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Location: East and West Franklin Streets in downtown Chapel Hill

Last Fridays in Hillsborough: Various organizations offer special events, programs and activities, and art galleries, historic sites, restaurants, bars and other businesses stay open late during Last Fridays in downtown Hillsborough.
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location: downtown Hillsborough

Concert: Musician Cyril Lance will present a concert titled "Songs of Freedom and Hope," which is inspired by the spiritual sources he heard while growing up in the '60s and '70s. Tickets are \$14 or \$12 for ArtsCenter members.
Time: 8:30 p.m.
Location: The ArtsCenter in Carrboro

SATURDAY

Stock car racing: Get in on all the excitement of late model, limited sportsman, grand stock, pure stock

and Southern Ground Pounders at America's fastest 3/8-mile high-banked oval track, the Orange County Speedway. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and children 10 and under are free.
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Orange County Speedway, 9740 N.C. Highway 57 in Rougemont

SUNDAY

Opera: The Long Leaf Opera Company will present "Orpheus and Euridice" by Ricky Ian Gordon. Call 929-2787 for more information or ticket prices. You can also visit www.artscenterlive.org.
Time: 2 p.m.
Location: Memorial Hall

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Student Union basement to see permanent changes

Practice space, food are options

BY ANIKA ANAND
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In the Student Union's basement, the bowling score tables have sat lonely and unused for over a year. What used to be a bowling alley has been temporarily replaced by pool and ping-pong tables and makeshift rehearsal spaces.

But eventually there will be some permanent changes, Union Director Don Luse said. After conducting some spring assessments, the Union has been working with Clearscapes, a Raleigh architecture firm, to determine a feasibility report for construction.

There have been a wide variety of ideas tossed around for how to utilize the space. Of the ideas, a leadership development office is one proposal that Luse highlighted.

"We don't want it confused with the academic centers," he said. "It would be a place where any student could walk in and be directed to existing leadership programs on campus, or do some self assessment, or enroll in a leadership development course."

Associate Director of the Union Scott Hudson also emphasized the importance of improving the rehearsal space for performance groups in the face of a significant space crunch.

"Performance space is so booked on campus," Hudson said. "There's a need for space and I think that will probably be part of that downstairs area."

Senior Ben Greene, a member of CHiPs, an student improvisation group, agreed. He said whenever the group practices on the second floor of the Union, inevitably someone tells them to quiet down, a problem that he says could be alleviated with the addition of a sound-proof area.

The bowling alley was closed due to profit losses. And though bowling classes were offered as physical education through the exercise department, the profits were not enough to keep the operation afloat, Hudson said.

"The volume of business when classes were in session at night on the weekends was almost nonexistent," Hudson said. "It would have



The bowling score tables in the bottom of the Student Union have been unused for longer than a year and are showing obvious signs of neglect.

taken over a million dollars to renovate it into a new bowling alley."

Luse said he would be willing to extend the Union's basement hours. The space currently closes at 1 a.m. during the school year.

"We would like the entire downstairs area to be open well into the night, past midnight," Luse said. By working with Carolina Dining Services, Luse also discussed opening additional food providers.

Hudson reiterated that the Union was interested in hearing what students wanted.

"We held focus groups all last semester, talking with various student organizations and other customers of the Union to try and

determine what needs are out there," Hudson said.

After the Union receives the feasibility report, they will begin making concrete plans and then begin the process of getting approvals. At the earliest, the project will be completed two years from now, Luse said.

"We want it to be a place where students want to be. So we've taken lots of time, and we'll take more time in the future talking to students to see what it needs to look like and feel like. That's very important to us," Luse said.

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