

CAMPUS BRIEFS
UNC theater group's play to focus on economic issues

Interactive Theatre Carolina will present "Be Reasonable," a performance dealing with socioeconomic differences at UNC, today at 6:30 p.m. in the Campus Y Lounge.

The show is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served afterward.

In its second year of existence, ITC creates productions based on issues pertaining to health, wellness and social justice on campus.

The performance is part of Race Relations Week at UNC.

Clef Hangers move ticket sales for concert to Oct. 24

The Clef Hangers a capella group has moved ticket sales to Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. The tickets were originally to be sold Monday.

The concert is \$10 for students. For nonstudents, tickets are \$15 for lower level or \$12 for upper level.

Tickets can be purchased at Memorial Hall or by calling the box office at 843-3333.

The concert will take place Nov. 9 at 8 p.m.

General Alumni Association awards two entrepreneurs

Two UNC graduates received the GAA's Young Alumni Awards for their efforts at a banquet Friday.

Sindhura Citineni of Morrisville, N.C., and Tony Deifell of San Francisco, Calif., were named winners.

Citineni, now a UNC dental student, started Hunger Lunch and later expanded it into the nonprofit organization Nourish International with chapters at 23 campuses.

Deifell, who graduated in 1991, helped create the APPLS service-learning program. Since graduation he has created several arts-based public-service organizations.

The GAA has given the awards since 1989 to alumni age 40 or younger who have made significant contributions to the University.

CITY BRIEFS

Commissioners to discuss permits for Buckhorn Village

The Orange County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for a 7 p.m. meeting at the F. Gordon Battle Courtroom in Hillsborough.

Items on the agenda include:

- The commissioners might take action on applications for rezoning and permits for Buckhorn Village submitted in December 2007.
- The Orange County Planning Board and the commissioners held joint public hearings in February and April to review the proposed 1.14 million-square-foot retail development.
- Resolutions that endorse priority transportation projects for the 2011-17 Transportation Improvement Program.
- Receiving a consultant's report that concludes that the available technologies for disposing of waste would not be justified for Orange County.

Aldermen to discuss repair funds, new disc golf course

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen is scheduled to have a meeting at 8 p.m. today at Carrboro Town Hall.

Items on the agenda include:

- An update by the Carrboro Parks Project on the progress of the funds raised for a proposed disc golf course in Anderson Park, a project that the board approved in March.
- A request for funding from the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund for Empowerment Inc. for an emergency repair to a sewer line at 105 Cobb St.

Local school to give virtual desktops to students, faculty

Frank Porter Graham Elementary School will take part in a pilot program for virtual desktops.

The pilot is part of the SIMtone Education Thunder Program, which aims to close the digital gap and provide people with access to computers without having to own one.

The educational content of the program is provided by the U.S. Fund for UNICEF.

The school will provide about 600 students and faculty members with SIMtone's Universal Cloud Computing products, also called "PCs in the Cloud," which are usable anywhere there is broadband connection without a computer.

The pilot will be launched during the fall 2008 semester.

—From staff and wire reports

Breaker caused Kenan light outage

Crowd energetic through game delay

BY LAURA HOXWORTH
STAFF WRITER

A faulty breaker caused the 21-minute power outage in Kenan Stadium during Saturday's football game, athletics officials said.

Lights in the northeast corner of the stadium shut off unexpectedly during the third quarter of the game against the University of Connecticut.

Electricians then shut off a second bank of lights and postponed the game until they found the problem, said Steve Kirschner, director of athletic communications.

The band played, the dance team danced and the athletic department played Carl Douglas' 1970s hit "Kung Fu Fighting" to keep energy

up during the break.

"I think our fans enjoyed it," Director of Kenan Stadium James Burling said of the entertainment.

Fans also started a wave that circled the stadium multiple times.

"It was fun for three or four times, but then it kind of got old," said Andrew Bannister, a first-year student who attended the game.

Chelsea Cook, a sophomore women's studies major, said she thought the excitement from beating a ranked team helped fans maintain energy.

"We actually had a really fun time with it," she said. "I know a lot of people got frustrated and left, but we were standing up on

the bleachers and dancing."

While fans were dancing, electricians worked to turn back on the lights. They couldn't fix the defective lights because there was no replacement breaker on hand.

The electricians then turned off a second bank of lights in the northwest corner of the stadium because they thought it might pose a problem, said William Scroggs, senior associate athletic director.

"Their idea was that the northeast corner would come back up to full power quicker if they shut both banks off on the same side," Kirschner said.

The game resumed after the lights came back on, but the defective breaker caused the northeast bank to shut off again during the fourth quarter. This time, officials

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continued the game without the lights.

The power outage is the second problem with Kenan Stadium to disrupt football fans during a game this season.

In September, a structural engineering firm repaired cracks in the stadium's ceiling after a small chunk of concrete fell into the stands during the season opener against McNeese State University.

The lights were added to Kenan as part of a renovation in 1987-88, one of many renovations the stadium has undergone since its

completion in 1927.

Kirschner said the problem is unusual and hasn't happened since a game against Marshall University in 2000.

Officials assured that a new breaker has been ordered and the problem will be completely fixed when the Tar Heels take on the University of Notre Dame this weekend.

"I promise it won't go out this Saturday," Burling said.

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Junior Jen Forrest protests the death sentence of Troy Davis, who was convicted of murder in 1991. Seven of nine witnesses who testified against Davis have recanted their stories since the original trial. The U.S. Supreme Court will consider his appeal in conference Friday.

WAKE UP CALL

Sorority protests apathy toward death row case

BY CAROLINE PHILLIPS
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UNC's chapter of Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority Inc. has joined the ranks of those determined to make Troy Davis' story heard.

In 1991, Davis, who is black, was convicted for the murder of Mark MacPhail and sentenced to death, largely based on the testimony of nine key witnesses.

Seven of those witnesses have now changed their stories, saying police coerced them into naming Davis the killer.

As a result, Davis received a stay of execution Sept. 23, less than two hours before he was scheduled to die. The case has drawn international attention, including a statement from UNC's 2009 commencement speaker, Desmond Tutu.

Members of Theta Nu Xi lined the Polk Place walkway Monday in a protest to raise awareness of Davis' plight, brandishing signs and shouting, "Google Troy Davis!" and "Apathy kills!"

Daniele Dickerson, the sorority's social chair and historian, said she read about Davis' case in The New York Times and shared it with her sorority, inspiring them to act.

"Theta Nu Xi is really passionate about social justice and multiculturalism," Dickerson said.

"We wanted to put his name out there, make people think a little."

The sorority hosted a similar event last spring featuring a talk by Darryl Hunt, a black man who was set free after wrongfully spending 18 years in prison.

"Having learned about Troy Davis and knowing Darryl Hunt, it is important that this time we make sure people know about this injustice and we don't come back to it after the fact," said Sherea Burnett, the chapter's adviser and a 2007 UNC graduate.

Many students showed little response to protestors' chants of "No justice, no peace!" and "Tomorrow it could be you!"

A few did stop to learn about Davis, however, and several promised to Google him.

Junior Kat Loeven, an anthropology major, said that she hadn't heard of Davis before but that the protest educated her.

"I am going to look up more about this," Loeven said. "I wish people cared more."

Sophomore Jessica Booker, who had read a little about Davis on Facebook, said she was angered and saddened by his case.

"It just seems very typical, another black man falling through the cracks of the U.S. judicial system," Booker said.

She said the protest helped by showing students that they do not live in a utopia.

"I think people don't realize that racism is still institutionalized, it's still around," Booker said. "So if it can open the eyes of just a few more of our students who are ignorant of this, then the protest has done a good job."

Dickerson said the existence of injustice should be a concern to every UNC student.

"Today it's Troy Davis, yesterday it was Darryl Hunt. You never know who it's going to be tomorrow," she said. "It could be you."

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Sheriffs try to identify body

Autopsy reports gunshot as cause

BY EMILY STEPHENSON
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The Orange County Sheriff's Office is trying to identify the body of a man found Sunday shot in the head.

According to a press release, a resident called 911 at 1:45 p.m. Sunday to report a body in an embankment by a western Orange County road.

Deputies checked the area, which was near Morrow Mill Road's 8300 block, and discovered a male lying on his side in the undergrowth.

They think the body had been in the same location for a few days.

Monday's autopsy report determined that the man died of a single gunshot wound to the head.

Investigator Chan McDade said Monday that the sheriff's office doesn't have any more information, but the office will release further details as they become available.

"We don't have anything else to say right now," he said, adding that the body's location — about 12.5 miles west of UNC's campus — was not near residences or businesses.

Police now are conducting a homicide investigation in the case of the man discovered Sunday.

Police are checking missing person reports to identify the man, who sheriffs say is a Hispanic male, 25 to 35 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall and about 145 to 160 pounds.

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Dining offers cage-free eggs

BY MEGAN HANNAY
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For UNC students, breakfast egg options are no longer just between scrambled or fried.

This fall, Carolina Dining Services began offering students the option of cage-free eggs in their omelets.

Cage-free eggs are considered a more ethical option by many animal rights activists because they come from hens that do not spend their entire lives in battery cages.

"In battery cages all the animal instincts are frustrated," said Loren Hart, UNC alumnus and animal rights activist.

"They can't stretch their wings, they have their beaks cut. These practices cause an extreme amount of suffering to hens."

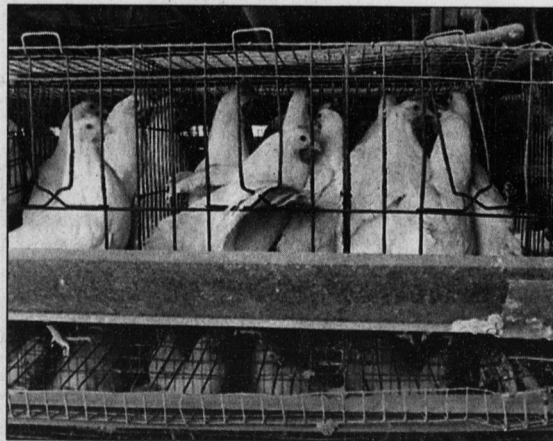
Hart and senior Kori Crosson were among those who spoke with dining services about making the switch to cage-free eggs.

Crosson first contacted Scott Myers, director of food and vending for dining services, about cage-free eggs last fall.

In February, Crosson and Myers visited caged hen farms and cage-free farms in Nashville, N.C., about an hour east of Chapel Hill.

"There's just thousands of hens who are sometimes five to a cage and had no room to spread their wings," Crosson said.

"It made me realize how bad it was — that this is how the animals have to live."



Hens living in Nashville, N.C., spend their lives in cages with little room to move around. Cage-free farming is considered more humane.

Crosson added that the caged hens were living in conditions where it seemed that they were no longer living creatures.

"When you confine a being in a cage so they can't even move and you're mass producing them and mass killing them, you're not even treating them like animals anymore. We're creating little machines."

Myers said he had not been aware of the conditions of caged hens until Crosson contacted him about it.

After he visited the farms, dining services worked cage-free eggs

DOJ may seek death penalty in Carson case

Unclear why feds want to weigh in

BY ARIEL ZIRULNICK
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The federal government could also seek a death penalty for Demario Atwater, one of two charged with the shooting death of former Student Body President Eve Carson.

The U.S. Department of Justice committee that handles capital cases met last week to review charges that could give them jurisdiction in the case, a department spokesman confirmed.

The federal and state governments have overlapping jurisdiction on crimes that have a federal interest. There are many reasons a case could be judged to have federal interest.

The carjacking charge is a possible reason federal authorities might have gotten involved, said Lynne Klauer, assistant U.S. attorney for North Carolina's middle district. Federal officials will not release any information regarding the review.

Anytime the U.S. attorney's office is involved in a case with the potential of a death penalty, they are required to file for a federal review, Klauer said.

The death penalty is already being sought in state court for Atwater, 22. The two cases will be tried independently of each other.

"We are not preempting any state prosecution of this individual by investigating it," Klauer said.

"They are distinct charges, different elements. It doesn't impact the state prosecution from a legal standpoint."

But reasons for a federal review are still murky in the Atwater case.

"(Federal authorities) generally don't get involved in cases that are in essence state cases," said Thomas Maher, executive director of the Center for Death Penalty Litigation.

"It strikes me as being a state case. It's not one that there's any obvious federal interest."

Orange County's tendency to oppose the death penalty has led to some speculation that the case could be up for federal review to increase the chances of a capital sentence.

"This was a tragic case, but it was a street crime in North Carolina," said Duke University law professor Jim Coleman. "It is about the death penalty, not about any federal interest in the case."

It has been more than 10 years since the middle district last prosecuted a federal capital case.

The two most recent state cases brought to the federal court that Maher could recall were both reviewed because the crimes occurred on federal land, signaling an obvious federal interest.

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