

**JOURNEY**

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the story of Michelle, an Asian-American leukemia patient in need of a bone marrow transplant.

Only 7 percent of the Asian-American population is currently registered as a bone marrow donor.

During intermission, a table for Project Michelle had a pack of students signing up to be donors.

Senior Reuel Kim and junior Justin Tsao acted as co-coordinators for the event, running lights, sound and acting as stage managers for the evening.

"The evening wouldn't have run as smoothly without them," Chen said. "I can't thank them enough."

For the past two years, "Journey into Asia" has been held at the Carolina Theatre instead of Memorial Hall, where it had been in previous years. Chen said another group booked the venue before ASA.

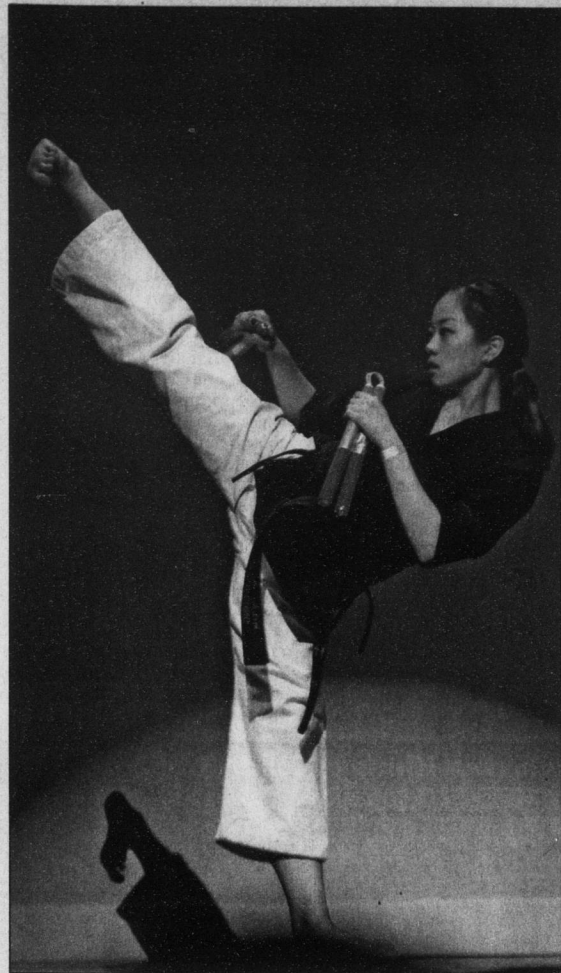
"Memorial Hall was so easy and accessible," Chen said.

Six ASA volunteers and a UNC activities van shuttled students to and from the Carolina Theatre from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.

"I was like, 'Gosh, I'll reimburse you for gas,'" Chen told the ASA drivers. "We really do want as many people as we can to have rides to the theatre."

Including a \$1,500 grant from the Carolina Theatre and a \$700 allocation from Student Congress, ASA spent about \$4,000 total for the evening's event, Chen said.

The money earned from ticket sales fund next year's show. Any profit made will be donated to Project Michelle.



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Helen Ching demonstrates the martial arts at the Asian Student Association's 'Journey Into Asia' show Saturday night in Durham.

**National and World News**

**Absentee ballot debate in Minn.**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (MCT) — With the U.S. Senate recount still incomplete, attorneys on both sides will now debate whether to reexamine thousands of rejected absentee ballots.

Republican Sen. Norm Coleman was clinging to a thin lead over challenger Al Franken — 180 votes as of Saturday.

Both sides will face off at a state Canvassing Board hearing Wednesday that could prove momentous, with discussion and perhaps a ruling on whether rejected absentee ballots are in or out.

**Even with 60 seats, filibusters might still tie up Democrat-led US Senate**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — Senate Democrats are inching close to the magic number 60, the number of votes needed to cut off debate under the chamber's rules.

Victories by Al Franken in the still-undecided Minnesota race and Jim Martin in Georgia's runoff Dec. 2 would give the Democrats a nominal filibuster-proof majority, which neither party has had in 32 years.

While having 60 members would help Democrats overcome procedural hurdles, however, it hardly assures a smooth path for President-elect Barack

Obama's initiatives, because Senate Democrats are by no means of one mind on many policy issues.

"There's been too much made about it," Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., said of the 60-vote majority. "There's nothing monolithic about the senators in either" party.

That's one reason that 60 is no guarantee of success. Another is the nature of the Senate; it's a collegial, clubby place in which members succeed by building coalitions around specific legislation, and bipartisan coalitions enhance chances of success.

**Dalai Lama urges Tibetan patience**

DHARAMSALA, India (MCT) — The Dalai Lama said Sunday he would not immediately break off talks with China over Tibet's future, though hundreds of his followers want him to halt what they see as fruitless negotiations.

"Wait another month. Then we'll decide," he said at a news conference.

His remarks kept alive the possibility that six-year-long talks between Beijing and his government-in-exile have not utterly broken down.

Younger Tibetans especially have been pushing for a complete separation from China.

**Yemen's movie a tool to fight jihad**

SANAA, Yemen (MCT) — Deep in Yemen's desert, terrorists target a family of European tourists. Then a government force storms the killers' hideout and eliminates the killers.

This is the plot of "A Losing Bet," a new film financed by the government of Yemen that aims to educate a terror-scarred nation about the consequences of jihad.

Critics say the film has little hope of reaching the disaffected communities most vulnerable to terrorist ideology, especially when the country's 40 percent unemployment rate and shrinking economy are considered.

**Obama excites green lobbyists**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — President-elect Barack Obama has not fully defined his policies on endangered species protection, but environmental groups are optimistic, and timber industry and land-rights groups are wary.

"This guy is a quick study and I'm sure he will find competent people," said Rep. Norm Dicks, D-Wash., whose subcommittee oversees nearly \$28 billion in annual funding for the Interior Department, the U.S. Forest Service and the Environmental Protection Agency. "We will be able to work with him. Anything will be better than Bush."

**SOCCER**

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play soccer. It's a no-experience-necessary kind of thing."

Students can become involved by volunteering to coach, set up drills or scrimmage the team, Baldwin said.

Baldwin said the homeless community will be interested in a program like this based on interest in a homeless literary magazine the group started earlier this semester.

Local homeless people exclusively generate the content of the magazine, and Jones is a contributor.

The first issue is set to be released by the end of the semester.

"It's something to look forward to, something to do and a way to sort

of express themselves and observe their talents," Baldwin said. "Soccer would be a really similar concept."

Jones said that he wants run around again and that he thinks his leg will be healed by spring.

Members of the Chapel Hill team will have the opportunity to compete in the Homeless USA Cup and could eventually play in the Homeless World Cup.

But the primary goal is to establish a community, Baldwin said.

"It's so important just to have people playing a game together, and it's a totally equal socioeconomic playing field."

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"I think I brought forth a really diverse perspective," Saad said. "I have an unconventional background, and I think I was able to relate that in the interview process."

As a Morehead-Cain scholar, she has travelled and done research in Egypt, India and South America through the scholarship.

Born in Egypt, Saad was almost ineligible for the scholarship, only learning that she was granted American citizenship a week before the application deadline.

Saad is the 42nd UNC student to receive the scholarship and the seventh in as many years.

"I think it speaks to the quality of the undergraduate education here," Lovelace said. "It's a tribute to the faculty that have supported her."

For Saad, faculty support came from law professor Donald Hornstein, who taught Saad last year and is her honors thesis adviser. Her thesis focuses on environmental issues in the Nile River delta.

He said her experience this past summer, traveling to India and Egypt, and then back to Chapel Hill showcased Saad's ability to transcend borders to confront major issues.

"She's a natural fit," he said. "She's really a citizen of the world."

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