

'Sam' director from Toronto enjoys laid-back Chapel Hill

By CHIP ENSSLIN
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Perhaps one of the best things Bill Peters did was to ignore the personal advice of Northrup Frye.

Peters, the director of the Playmakers Repertory Company's current running, *Play It Again, Sam*, disregarded his University of Toronto teacher's advice to leave his extracurricular dramas alone and concentrate on his English studies.

"I didn't do what he said," Peters said, "but I managed to squeak by."

Peters, a native of Toronto, went on to graduate school in drama at Yale where he met his wife Sara Albertson, an accomplished filmmaker and an artist in her own right.

The two have spent the last month in Chapel Hill, working with *Sam* and sitting in on various classes for question and answer sessions. *Sam* will be playing through Sunday, Nov. 27.

"It's been a great experience working here," Peters said last week over lunch at the Carolina Inn.

"Not only because of the great community support for theater here, but also because of the laid-back atmosphere. Everyone's working together, and it's not the real cut-throat competitiveness."

Peters was asked to come to Chapel Hill by his former Yale teacher Tom Haas, who is the artistic director for the PRC. Peters was given free rein with the script and made changes he felt were needed.

"I approached the script as an editor," Peters said. "That's the Yale training. They make you make decisions. You work with the writers."

Producing a play that was carried by the comic genius of Woody Allen on Broadway without having Allen to play his own protagonist would be a challenge for any director.

"I wasn't intimidated," Peters said. "If it's a one-person play it's not a play. Rudimentary though they are, there are characters and a plot."

Peters fattened the script, omitted many of the "harpings on urban neurotics," and sought to make Bogart as rich a character as Allen Felix, with his own dramatic dilemma.



Bill Peters and his wife Sara Albertson have spent a month in Chapel Hill while Peters directed the current-running Playmakers Repertory Company production of *Play It Again, Sam*. Albertson, a noted filmmaker, met her husband while they were studying drama at Yale.

Peters gives much of the credit for the success of the production to Neil Smith, who plays the character of Allen Felix with "an appealing fragility," creating a more sympathetic character. Sara Albertson, Peters' wife, has just returned from Taiwan, where she shot a documentary about Chinese engineering techniques. The two have enjoyed being together in Chapel Hill since

job assignments often force them to spend time apart from each other.

Albertson, who studied acting at Yale under such eminent filmmakers as George Roy Hill and Arthur Penn, showed the half-hour "black comedy" she filmed for Canadian television to several RTVMP classes here.

"The fact that this is now a legitimate department and course of study is encouraging," she said. "The mass culture is seductive. We learn how to read but we don't have that many ways of educating ourselves visually."

Toronto, one of the filmmaking centers in North America, is the current home base of Peters and Albertson, who say that it is "easy to become a gypsy" in their business. Politics and opportunity, however, may motivate them to move to America in the next few years, according to Peters.

"Places like this (Chapel Hill) invite writers down from some other part of the country to an environment like this, where they can produce. The great thing is that they bring the writers in from the outside," he said.

Wrestling and Turkey Trot IM events here last weekend

By BILL FIELDS
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The Carolina intramural department had a busy day last Thursday with wrestling finals and the Turkey Trot cross country run.

A field of 260 wrestlers had been trimmed by the final matches Thursday, as a field of 48 met in Woolden Gym for the right to call themselves intramural wrestling champions. Competition in three divisions and 10 weight classes produced some good wrestling, according to intramural director Ed Shields.

"There were only a few forfeits and the caliber of wrestling was good," Shields said. "One match went into two overtimes before a winner was determined, and the spectators present added to the excitement."

In the residence hall division the winners were: 118-pound class — Wayne Promislow of Mangum; 126 — Barry Saunders of Morrison; 134 — Clark Norman of Avery; 142 — Darv Emig of Old East; 150 — Sonny Morton of Manley; 158 — Kelley Eppley of Everett; 167 — R. W. Hinshaw of Ehringhaus; 177 — Chris Kueny of Morrison; 190 — Don Dowles of Stacy; and Heavyweight — Jeff Lane of Grinnville West.

The fraternity winners were: 126 — Mark Kogan of Chi Psi; 134 — Will Chapman of Beta Theta Pi; 142 — Curtis Rudolph of Kappa Alpha; 150 — William Bamberger; 158 — Chris Stokes of Delta Kappa Epsilon; 167 — Tom Templeton of Beta Theta Pi; 177 — Rip Davy of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; 190 — Jack Kotord of Kappa Psi; and

Heavyweight — Clark Lane of Phi Delta Theta.

In the graduate-independent division Ronny Mendenhall won 134, Robert Widis won 150, Rich Schwartz took 158; Bill Montgomery, 167; and Tim Wilkerson, 190.

The Turkey Trot cross country run attracted 84 entries Thursday afternoon. The first man to finish the race was David Hankins with a time of 10:28. The first woman finisher was Nancy Capowski in 14:17.

Roy Peach carried the banner for the older set, as he won the over-40 class and a turkey for his efforts.

An impressive performance was turned in by the male four-man team victor. The "Godiva Trotters," of Larry Hanson, Roland Rust, Bob Schaich and Dave Cich finished second through fifth individually to win a turkey for the men's team title.

The "Turkies," composed of Liz Spitznagel, Dena Frontero, Ann Pittman and Linda Causey made up the winning foursome in women's competition. Donna Rich won the prize for "the most spirited" and walked away with a goose egg. Ron Hyatt, of the physical education department and a former intramural director served as honorary starter for the Turkey Trot and then ran in the race himself. Hyatt, after giving the entire field a big head start, didn't finish last, as he worked his way up to finish 82nd.

David Wright defeated Scott Love 6-0, 6-0, Friday in the finals of the All-Campus Tennis Tournament.

Women swimmers fare well in relays

The N.C. State swimming team dominated the Atlantic Coast Conference Relays Sunday in Raleigh. The Pack won nine of the 16 events in the meet.

The women from Carolina took three of eight events. In the 600-yard individual medley, Bonnie Brown, Elke LeMaire and Laurie Potter set a meet record. Brown, LeMaire, Ann Marshall and Kathy Vayda swam to a new meet and pool record

in the 440-yard free; Brown, LeMaire, Marshall and Lauren DuPree also set meet and pool records in the 800-yard free relay.

"We were swimming to learn and to try to eliminate some mistakes that often show up in later competition," UNC swimming coach Frank Comfort said. "I think it's a mistake to draw any conclusions from the results."

— KEN ROBERTS

Fencers take gold at Penn State meet

The Carolina fencing team won its first gold medal since it began competing in the Penn State Intercollegiate Tournament this weekend.

Stan Schulman won the gold by taking first place in saber. In the previous years, Carolina had won seven silver medals and two bronze, but Schulman's finish was a first for UNC.

Rich Weil finished fourth in saber. He tied for third and fourth on indicators. The saber competition was dominated by the ACC, with

four out of the six finalists coming from the conference. UNC was the only school with two fencers in the quarterfinals.

Frank Blake and Tom Kilian advanced through the epee semifinals before missing the finals because of indicators. John Saunders also fenced well but was eliminated in the quarterfinals.

UNC crew club splits two races

The UNC crew club raced UNC-Wilmington Sunday in the team's first regatta of the season. In the first of two 2,000-meter races, UNC lost by two boat lengths. Carolina won the second race. Members of the boat were Boyd Gilman, Dave Holt, Rusty Long, Dan Nobles, Bob Meighan, Kevin Koumjian, Bert Stewart, Bruce Bindeman, Dick Weibolt and Martha Hyde, coxswain. The coach is George Hagerman.

FOR THE RECORD

District 9 results

Rhonda Black was elected Campus Governing Council District 9 representative last week, defeating Chuck Morgan with 160 votes or 54.4 percent of all votes cast. Morgan received 34.8 percent. The remaining votes either went to write-in candidates or were disqualified.

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