

Prep guide sells out

By LAURA CARTER
Staff Writer

The paperback hit the shelves and was sold out within a week. It is impossible to find a copy in Chapel Hill, but all the local bookstores are expecting another shipment any day. What book is causing such a sensation among Chapel Hill residents? None other than *The Official Preppy Handbook*.

The book's preface states "It is the inalienable right of every man, woman and child to wear khaki," and from there it serves to guide a true prep through life by giving tips on the right schools, the right clothes, the right vacations and the right everything else.

The book's editor, Lisa Birnbach, commented on preppiness by telling a group of students at the University of Virginia, one of the schools she lists in

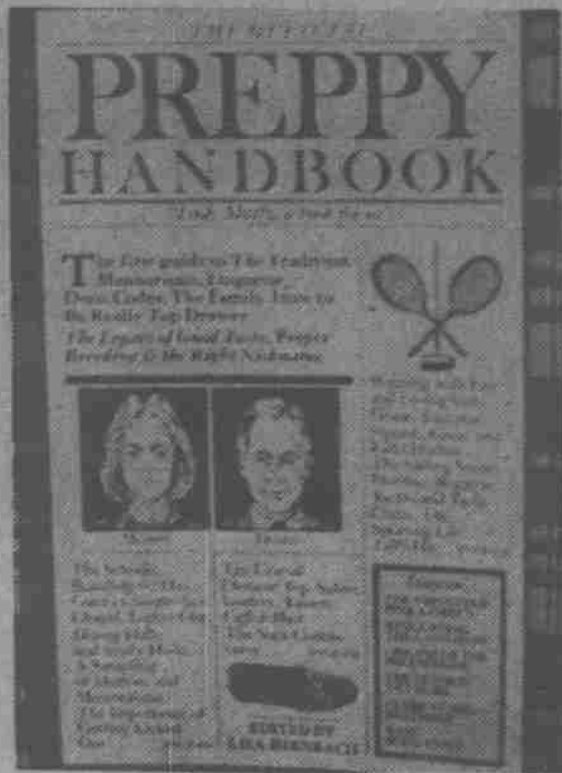
her top 10 of preppy colleges, that "It's not a look, it's a way of life."

Birnbach stopped in at the Intimate Bookstore at University Mall about two weeks ago to autograph copies of her book and the store soon sold out of the book.

People are buying two and three copies of the book at a time, said Ken Waldman, an employee of the Intimate Bookstore on Franklin Street. He said that he had never seen anything like it and that the popularity of the book caught them totally by surprise.

A check of area bookstores could not produce a single copy of the paperback, which sells for \$3.95.

Although UNC did not make it into the top 10 preppy schools, it did achieve a certain status when it rated No. 5 in a list of the top 10 drinking schools.



One-act plays to be presented

By MARC ROUTH
Staff Writer

The UNC Department of Dramatic Art's Laboratory Theater presents four original one-act plays—*Public Display*, *Thanksgiving Dinner*, *Christmas Wish* and *Why the Heavens Rage*—as the closing of the current season. All performances take place in the laboratory theater, 06 Graham Memorial.

The works are the results of the playwriting class taught by Mark Sumner, director of the Institute of Outdoor Drama. According to Sumner, he has revived the class because of a considerable demand for both dramatic art students and writing students.

"In the early days of the Carolina Playmakers," explained Sumner, "the production of the group started with the Carolina Folk Plays. The community as well as the students were involved in the productions, and the program's early playwrights included Tom Wolfe and Paul Green."

The current series of one-acts has again involved the community, with actors drawn from both the student body and the Chapel Hill area. Open auditions for the next series of one-acts will be held Jan. 19 and 20, and anyone on campus is invited to audition.

Public Display, written by Deanna Riley and directed by Pat Barnett, is an improbable comedy about a man who claims he lives on a park bench and who loves to meet and get involved

in the lives of different people. The cast includes Charles Greer, Jeff Williams, Beverly Penninger, Laura Sumner and Barbara Moore. Performances will be Thursday at 4 and 8 p.m.

Thanksgiving Dinner is a realistic portrayal of jealousy between two sisters which is worked out during the course of a family dinner. Written by Lynn Leyerly and directed by Chris Williamson, the cast includes Jeff Burcher, Laura Sumner, Cheryl Walker, Susan Poteat, Jay Murphy and Jay Gwynne. Performances will be Thursday at 4 and 8 p.m.

Christmas Wish, written by Joey Holliman and directed by Peter Hardy, will be performed Friday at 4 and 8 p.m. The play tells the story of a young man who is caught for theft by the police but is befriended by a woman who claims he is her lost son. Cast members include Gary Rzaa, Bob Byrd, Sybil Thornton and Meg Wood.

Why the Heavens Rage, is a comedy fantasy about two people who are dead but won't believe it and their different reactions to "judgment day." Directed by Linda Wright and written by Chuck Bennett, the play also will be performed Friday at 4 and 8 p.m. The cast includes Don Madison, Mike Peterson and Deborah Carnes Christie.

The major emphasis, according to Sumner, is that the playwriting students learn to view the play as a whole structure rather than a series of scenes. Consistent writing and discipline are stressed.

Faculty soloist featured tonight with symphony

The UNC Symphony Orchestra will perform Samuel Barber's "Knoxville Summer of 1915" and Gustav Mahler's "Fourth Symphony" at 8:15 p.m. today in Hill Hall Auditorium.

The text for Barber's "Knoxville Summer of 1915," composed in 1947, was chosen from poetry and prose written by the late James Agee. The "Fourth Symphony" by Mahler, completed in 1900, is more lightly scored than any other Mahler symphony.

Featured soloist in the Barber and final movement of the Mahler is Marjaean Marvin, a UNC faculty member and director of the UNC Opera Theatre.

Theater celebrates N.C. folklore

By TOM MOORE
Arts Editor

The UNC Readers Theatre presents *Catch Me If You Can: A Celebration of North Carolina Folklore* at 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in rooms 202 and 204 of the Carolina Union.

Director Brenda Schluenes says "the object of the show is to show the wide variety of folklore that is part of North Carolina's heritage."

Schluenes went through about 30 or 40 collections of N.C. folklore to cull the material for the production. She found F.C. Brown's *Collection of North*

Carolina Folklore the most valuable source.

"So often you think of only jack tales and mountain tales and you don't get beyond that. Here's this amazing collection that shows North Carolina folklore is much more than that," Schluenes said. "Brown's study includes folklore from the eastern and the western parts of the state and from the white, black and Cherokee cultures."

Schluenes incorporated a diverse spectrum in *Catch Me If You Can* which includes superstitions, legends, tales and folk songs and dances. The presentation

uses the seven cast members in the context of a group of people coming together to have a good time. They start talking and one thought triggers another about stories and events in their past.

Catch Me If You Can, the name comes from a North Carolina Quilt pattern, rounds out a multifaceted Readers Theatre season that included *My Sister's Marriage*, adapted and directed by Stacy Cox; *The Cradle Endlessly Rocking*, adapted and directed by Steven Athanases; and *A Bit of Barthele*, adapted and directed by Mark Fox.

Campus Calendar

Public service announcements must be turned in at the box outside the DTH offices in the Carolina Union by 1 p.m. if they are to run the next day. Each item will be run at least twice.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

IM ... There will be a managers meeting at 7 p.m. in 304 Woolen Gym.

The UNC Ballroom Dance Club will hold its last meeting of the semester at 7 p.m. in room 302 of Woolen Gym.

There will be a Hill Board Party at 5:30 p.m. Meet at Linda's apartment, E-4 Castilian Villa. There will be pizza and all board members are to bring a unique present of less than \$2.00.

First LJA Campaign Meeting. Everyone interested in helping with the campaign or programs about Israel is invited. The meeting is at 7:30 at the Hill House.

The Association of Business Students' Policy Committee will hold a special meeting to elect a new chairperson. All committee members are urged to attend this important meeting. Meet at 3:30 p.m. in 220 New Carroll.

Interested in physical therapy, medicine, dental hygiene or other health professions? The junior P.T. students will have an Open House in the anatomy classroom in 611 Berryhill Hall from 4-5 p.m. Cadavers will be shown. Please come.

Help us to bring in the Christmas season by attending Alpha Phi Omega's 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in the Pit. Dean Boulton will speak and the Men's Glee Club will perform at 7 p.m.

"The Ecosystem Game" will be shown.

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COMING EVENTS

Anglican Student Fellowship weekly eucharistic gathering is at 10 p.m. Wednesday in the Chapel of the Cross. All welcome.

The Global Issues Committee of the Campus Y will meet Wednesday at 3 p.m. in room 206 of the Campus Y. The film "Positions are available to read and score writing samples on a temporary, full-time basis from mid-February through mid-April. Requirements for Readers include formal training in English or a related field. Teaching experience is preferred. Requirements for Table Leaders include an M.A. in English or an equivalent combination of course work and teaching experience. Rates are \$6.50 per hour for Readers and \$7.50 for Table Leaders. Please apply to CTE/MeGraw-Hill, 2834 Chapel Hill Blvd., Durham, NC 27707, (919) 483-3648.

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LIFE WAS SIMPLER THEN!

by Garry Trudeau

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