

Lab! Theatre actors reach for greater unity

The audience is shrouded in darkness. When a single beam of light comes from above, it reveals the cast, clad in black, silently rocking in perfect synchronization.

So began the Lab! Theatre production "Us and Them," which ran the weekend before Thanksgiving Break in Black Box Theater in the basement of Graham Memorial. From this moment of silence until the end of the performance, the audience was absorbed by the performers showing different faces of mankind through various dances, songs and monologues.

First was a dance choreographed by local dancer Killian Manning. The performers showed a high level of concentration in the absolutely silent dance.

Sophomore Cassie Najarian performed "Concert Tino" by George Perlman on the violin. With only a single beam of light shining on her, the music took on an eerie yet beautiful quality. Her face lit only by two candles,

Elizabeth Oliver
Theater

freshman Lisa Bowers did an effective rendition of an excerpt from Gates of Prayer, a Reform Jewish prayer book.

Beautiful harmonies were the highlight of the Hebrew round "Peace, friends," sung by senior Sarah Lamm, sophomore Amy Kilgard and Bowers.

Senior Ali Webster, complete with Russian accent, gave a notable performance of "What Do Russians Want?" by Yevgeny Yeutushenko as she spoke of the necessity of recognizing and meeting the needs of the common man.

Sophomore Anastasia Kokotis, who performed the Greek dance "Kalamatiano," was followed by Najarian and sophomore Nicole Gibson singing "Come to the Water." This performance was highlighted by a self-choreographed dance by Lamm.

In a performance she co-wrote with Todd titled "Lamara," freshman Kimberly Freer spoke of her cousin with Down's syndrome who had no stereotypes or prejudices.

In a strong and intriguing performance, sophomore Jonathan Grant and junior Patrick Thomas found unity with each other through dance.

The evening ended with the play "Us and Them" by David Campton. The narrator, played by Freer, was actually a recorder of history and took the audience through a situation she had witnessed several times.

The story involved two groups arriving on an unclaimed plot of land at the same time. All is fine until they decide they need a wall to keep their animals from straying.

The wall becomes massive, making it impossible for the groups to interact. Suspicions well up as the groups realize they have no idea what the other people are doing on the other side of the

wall. The more they talk about it, the more afraid they become of the other group, about whom they know nothing.

Things come to a head as the groups decide to tear down the wall, not for fellowship with their neighbors but to wage a bloody war.

When all is finished, a survivor from each group comes forth, blaming the wall for the conflict. In their opinion, the wall just was not big enough.

By the end of the play, the recorder is frustrated yet resigned.

The chilling message behind "Us and Them" is that it is time for us to stop singing the praises of walls and begin singing the praises of each other, rejoicing in our differences rather than trying to eliminate them.

Campus Calendar

TUESDAY
10 a.m. The Office of the Dean of the School of Public Health will present health education videos for World AIDS Day until 4 p.m. in 331 Roseneau.

11 a.m. Alpha Phi Omega and Hospital Volunteers will sponsor a bloodmobile until 4 p.m. in Great Hall. This will be a contest with Duke to see which school can collect the most blood.

APO will hold a Minority Bone Marrow Drive in 211-2 Union. Volunteers from the following race groups are needed: African American, Hispanic American, East Asian and American Indian.

3:30 p.m. The Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense will welcome General Maxwell Thurman, U.S. Army, Retired, and commander of Panama invasion, to speak on national security challenges for the new administration in the Dey Toy Lounge.

5 p.m. UNC Juggling Club will meet in Carmichael Ballroom.

6 p.m. Sigma Theta Alpha (Collegiate HOSA) will have a Christmas Social for all members and students interested in joining at Ham's.

6:30 p.m. Carolina Fever will meet to distribute tickets for the game at Chase and 109 Fetzer.

UNC Young Democrats will meet and distribute tickets for the meeting with Sen. Ted Kennedy in 206 Union.

7 p.m. Student Support Coalition for UNC Housekeepers will meet to discuss upcoming actions in the Soja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.

CHispa: teneremos una junta a las siete en cuarto 209 con alguien de B-GLAD para hablar sobre homophobia en Latino America.



World Briefs

Supreme Court rebuts Guam abortion law

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court sustained women's basic right to abortion Monday, voting 6-3 against reviving a 1990 Guam law that would have prohibited nearly all such operations.

The justices refused to review lower court rulings that had declared the U.S. territory's sweeping law unconstitutional.

Monday's action, which activists on both sides of the national debate had expected, marked the first time in 20 years the high court declined to review a major abortion dispute.

The invalidated Guam law would have allowed abortions only when an embryo formed outside the woman's womb, or when two doctors determined that continuing a pregnancy would kill a woman or "gravely impair" her health.

Monday's action was viewed as likely to persuade Louisiana officials not to seek to reverse a federal appeals court ruling that struck down their state law banning most abortions. Louisiana Attorney General Richard Iteyoub said he would announce the state's plans today.

The court's brief order in the Guam case drew dissenting votes from Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia and Byron White.

Writing for the three, Scalia said a federal appeals court wrongly struck down the Guam law "on its face."

Rehnquist, White and Scalia — joined by Justice Clarence Thomas — dissented from the June ruling. They said that there was no constitutional right to abortion.

Tsongas tells reporters that he has cancer

BOSTON — Former Democratic presidential candidate Paul Tsongas, who has twice battled cancer, confirmed Monday that a new growth in his abdomen is cancerous.

"That's the bad news," Tsongas, 51, said at a news conference. "The good news is that it's contained."

The former U.S. senator said he would undergo chemotherapy and radiation treatment as early as Thursday and that those measures should effectively remove the cancer, which he identified as large-cell lymphoma.

Tsongas ended his Senate career in 1984 after he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma. His condition worsened despite conventional treatment, and he underwent an experimental operation in July 1986 in which some bone marrow was removed and treated to kill the cancer cells.

Tsongas said he was relieved to learn that the newest growth, discovered near his pancreas, was not pancreatic cancer, which can be quickly fatal.

Tsongas said his medical condition would not affect his own political plans and added that he had designs on no elected office but the presidency.

Tsongas said that had he won the presidency, and then been forced to undergo treatments, his job performance would not have been affected.

"I'd just deal with it like you deal with everything else," he said. "I might throw up, but we had a president who did that in Japan on full camera. I would do it in private."

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TAR HEEL SPORTS SHORTS
The Carolina women's basketball team begins its 1992-93 season **TODAY** when they face Charleston Southern, at 4:30 pm in Carmichael Auditorium. The Lady Tar Heels are led by pre-season first team All-ACC selections, Tonya Sampson and Charlotte Smith.
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