

Annual Ritz raises \$200,000 for hospital

By Wade Allen
Editor

When you combine nearly 600 philanthropists, world-class food, glitz, glamour and a Tony Award-winning actor, you're bound to raise a large sum of money for a cause.

The 16th annual "Putting on the Ritz" benefit held in Laurinburg on Nov. 7 did just that. Not only did the event raise \$200,000 for future patients, but donors enjoyed a first-class evening of entertainment and elegant festivities.

Ice sculptures and massive live floral centerpieces were everywhere at the event, which required black tie attire.

Tony winner

Legendary actor Ben Vereen, who won a Tony award in 1973 for his role in "Pippin," hosted the event that took place on the campus of Scotland Memorial Hospital.

Vereen spoke, praised healthcare workers in the audience, danced and sang. He talked about his appreciation for doctors after his brush with death when he was hit by a car

in 1992.

"They said I'd never be able to do this again," Vereen said, as he began to dance around the black and white checkered dance floor.

He also placed bids on many of the silent auction items that were available and donated \$1,000 to the foundation.

Prior to the event, Vereen visited with hospital patients and prayed with many of them in their rooms.

He said that he was proud to be at the event in his home town of Laurinburg.

Delicacies

Donors feasted on eight tables of food, ranging from sushi to beef tenderloin.

A room especially coordinated for dessert was open and featured home made creations by professional chefs.

Custom decorated cupcakes, fruit with fondue dip, chocolate and vanilla pudding and cakes in the shape of miniature poodle dogs were available for the taking.

A massive ice sculpture in the shape of a grand piano held hun-

dreds of jumbo shrimp as people piled them high on their glass plates.

There were approximately two members of the waitstaff for each of the 60 tables assembled. At the donors' beck and call, the servers made sure that each patron felt taken care of and comfortable.

Elegance

The event payed special attention to detail with valet parking, china plates, crystal glassware and silver utensils.

Professional photographers were on hand to set up portraits with those wishing to capture the moment.

Black carpet had been layed down on the floor and white linen tablecloths covered each table.

With both a live and silent auction held, bidders had plenty of goods and services to choose from.

Items sold to the highest bidders included a gas grill, vacation package to Pinehurst, framed artwork, autographed books, a woven rug, restaurant gift certificates and even a voucher for a professional interior decorator to custom decorate your home



Provost Charles Harrington (left), Billie Harrington, Wade Allen, Karen Jenkins and Chancellor Charles Jenkins pose at the 16th annual "Putting On The Ritz" fundraiser for the Scotland Hospital Foundation on Nov. 7 in Laurinburg. The event raised \$200,000 for future hospital patients.

for the holiday season.

UNCP support

Among those present from UNCP were Director of Information Technology Planning and Budgeting Maureen Windmeyer, Chancellor

Charles Jenkins and his wife Karen and Provost Charles Harrington and his wife Billie.

GPAC donated tickets to future events with dinner prior to the silent auction.

Organized by the hos-

pital foundation, the benefit raises money for healthcare that directly impacts people in the region.

"Doctors are healers, not curers," Vereen said. "The only thing you can cure is ham."



The International Student tour the Bentonville Battlefield in Four Oaks, N.C. Oct. 31. This is the first trip programmed by the International Student Organization.

International students visit historic battlefield

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International students met American history by visiting a battlefield in North Carolina on Halloween day. They toured the Bentonville Battlefield in Four Oaks, N.C. on Oct. 31.

According to Qi (Larry) Liu, the president of International Student Organization, it was the first trip that was programmed by the International Student

Organization. The 20 available seats for the trip were full a week early.

"The purpose of this trip is to know about American history," said Liu.

The Battle of Bentonville was the last full-scale action of the Civil War and it was the largest ever fought in North Carolina.

The battlefield is one of the many North Carolina Historic Sites.

The students also visited a cemetery and

Harper House, which was used as a hospital after watching a short video clip about the Civil War.

"It is awesome! It is better than a trip other contemporary spots or just to shop," said international student Kim Boreum from Korea.

"I hope there are lots of opportunities to learn American history," said Boreum.

ISO is currently planning another trip for international students to learn more about America.

3OH!3 loves to show off eccentric dance moves on stage and in videos

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All summer long the lyrics to "Don't trust me" by 3OH!3 have been escaping from the mouths of almost every 12 - 30 year old in the country. Due to that song the dynamic duo can now say they're double platinum artists.

It's also a known fact that when two six-year-olds know all the words to your song even though they don't know the meaning of it, you're Grammy material.

The two best friends, Sean Forman, 24, and Nathaniel Motte, 25, hail from Boulder, Colo. They met while attending a physics class at Boulder University of Colorado.

Within the year alone they have managed to create a new genre of music with their own version of 'crunkcore.'

They produced a few tracks in a shady base-

ment and got signed to the New York based indie label, Photo Finish Records.

With their first album mostly a dud, their second album titled, "Want" has sold approximately 372,937 copies. The first single off the album "Don't trust me" is branded in every human's mind.

It doesn't hurt that the song shows off their historic knowledge of Helen Keller. The video for the song has been on heavy rotation on MTV and FUSE TV for almost six months.

The second single off the album "Starstruckk" is already certified gold in the U.S. It's currently in the Top 100 Billboard. Tour-mate Katy Perry is featured on the remix of the single and the music video.

Their eccentric dance moves and sarcastic lyrics have made them a staple in the pop scene.

Since the release of

the album, the band has been touring non-stop. In 2008 they took the reins and headlined the Vans Warped Tour.

That same year pop singer Katy Perry asked the guys to be her opening act for the European leg of her tour.

They'll return to Europe for their own tour this fall, and they'll also perform in Australia.

Their crazy stage antics have gotten them selected in top headline Alternative press magazines music tour that started in March 2009.

In August 2009 they performed at the infamous MTV Video Music Awards, where they were nominated for best new artist. Unfortunately, they lost out to Lady Gaga.

MTV also contacted the band to record the theme song to their hit series The Real World Cancun; they even made an appearance on the show.

New fast food restaurant takes pride in freshness

By William Wade
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Students have been going wild over the new restaurant Melvins'.

Students have described Melvins' as fresh, fast and friendly.

"We don't have any items that come frozen, everything we make is fresh. From the cole slaw to the chili we do it ourselves," said Shift manager Theresa (last name).

Theresa also said that Melvins has a secret recipe for their hamburg-

ers and when people eat there that is what they love the most.

"I eat at Melvins about three times a month because I love the burgers and fries. It is convenient because it is close to work and the service is fast," said Perry Holden, a Robenson healthcare professional.

Students visiting Melvins' said they enjoyed the food and the atmosphere.

One of those students was Ashton Woods.

"Melvins' is different

from other fast food restaurants, the burgers are fresh and the fries are the best in town," said Woods.

Woods said since the store has opened he has eaten there about three times a week.

Melvins' is located on Highway 711 connected to the new Marathon gas station.

The hours are from 9 a.m.- 7p.m. Melvins offers a 3% discount to students who have their Brave Card.



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