

SANGAM Event Highlights Heritage

Students who attended the event sampled Indian foods and had the opportunity to learn two folk dances.

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Students were treated to a spectacle of colors, flavors and dance Wednesday at SANGAM's Navratri, an event highlighting the cultures of South Asia. SANGAM is the South Asian Awareness Organization on campus that promotes political, cultural and social awareness of South Asia, said Susan Kansagra, treasurer of SANGAM. With approximately 75 students attending, SANGAM members taught two traditional Indian dances: the garba, a circle dance, and the dadias raas, a dance done with sticks. With intricate steps and stomping, dancers performed the garba in two cir-

cles. The dadias raas paired students with SANGAM members while both danced to the rhythmic clacking of sticks to the beat of the music. "This (event) allows students to learn about our culture through this interactive event," Kansagra said. Shannon Jones, a freshman from Virginia who learned the garba, said Navratri was a great way to learn about the culture of Southeast Asia. "Just by being here, you learn so much from the conversations, the dress, all of the interactions," she said. Before the dances were performed, students sampled traditional Indian dishes like samosas, which are flour shells with vegetables and spice fillings, and gulab jamun, which is a dessert with a rose essence. Nataki Kambon, a junior from Raleigh, said she attended the event not only for the good food, but to broaden her cultural views. "I wanted to hear a little more about

Indian culture because I'm really interested in learning about different cultures, especially the traditional aspects," she said. SANGAM members were dressed in vivid and flowing traditional costumes and danced barefoot to the pulsating beat of drums. Live music was provided by Natkhat, a traditional Indian music group. Viral Chokshi, a member of Natkhat, said he voluntarily offered his services. "This is for the students in SANGAM, and it is important to help out the student community in the area." Kansagra said Navratri was also held last year and continued to be one of SANGAM's biggest events of the year. Another event, Rang-e-Mela, will be held in the Great Hall on Nov. 14, she

said. It will include demonstrations of classical and modern dances, instrumental music and singing. There will also be samples of a variety of Indian foods as well as a mendhi booth where students can have artwork painted on their bodies, Kansagra said. But Navratri allowed students and SANGAM members a two-way learning experience. Dina Mehta, a dancer in SANGAM, said, "The best part of having Navratri on campus is being able to celebrate our culture with the University community." "We're teaching ourselves as well as other people." *The University Editors can be reached at udesk@unc.edu.*

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DINA MEHTA
SANGAM Dancer

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an anti-mildew spray, a chance of mildew still remains, she said. Casey said the fourth-floor elevator shafts and hallways suffered the most damage. Melissa Billera, a senior from Goldsboro who works at the Carmichael front desk, said most complaints she received were from the first and fourth floors. "I've had residents complain that their carpet's been ruined or their computer has gotten wet," Billera said. "During my shift, at least four residents either came to the front desk or called." The students who caused the sprinkler activation will still be held liable for the damage, Casey said. "It's good that those students came forward because otherwise the whole

fourth floor would be held liable," she said. According to Department of University Housing policy, if damage is done to a common area, all students on that floor are held liable unless someone claims responsibility. But Billera said reimbursement for damage in students' rooms was another story. Billera said she has told students with complaints to make a list and turn it in to Whitehead-Carmichael Area Director Jennifer McLamb. "People aren't really sure who to call, who is responsible," Billera said. "That's the main problem." "I think that what's going to end up happening is that it's going to be 'Well, I'm sorry your stuff got ruined but that's life.'" Casey said she had not heard of much damage to student rooms except for carpet complaints. She said the housing department

would advise students to consult their own homeowner's insurance to cover the cost of any damage. The University Housing Contract, which all on-campus residents must sign, recommends all students purchase homeowner's insurance in case of emergencies, Casey said. Georgiana Mak, a freshman from Fayetteville, said her room had not been severely damaged. "There was a layer of water on the floor, but it was vacuumed up by the next morning," she said. "We didn't have a lot of damage because we didn't have anything on the floor," Mak said. Billera said there would be a free dinner and giveaway prizes with a water theme for all Carmichael residents at 6 p.m. Thursday to make up for any inconvenience caused by the flooding. *The University Editors can be reached at udesk@unc.edu.*

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there, the airport would lose its public use status, he said. University administrators said the airport should remain open to the public and use federal funds to make the airport safer, Ramsey said. Board member Harvey Goldstein, who also sits on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools' Board of Education, said pilots from other areas posed an increased risk to Chapel Hill residents and students at nearby schools. "At a minimum, there have to be some provisions to reduce, restrict or eliminate these users," he said. Goldstein said the accidents were the result of problems with the pilots rather than safety problems with the airport. *The University Editors can be reached at udesk@unc.edu.*

Ex-UNC Police Chief Takes Vermont Job

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After moving right up the road from Chapel Hill to Durham, former University Police Chief Alana Ennis is now heading all the way up the East Coast. Ennis, who left UNC in 1995 to go to Duke University, will be the new police chief for the Burlington Police Department in Vermont starting in early December. "Burlington is a lot like Chapel Hill with a university in the middle of the town," Ennis said. "There are a lot of the same issues there." Ennis said moving from a university to a city police department would not be a difficult transition for her. Before coming to UNC, she worked in the Durham police department for 17 years. Although Ennis will be taking a cut in salary to take the job, she said she was enthusiastic about the move. "It's a great opportunity to go back to a municipal environment in a terrific place," Ennis said. "It's very rare for a campus chief to move to a municipality, so it will be a very positive move."

Ennis learned the value of flexibility when she left Durham to come to UNC in 1992 and then moved again to serve as Duke's police chief in 1995. "When I came to Duke, it was a lot like coming home since I grew up in Durham," Ennis said. "It was different having the medical center here (at Duke) and having a bigger campus with a larger department." Ennis said her move to Vermont would feel familiar since she would be back in both a college town and a municipal environment. "We are sad to see her go," said Major Robert Dean, a colleague at the Duke Police Department. "But we are happy to see her continue to progress in her profession." *The State & National Editors can be reached at stntdesk@unc.edu.*

GAY SCENE

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selves or talked with companions. Simi, a Duke University senior, said the friendly atmosphere allowed lesbians to accept their sexuality. "I started coming here because I couldn't deny the fact that I was a lesbian anymore," she said. "Here we can be the way we are." Although the majority of women at the club were in their late 20s and early 30s, women of all races attended the club. Watching a woman dip her partner to the floor in ballroom dancing style, a lawyer said even at a lesbian bar, public display of affection was limited. "You'll find women are very reluctant to initiate asking someone to dance because they might not be comfortable taking the first step," she said. Pat Cook, who has been a regular at the club for 10 years, said it was shameful that lesbians and gays could not openly express feelings at other clubs. "People don't understand that we are people, too. We go through divorces, break-ups, too." "No one wants to live in a society where people break out your windshield if you have a rainbow on your car," she said. Gay men look to other Triangle clubs, such as Raleigh's Legends, for dancing - and drag shows. At his third visit to Legends, Matt, who attends Richmond Community College, said he agreed that "the world we live in is so rough that to go to a lesbian or gay bar is a release." Sunday at Legends is "Drag Night" and a complete reversal from the conversational feel of Eve's. Legends is an atmospheric cross between a Las Vegas artsy lounge and the typical booming dance environs of most clubs. *The Features Editor can be reached at features@unc.edu.*

Campus Calendar

Thursday
4 p.m. - The Curriculum in Asian Studies will present a speech by Lisa Keister, assistant professor of sociology, on "Chinese Business Groups: The Structure and Impact of Interfirm Relations," at the University Center for International Studies located at 223 E. Franklin St.

4 p.m. - The Association of English Majors will hold a peer advising session in the Donovan Lounge of Greenlaw Hall to give students planning to register for English classes the chance to get the lowdown on what courses and professors to take. There will be no faculty present, only students.
5 p.m. to 11 p.m. - The Lab! Theatre will be having auditions for its second set of shows, including "The Vagina Monologues," "The Marriage of

Bette and Boo" and "Medea," in the Hill Hall Auditorium. Anyone interested should prepare two contrasting monologues. Sign up for an audition time at the Union front desk.
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Reyna Walters, the student body president, will hold an office hour in Lenoir Dining Hall.
6:30 p.m. - There will be an interest meeting for CHisPA's Chicos in 302 Greenlaw Hall. This is a mentoring program for Hispanic children in the elementary schools of the Carrboro/Chapel Hill area. Everyone is invited but those interested in participating must be able to communicate at least on a basic level in Spanish. For more information call 962-5299.

Carrboro. Cost will be \$2 per bag.
The Duke University Department of Music will be hosting acclaimed Russian pianist Andrei Diev from Nov. 7 through 21. Diev will be teaching two master-classes (from 2 to 5 p.m. on Nov. 20, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 21) which will be held on Duke University's East Campus. These classes will be free and open to any students attending North Carolina institutions. Interested students should submit an audio cassette tape of their performance before Oct. 15. For more information call 660-3322.
There will be a CPR and home safety class on two consecutive Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the James T. Hedrick building, 211 Friday Center Drive. Space is available for these two part classes: Nov. 2 and Nov. 9, and Dec. 14 and Dec. 21. Cost is \$25 per person. For more information call UNC HealthLink at 966-7890.

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