



POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Sunday, August 25

■ An unattended stove in the second-floor kitchen of Craige Residence Hall ignited paper products causing a fire alarm, reports state.

Chapel Hill firefighters and University police evacuated the building after paper products blew into a stove burner, setting the paper on fire, reports state. Craige was evacuated, but reports state that there was no damage to the building.

Saturday, August 24

■ University police found a 17-year-old male student vomiting in a third-floor bathroom of Joyner Residence Hall, reports state.

Police reported that the student had vomited several times before they arrived and threw up again when paramedics arrived.

The student, who lives in Avery Residence Hall, was taken to the hospital for treatment, reports state.

Thursday, August 22

■ University police arrested a UNC student for first degree burglary and larceny, reports state.

Randall Rhyne, 21, of 157 Graham Residence Hall was arrested on charges that he allegedly entered 175 Graham while the victim was sleeping and began to remove cords from a laptop, reports state.

The victim, an assistant area director for Aycock and Graham residence halls, woke up to find Rhyne disconnecting his laptop at 4:50 a.m., reports state.

Rhyne was released on a written promise to appear in Orange County District Court on Aug. 23.

City

Monday, August 26

■ Chapel Hill police responded to an assault call at 12:06 a.m.

Reports state that a man was assaulted on the 200 block of South Merritt Mill Road. He was beaten over the head by some acquaintances, and then his hand was sliced with a box cutter, reports state.

The incident has been cited as an assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious bodily injury, reports state.

The case is under further investigation.

Saturday, August 24

■ A car was reported stolen from a downtown Chapel Hill parking lot at 11:22 p.m., reports state.

Reports state that the 2000 green Ford Explorer was removed from the parking lot at 318 Rosemary St.

The vehicle had been secured Aug. 16 and was discovered missing Saturday at 2 p.m., reports state.

The SUV is valued at \$15,000, reports state.

The case is under further investigation.

Friday, August 23

■ Chapel Hill police arrested a woman on felony drug charges at 10:16 p.m., reports state.

Reports state that officers arrested Shanail Monick Mitchell, 19, of 306 N. Estes Drive, I-17, in Carrboro after a K-9 narcotics search revealed 45 grams of marijuana in her purse.

Police received an anonymous call reporting that a man named "Ryan" was selling drugs in the Chapel Hill public housing units on South Estes Drive, reports state. Upon arrival, narcotics unit officers spotted a blue Saturn leaving the parking lot, reports state.

Reports state that the officers matched the plates with those of a car driven by Ryan Dennis Lawrence, 27, of 4230 Garrett Road, G-22, in Durham.

Lawrence had been trespassing from all Chapel Hill public housing May 4 following his arrest for felony crack cocaine possession, reports state.

Officers identified Lawrence in the passenger seat and pulled the vehicle over on Pope Road near Old Durham Road, reports state.

After charging Lawrence with second degree trespassing, officers conducted a K-9 search of the car, finding in Mitchell's purse a bag of marijuana, weighing 45 grams, reports state.

Mitchell was charged with felony marijuana possession and released on a written promise to appear in court, reports state.

Mitchell was scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Monday.

■ A Wilkesboro resident was assaulted and his puppy was stolen at 9:55 p.m.

Reports state that the victim was assaulted at 131 E. Franklin St. and then the suspect stole his 7-month-old chow puppy.

The dog is valued at \$200. The case is closed with all leads exhausted.

Students Not to Blame for Water Depletion

Area went to Stage 2 restrictions Friday

By RUTHIE WARSHENBROT
Staff Writer

Officials say an increase in area water usage last week cannot entirely be blamed on UNC students hitting campus but on a general lack of rainfall.

Nonetheless, University officials said precautions still are being taken to conserve water.

On Friday, the Orange Water and Sewer Authority started enforcing Stage 2 water restrictions in response to the worst drought the area has ever experi-

enced. Stage 2 restrictions limit certain kinds of outdoor water use. For instance, residents are limited to watering with hoses or sprinklers one day per week.

The average weekly water use in August was about 11 million gallons until last week, when it went up to 12.7 million gallons.

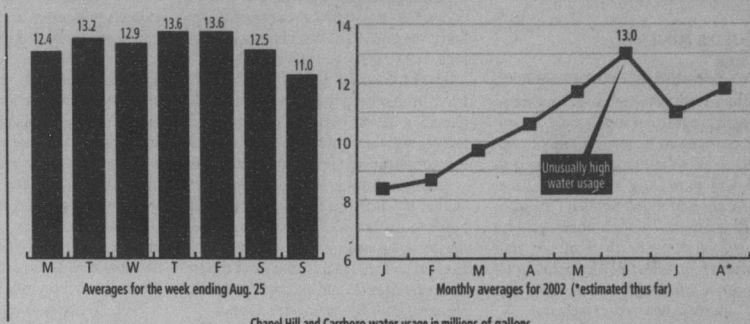
Greg Feller, OWASA's director of public affairs, said students' arrival to Chapel Hill is not the only factor in the past week's increase.

Because there has been so little rain, outdoor water use has increased, Feller said. "The hotter and dryer it is, the more water is used," he said.

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Lack of Rain to Blame — Not Flood of Students

OWASA recorded a dramatic increase in water usage last week due primarily to the lack of rainfall. Nearly 12 million gallons of water have been used this month — up from 10.5 million in 2001. If water usage continues as it did last week, OWASA might need to enforce more stringent water restrictions in the area.



SOURCE: OWASA

DTH/MARY STOWELL

Looking Beyond the Hill

Local sensation Sankofa hopes to apply its new sound to a wider audience

By NICK PARKER
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They're confident, comfortable and commanding — but if the members of Sankofa are going to make it big, they will need more than just ambition.

And thankfully they've got it. Anyone remotely plugged into the pulse of the Chapel Hill music scene has heard — or at least heard of — the funky hip-hop rhythms of Sankofa. The group's style is unique, its sound intense, its talents soaring.



Almost famous: A monthly look at a group of rising hip-hop superstars.

But being a powerful local sensation doesn't guarantee that Sankofa will just step into being a national icon.

The road to glory could be long and arduous. The Daily Tar Heel will shadow Sankofa for the entire year, watching its struggle for stardom through recording, touring, promoting and, they hope, signing.

Since its formation more than four years ago, Sankofa has become a mainstay of the Chapel Hill music scene. What started as a few friends having fun has turned into an institution for local hip-hop enthusiasts.

When they first performed together in a talent show sponsored by Hip-Hop Nation, a student organization aiming to foster hip-hop culture, they had no name, no lofty aspirations, no pretensions. They were just out there to have a good time.

But after blowing away the audience and garnering rave reviews — from both friends and strangers — the members knew they had found something real and something they loved.

"We practiced once for that talent show then went out there and rocked it," recalls Stefan Greenlee, also known as MC Creem, the group's lead vocalist. "After that we just kind of went from there — writing, performing, practicing, really getting serious."

"It was cool seeing everyone really getting into our music, connecting over what we were doing."

But the group's maturation hasn't always been without growing pains. When keyboardist Mark Wells quit the band in 2001, the future seemed bleak and uncertain.

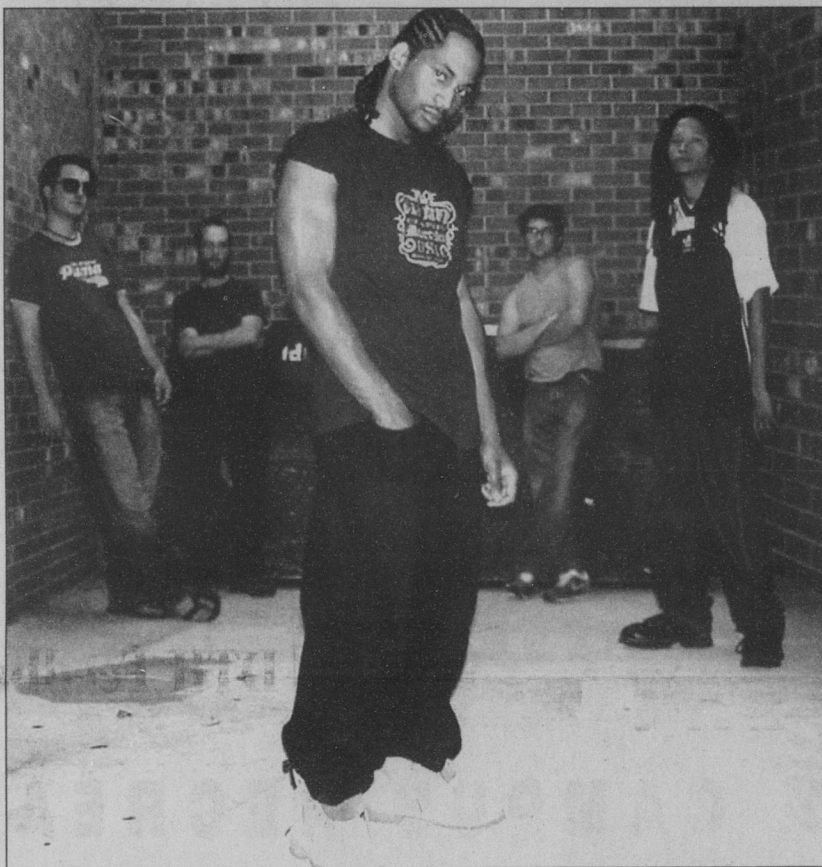


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Led by Stefan "MC Creem" Greenlee, Sankofa is striving to jump into the national spotlight. After a brief hiatus following the departure of keyboardist Mark Wells, Sankofa has returned with a new sound, a new guitarist and a new focus.

"Everyone thought that we had kind of dropped off," Greenlee said. "People were asking me what we were doing and when we were coming back. A lot of people thought that the band was dead."

"When Mark quit we were all like 'What the fuck do we do now?' We had to come brand new."

Enter Dana Chell. A classically trained guitarist, Chell brings structured intensity and a wicked, experimental sound.

All of the band members agree that the addition of the guitarist, who they have affectionately nicknamed DNA, almost single-handedly fueled their revival.

"DNA inspired a lot of the new

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UNC Nabs Top 'Hot' Ranking

Community service a factor in selection

By CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.
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The 2003 edition of the Kaplan-Newsweek college guide, released Monday, put UNC in a group of this year's 12 "Hot Colleges."

Officials say the guide focuses on a broad range of qualities that potential applicants are looking for in a school.

The Kaplan/Newsweek "How to Get Into College" guide does not rank the 12 schools but lists them with a description. As a policy, this year's top 12 does not include any schools ranked in the previous two editions of the guide.

The guide also cites UNC in stories about the University's decision to eliminate its binding early admission application last spring.

Tammy Fang, spokeswoman for Kaplan, said the guide's editors scrutinized policies of colleges and universities that had substantial increases in the number of applicants. Editors then searched for common factors that might contribute to applicants' increasing interest in those schools.

When deciding the final 12, Fang said, the editors focused on trends in student preferences and issues of interest to applicants. She said one of the most prevalent trends was students' interest in attending institutions of higher education with many community service opportunities.

Fang said the University's symbiotic relationship with Chapel Hill provides

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More Water Restrictions On the Way

Area hit with worst drought in history

By JAMIE DOUGHER
Assistant City Editor

The town of Hillsborough and the Alamance-Orange water systems will soon implement Stage 6 water restrictions in their service areas.

Stage 6, which officials will enact within the week, has never before been reached in that area. The specific details of Stage 6 were unknown even to town officials until they were unveiled this weekend.

go to dailytarheel.com See the full list of water restrictions that could impact parts of Orange County.

Two requirements of the Stage 6 restrictions are that hotels must ask guests staying in the hotel for multiple nights if they do not need to have their bed sheets changed daily and that restaurants must use single service plates, utensils and cups.

The Stage 6 restrictions also outline a number of recommendations for customers, such as limiting toilet flushing and refraining from the use of garbage disposals or automatic dishwashers.

With the area suffering from the worst drought in recorded history, the need to go above and beyond any previous restrictions has become dire.

Officials from the Holiday Inn Express in Hillsborough say they already have been doing their part to conserve water.

Mihir Desai, an employee of the Holiday Inn at 202 Cardinal Drive said the hotel is anticipating the Stage 6 restrictions and has been asking hotel guests to reduce their water usage and

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ACT Shifts Focus to Long Term

Transportation committee replaces TPAC

By JOHN FRANK
Assistant University Editor

University Police Chief Derek Poarch doesn't want to talk about TPAC.

As far as he is concerned, the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee is over — for good.

Instead, he is focusing his efforts on the new Advisory Committee on Transportation, of which he is the co-chairman. "We created a new committee to focus on more than just parking," Poarch said. "It's more about campus access and an increased dependence on park-and-ride and transit."

Composed of 11 members representing a wide range of campus interests, the new committee was formed in June by Nancy Sutenfield, vice chancellor for finance and administration.

The committee is charged with help-

ing the Department of Public Safety develop a five-year transportation plan, which will be presented to the Board of Trustees for adoption in January.

The committee will draft the plan with the help of Kimley-Horn and Associates, a Raleigh transportation consulting firm hired by the University for \$250,000.

TPAC was dissolved at the end of last year when its purpose was questioned after difficulties balancing the DPS budget. With advice from former TPAC members and the UNC Board of Trustees, Sutenfield changed committee leadership and refocused it on long-term goals.

Poarch said everything from the committee's size to its philosophy is different. "It is going to be much more structured than what we have seen in the past."

Last school year some committee members thought they strayed from their purpose as an advisory board to a

policy-making entity. But this year, Poarch said, "We are going to deal with philosophies and not the nuts and bolts."

Poarch said the specifics of any plan would be up to UNC administrators.

All committee members presented their philosophies at the committee's first two meetings over the summer. The perspectives varied on how ACT should handle transportation issues.

Student Body Secretary Rebecca Williford, who filled in for committee member Student Body President Jen Daum, said her emphasis is encouraging students to live without a car on campus, according to minutes from the meeting.

Meanwhile, Sue Estroff, Faculty Council chairwoman and committee member, said she would like to see a moratorium on new buildings that lack enough parking spaces for the people who work in them.

Others hinted at night parking pro-

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All About ACT

- The Advisory Committee on Transportation will propose to administrators possible options for safe and efficient campus transportation.

Committee Members

- Derek Poarch, chairman, director of Public Safety
- Dean Bresciani, interim vice chancellor for student affairs
- Sue Estroff, Faculty Council chairwoman
- Tommy Griffin, Employee Forum chairman
- Tommy McHale, senior associate dean of finance and planning
- Willie Scroggs, associate director of athletics
- Todd Peterson, executive vice president and chief operating officer, UNC Hospitals
- Jen Daum, student body president
- Colin Christian, Graduate and Professional Student Federation representative
- Gene Bober, planner in the School of Medicine
- John Tallmadge, transportation planner

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