



POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Saturday, Sept. 21

Two female N.C. State University students were arrested Saturday at 1:29 a.m. on charges of being caught with UNC-Chapel Hill property, reports state.

Sarah Burrill, 20, and Julie Wetsch, 20, were charged with misdemeanor larceny and arrested at their places of residence in Raleigh, reports state.

Their trial date is set for Nov. 13 at the Orange County District Court in Chapel Hill.

An unknown person attempted to enter the housekeeping office in the Student Union sometime before 6 p.m. Saturday evening, reports state.

An employee reported that someone had attempted to pry open the padlock hasp to the office, which is in the basement of the Student Union.

The employee reportedly made the discovery at approximately 6 p.m. that evening.

The employee did not report the incident until 8:30 p.m., reports state.

Upon investigation, police officers discovered a threaded steel rod about 5 feet long on the floor in front of the door, suspected to be the device used to pry open the door, reports state.

Though the hasp to the padlock was bent, the padlocked door remained secure, reports state.

Friday, Sept. 20

When leaving work, a University police officer, reported seeing two suspicious men walking through the S1 parking lot from the direction of UNC Hospitals to Morrison Residence Hall at 7:14 p.m.

Suspecting that the men were not students, McIntyre proceeded to call for backup and then located the suspects within the residence hall, reports state.

Upon questioning, the suspects said that they were visiting someone in the hospital and, having never been to UNC before, wanted to walk around and visit the campus.

Neither of the suspects were in any way affiliated with the University, reports state.

Identification was taken, but no warrants were issued, reports state.

City

Thursday, Sept. 19

Chapel Hill police responded to a call of larceny from a room on the first floor of Granville Towers East.

Reports state that an unknown person entered the unlocked room of a UNC student and stole a laptop computer, valued at \$2,000.

The burglar also stole a cellular phone valued at \$40, reports state.

Reports state that the crime occurred during a 15-minute period when the student left his room unlocked.

Reports state that the crime occurred between 5:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.

The case is under further investigation, reports state.

Chapel Hill police responded to a call of larceny of a motor vehicle that occurred in the 200 block of Pinegate Circle, reports state.

The victim reported her two-door silver 2000 Honda Civic missing at 3:44 p.m., reports state.

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

The case is under further investigation, reports state.

Chapel Hill police responded to a call of larceny of a motor vehicle that occurred on the 100 block of Weatherspoon Street at 8:03 a.m., reports state.

Reports state that an unknown person broke the driver's-side window to gain entry to the four-door green 1999 Honda Civic.

The car was later recovered, reports state, but the wheels, valued at \$400, remain missing.

Reports state that the car also received \$400 worth of damage to the window and trunk.

The car was last known to be secure at 8:03 p.m. and was discovered missing at 12:00 a.m., reports state.

All leads have been exhausted in the case, reports state.

Chapel Hill police responded to a call of larceny from a motor vehicle that occurred in the 100 block of Kingsbury Drive at 9:41 a.m., reports state.

Reports state that an unknown person forced entry into the trunk of the gold 1986 Chevrolet Caprice.

Reports state that the burglar stole two speakers valued at \$500 and two amplifiers valued at \$850. The total value of the stolen goods was \$1,350.

All leads have been exhausted, reports state.

Chase Through Triangle Ends With 2 Deaths

Parts of I-40 closed during rush hour

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — A police chase that began after a kidnapping in Raleigh ended Monday night with two people dead along Interstate 85 in Brunswick County, Va.

The deaths of a man and the woman he had taken hostage were confirmed Monday night by Raleigh police.

The chase forced police to close parts

of I-85 and Interstate 40 — including the Chapel Hill exits — during rush hour, bringing traffic to a standstill.

The man shot the woman in the truck before turning the gun on himself, said Capt. D.S. Overman.

Their identities were not immediately released.

The man kidnapped his former girlfriend and two children about 5:30 p.m. near an intersection of Wake Forest and

Navajo roads in Raleigh.

Witnesses called Raleigh police to report that a male passenger in a white pickup was holding a gun to a female driver's head.

The truck stopped a short time later to let out the two children.

The children were then taken into police custody.

Police cars and a state Highway Patrol helicopter followed the truck across several counties in two states.

During the chase the man fired at police and other motorists from the

truck, said Highway Patrol Sgt. J.B. Blackman.

"He has shot at civilians on the interstate as they were pulling off the right side of the road," Blackman said.

North Carolina authorities took a hands-off approach to the chase, trailing the driver by several hundred feet.

But when the chase crossed into Virginia, troopers employed "stop-sticks" to puncture the truck's tires, forcing the driver to come to a stop at about 7:45 p.m.

Three shots were fired after the truck

came to a stop, and authorities found both people inside.

The man and woman dated at one time, Blackman said, but authorities did not know the status of their relationship now.

He also said he did not know if the man was the father of the children released from the truck early in the chase.

The truck went from Raleigh to Durham and past Chapel Hill, then back toward Durham on I-85 before heading north into Virginia.

Selling Sankofa's Sound

Hip-hop artists torn between popularity's demands and creative integrity

By NICK PARKER
Arts & Entertainment Editor

On the stage, Stefan "Creem MC" Greenlee, vocalist of Sankofa, runs the show — spinning together rhythm, rhymes and fire in a lyrical assault.

But in the studio, Ian Schreier — Sankofa's record producer — is king.

Whereas Sankofa is the heart of the effort, Schreier is the brain that brings it all together and gets the product out on the street even when the band only wants to make music.

"When I am on stage, it is like I'm

in a play-ground,"

Greenlee said.

"Out there it is spontaneous, fun; it is all about the people and getting them hype."

"But everything in the studio is so precise — I feel like half the time it is a battle between the MC and the producer. In the past producers have tried to take the spirit of Sankofa out of the sound just to make something that they think will sell."

Sankofa, the local sensation that has been at the top of the Chapel Hill hip-hop scene since 1998, will have to put out a song that will attract an audience, rule the radio and ensnare the execs to garner a major record deal.

"My job is basically getting the best recording that the band can do and helping them with their arrangements and the building of the best mix," Schreier said. "We are trying to expand their core audience while also trying to attract new listeners."

"If that means putting out a radio-friendly single, then that is what we'll do."

So, faced with the reality that their basement-born sound hasn't broken into popular culture, the members of Sankofa decided to take their sound off the stage and into the studio — hoping to make a mainstream recording without losing their identity.

Drummer Steven "The Apple Juice Kid" Levitan said that although the local following is personal, band members have to start looking at the bigger picture if they are ever going to make a living as musicians.

With that mindset, the members met earlier this month at Osceola Recording Studios in Raleigh to lay down two crowd favorites, "Down by Law" and "Do the Do."



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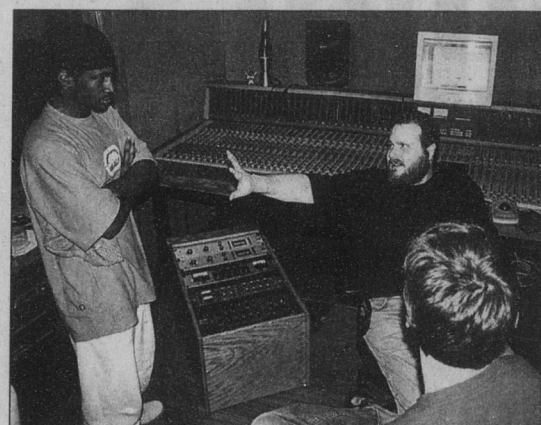
Off the stage and in the studio, Stefan "Creem MC" Greenlee lays down Sankofa's lyrics and discusses changes with producer Ian Schreier. Recording posed a unique challenge for Sankofa as it struggled to balance individuality and sound with what the major labels want to hear.

And with two days of recording ahead of them at \$450 each day, they had to battle time, pressure and the difference between making art and making records.

But Sankofa couldn't just step into the soundproof room, plug in instruments, jam away and walk out smiling. The stifled atmosphere of the studio is a far reach from the musical mayhem of the stage.

The band members spent more than four hours waiting before even picking up their instruments for the first song. Lem Butler, known behind the turntables as DJ Pez, sat in the lounge beside Levitan restlessly cracking jokes while bassist Matt Brandau and guitarist Dana

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Opposing Views Clash at Anti-War Teach-In

By VANESSA CAPOBIANCO
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Anti-war panelists addressed a standing-room-only crowd of about 250 students, faculty, alumni and community members Monday night, urging them to support the nonviolence movement in the United States.

Both boos and cheers echoed throughout the room as five panelists discussed issues like the Bush administration's stance on Iraq and the potential effects of the war on the homeland.

"Don't Attack Iraq: A Teach-in on the Ethics and Politics of an Invasion of Iraq," was sponsored by the Campaign to End the Cycle of Violence, Students United for a Responsible Global Environment and the Progressive Faculty Network.

But both sides of the political spectrum were represented at the discussion. A delegation of about 35 College Republican members occupied a back corner of the room and held signs supporting President Bush and reminding people of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"It's the same hate-America rhetoric that we heard last year but this time more

flamboyant," said Allie Perry, chairwoman of the College Republicans, referring to the teach-ins held last year denouncing military action after Sept. 11.

But the majority of the audience were students from the anti-war groups.

Junior Jenks Miller, a member of SURGE said, "I am really excited to see people with right-wing beliefs finally getting to a discourse where we're not preaching to one another."

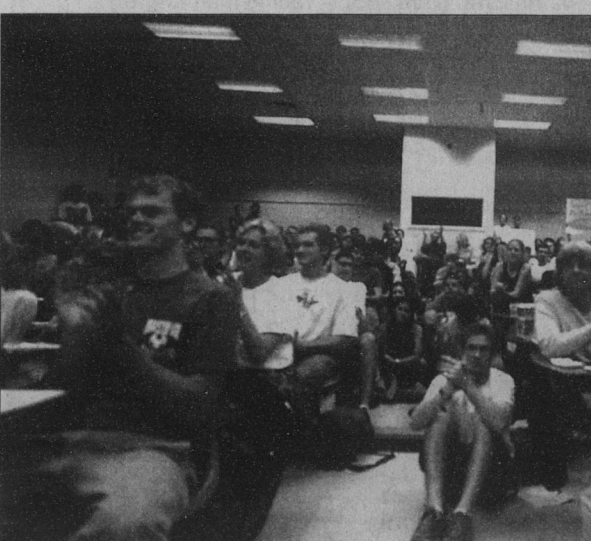
John Cox, a graduate student and member of the Campaign to End the Cycle of Violence, helped organize the event. Cox said having differing opinions represented at the teach-in gave a "good example of the sentiment of students and ordinary people in the country."

The overall sentiment from the speakers was that the war in Iraq is inevitable but that they do not feel discouraged from campaigning against it.

Rania Masri, one of the most vocal panelists, discussed the potential effects of a war on Iraqi people and how past U.S. sanctions and air wars have been the primary cause of innocent casualties in Iraq.

Masri said she thinks the situation pri-

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A capacity crowd applauds the panel of speakers who discussed their opposition to U.S. invasions of Iraq at a teach-in Monday.

9 Congress Seats Up For Grabs

Special election for Student Congress

By JESSICA BONNEM
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A special election is being held online today to fill nine vacant seats in Student Congress.

From 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. students in the available districts can log on to Student Central and vote.

Two official candidates filed by the Sept. 17 deadline to run.

Michael Spinks, a graduate student in folklore, and John Surface, a graduate student in Russian and Eastern European studies, will appear on the ballot for District 5, which has three vacancies.

No minimum percentage of votes is needed to be elected, said Tony Larson, speaker of Student Congress. "As long as (Spinks and Surface) vote for themselves, they will be elected," he said.

Carey Richter, Congress' Student Affairs Committee chairwoman, said the seven remaining vacancies must be filled by write-in votes. Write-in candidates also do not need a minimum amount of votes, she said.

In addition to the vacancies in District 5, Districts 2 and 3 each have one vacancy for a graduate student only, Richter said. Districts 14, 17, 20 and 21 also have one vacancy each. She said they must be filled by undergraduates.

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Med Student Remembered At Funeral

Friends, family honor life of Pearce

By MEREDITH CRAIG
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Third-year medical student Brett Pearce's compassion and zeal for life left an indelible impression on almost everyone he met, especially his fellow medical students.

Pearce's family, friends and colleagues gathered Monday morning at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Chapel Hill to remember the 27-year-old student.

Pearce died Friday morning from complications related to a virus he contracted treating a pediatric patient in January.

Pearce knew pursuing his goal of becoming a physician could shorten his life, but he entered the School of Medicine with the intent of finding a cure for cystic fibrosis, a genetic disease he had since birth.

"My illness has been a learning experience. The lessons at times have been costly but made me who I am," a medical school faculty member recalled Pearce saying before his death.

An entire section of church pews was filled with Pearce's classmates, all wearing their white lab coats in Pearce's honor.

In his casket, Pearce was also wearing his white lab jacket and his stethoscope.

Medical student Phuong Doan reminisced about Pearce's sense of humor. Doan said Pearce was known for his numerous impressions, including one of Michael Jackson, complete with white glove.

Doan also marveled at Pearce's sheer dedication to medicine.

"He is with us as an example of what we should be as physicians," Doan said.

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