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Senior Kristin Benjamin, a member of Carolina Cancer Focus, helps make Halloween decorations for the Ronald McDonald house to commemorate Cancer Awareness Week, which started Sunday.

Cancer Awareness Week Offers Opportunities to Get Involved

CCF has teamed up with Locks of Love

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The Carolina Cancer Focus is offering several opportunities for students to raise awareness of the deadly disease — from cutting their hair to honoring victims with luminaries.

The group kicked off Cancer Awareness Week — Sept. 23-26 — at Cat's Cradle with Weekend Excursion and Carbon Leaf playing to a sold-out crowd Friday night.

CCF members has made the week an important part of their organization since it was founded, said senior Jamie Shuster, president of the organization.

Junior Wallace Simpson, education chairman of CCF, was in charge of organizing Cancer Awareness Week. "The purpose of the week is to

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encourage the student body to become more aware of a disease that can directly or indirectly affect everyone," he said.

Students are invited to participate in each of the events being held this week.

One of the most unique opportunities to get involved is through Locks of Love. CCF has teamed up with the Locks of Love program to ask students to donate their hair to help make wigs for cancer patients undergoing

chemotherapy treatment.

Shuster and 32 other women have signed up to have their hair cut off at noon Friday in the Pit. Students who would like to donate their hair must have at least 10 inches to spare.

Senior Amanda Stilley, president of the Panhellenic Council, was approached by a member of the Locks of Love organization and encouraged to have her hair cut for the program.

Stilley said she recently found out that someone her family knows well has cancer so she felt compelled to help out. "I can grow my hair back out, but she can't," she said. "This is for a great cause, and I can't think of another reason I would cut my hair."

But students don't have to chop their hair off to be involved. On Monday, volunteers made Halloween decorations for the local Ronald McDonald House. The decorations will be delivered to the house Oct. 11.

Today, students will tour the women and children's wing of the hospital at 4 p.m. The group will meet in the Pit at 3:40 p.m. and then walk over to the hospital together.

Later in the evening, students will talk with fellow undergraduates who survived cancer. The program will begin

Cancer Awareness Week

Tuesday, Sept. 24

Listen to a Breast Cancer Survivor share her experiences and learn about early detection in a clinic at 7 p.m. in the Union 208.

Wednesday, Sept. 25

Let UNC professor, Dr. Chuck Stone, share his cancer experience with you in the Union Cabaret at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 26

Raise money for cancer, eat food provided by local restaurants, and hear the Tar Heel Voices sing at a benefit dinner and concert at the Union Cabaret at 5:00 p.m. for \$5.

Friday/Saturday, Sept. 27, 28

Come to the Union Film Auditorium this weekend to watch "Stepmom," a touching story of a mother's struggle with cancer. 7 p.m. Friday, 10 p.m. Saturday.

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at 7:30 p.m. in Union 224.

On Wednesday, students will meet in the Pit between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to sign up for the annual Hooker 5K, which is being held Oct. 5.

Also Wednesday, students will make luminaries for the Luminary Ceremony being held at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Pit.

"This will be a brief ceremony to honor those we've lost to cancer and those who are still struggling with the disease," Simpson said.

Cancer Awareness Week will end on Friday when the Locks of Love volunteers have their hair cut.

All proceeds will benefit the UNC Lineberger Cancer Center.

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SANKOFA

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"DNA" Chell warmed up.

"This is the part that really sucks," Butler said. "We come in here to record about seven minutes of track and end up waiting half the day before we even start."

Chell spent the majority of the time toying with the tunes of his guitar synth while Schreier was readying mics, cords and soundboards. The same five notes purred out of the padded room more than a hundred times over as Chell's fingers danced up and down the strings. In between each chord he tweaked a knob, only to turn it back after the next practice run.

"The more that I play with the way the effects are set the better it will end up sounding in the end," he said. "If I have to spend all day in here getting it just right, then I will sit here all day."

Once everything was finally in place, however, ready-made tracks didn't exactly spill out of the speakers like perfect gems from the first attempt.

Members argued over the way one bridge should sound or the way one instrument should layer onto the next while Schreier demanded cut after cut. Out of every 10 attempts, only one or two would be saved, and Schreier needed several for editing.

The process was like building a tower out of toothpicks, tedious and frustrating, collapsing under any missed cymbal crash or botched trumpet blast.

"The studio is the complete opposite of the stage," Brandau said. "It is hard because you have to capture the energy of the stage in a flawless form."

"It is as much sitting around working on five seconds of a 3 1/2 minute song as it is playing — if not more."

After more than 12 hours in the studio — filled with playing, mixing, building, editing, changing, re-playing, rerecording and remixing — the members were strained and the atmosphere tense. But whenever tempers flared and members began to feud, DJ Pez would scratch samples of female orgasms and Greenlee would do his worst DMX impression — relieving the tension and reminding them of their goals.

The result was a pair of powerful cuts that will, they hope, blow away old fans and draw in new followers. "Down by Law" burst out as a raw and multilayered unchained beast, energetic but carefully structured — a bold blend of

stage and studio sound.

"Do the Do," on the other hand, was a chilled, romantic night out at a club with a solid bass backbone, slow, smoothed rhymes and rolling guitar synth — all without demeaning women.

Eventually, both Schreier and Sankofa walked out happy. Each song can give the listeners and the band exactly what they want — radio labels will get a demo with breakthrough potential, and Sankofa will keep true to itself.

"As much freedom as I give to the producer, I will never change my subject matter," Greenlee said. "Right now what is popular is not what I am spittin' out, but when people get sick of hearing about bling, bling and Bentleys and listening to something true, I will be ready."

"Whenever the world is ready, I will be waiting with a notebook full of rhymes."

But he might end up waiting a while given the band's stubborn refusal to sell short its artistic integrity.

"There is a formula to make a radio single. It is hard to do that giving up what we sound like and just pumping out 'It's getting hot in here,'" he said.

"We are working hard to stay true to ourselves, to stay Sankofa."

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ELECTIONS

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ate students living off campus.

In the past week, Congress has seen the number of empty seats rise because of various resignations and expulsions.

Richter said she is not sure whether all the vacancies will be filled after today's special election.

"I think that we have done more to publicize this special election than other ones in the past," she said. "It is my sincere hope that it is a competitive race, but I don't know for sure."

To raise awareness about the open seats, the Graduate and Professional Student Federation has been working to raise interest in Congress, Larson said.

"(Congress is) working with GPSF to get the word out to grad students," he said. "The most effective way is for someone on Congress to find someone else to run."

If any Congress seats remain empty after the election, another election will be held in 30 days as mandated by the Student Code, Larson said. Student Body President Jen Daum must continue to call special elections until all seats are filled.

The Board of Elections can monitor the results of the election throughout the day, Richter said. She said the winners will be informed of the results late tonight.

Richter said she hopes there will be a large voter turnout.

"With the issues facing students today, it is important that all students realize the power of Congress to speak on their behalf and act on the issues about which they are concerned," she said. "Therefore, I encourage all students to vote."

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TEACH-IN

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marily is about the United States' need for oil and said she hopes the United States will adopt a "no blood for oil" stance. "What right do we have to control their resources?" she said. "This is the most un-American thing you can think of."

Lenore Yarger ignited the crowd with her call to help Iraqi citizens rather than focus on the actions of the Iraqi government. "My call stands with the poor and oppressed rather than with the empire."

After the panelists finished their

speeches, they fielded questions on issues like Saddam Hussein's persecution of innocent civilians and the effects of sending U.S. family members into war.

Then the audience and panelists split into discussion groups that covered the effects of the media on the anti-war movement and how to better mobilize peaceful anti-war resistance.

This teach-in is one of many events being held this week for the UNC Radical Rush, a week organized by radical organizations to enlarge campus activism.

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FUNERAL

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Loretta Higgins, Pearce's cousin, remembered the tenacity for life and ambitious goals that Pearce had even as a child.

Higgins remembers Pearce once comforting one of his two twin sisters, who both died of cystic fibrosis.

"Listen, don't you worry. I'm going to make it better and find a cure," Higgins recalled Pearce saying.

And Pearce worked toward that promise with determination.

With medical Professor James Yankaskas, Pearce worked in his lab studying the quantitative morphology of cystic fibrosis in the lungs.

"I have no doubt that had he continued on that path of research, he would have found that cure in time," Higgins said.

The same words to describe Pearce were heard again and again: humane, dedicated, caring, highly regarded, goal-driven and, most of all, compassionate.

Throughout his life, Pearce left his

mark upon his classmates, they recalled.

Georgette Dent, associate dean of student affairs at the medical school, said she knows Pearce's classmates will be more patient and humane doctors because of their experiences with Pearce.

Dent said, "I see Brett's spirit living in his classmates' lives."

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