

POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Sunday, Nov. 24

■ A man was issued a written trespass warning at 1:30 a.m. when he was discovered sleeping in the bushes behind Hill Hall, reports state.

The man left campus without further incident, reports state.

■ Police reports state that a UNC student was issued a warrant for arrest at 11:46 p.m. after a drug investigation in Graham Residence Hall. No further details were available.

Saturday, Nov. 23

■ Police arrested Shannon Clifton, 29, at 2:20 a.m. on charges of speeding and driving while impaired, reports state.

An officer stopped Clifton of 633 Berwick Valley Lane in Cary as he was traveling 55 mph in a 35 mph zone along Raleigh Road, reports state.

Upon further investigation, Clifton was arrested for driving while intoxicated and transported to the Chapel Hill Police Department. He registered a .10 BAC on the Intoxilyzer 5000 and was released on a written promise to appear in Orange County District Court on Jan. 7.

Thursday, Nov. 21

■ At 4:06 a.m., an employee of the UNC Housekeeping Services Department reported that three unidentified white males attacked her Ford Explorer while she was driving to work, police reports state.

The driver said she slowed to allow the men to cross Country Club Road only to have the trio begin beating her vehicle with sticks, reports state. The men reportedly broke her passenger side window, and one of the men was said to be hanging on the side mirror when the victim drove away.

The police officer dispatched reported that he could find no glass on the road to indicate the breaking of the window and no evidence that the car was beaten by any sort of blunt object, reports state. The damage totaled \$300.

■ An unidentified woman has visited the Dogwood parking deck on 27 different occasions, avoiding payment each time, reports state.

The woman consistently claimed that she did not have the money to pay at the time, filling out a payment authorization form so that she could be billed later. She filled out the forms with false information about her name, Social Security number and address, making billing impossible, reports state.

Reports state that the incidents, which occurred between Aug. 9 and Nov. 5 of this year, totaled \$154.50 in parking fees. The case has been assigned to Capt. Mark McIntyre as a criminal investigation.

City

Sunday, Nov. 24

■ Chapel Hill police arrested UNC senior Lucille Jeanette Pittman, 21, of 430 Hillsborough St., at 2:14 a.m., reports state.

Pittman was arrested at 143 W. Franklin St. and charged with DWI and resisting arrest, reports state.

Pittman was the driver of a 1992 Jeep Cherokee that police stopped for spinning its tires across travel lanes in front of oncoming traffic and exceeding the posted speed limit, reports state. Reports state that when an officer asked Pittman for her license, she refused and attempted to leave the scene.

Officers had to struggle with Pittman to prevent her from leaving and to take her into custody. She refused to submit to an Intoxilyzer 5000 test, reports state.

Thomas Armfield Cannon, 20, of 309 Skicrest Drive in Blowing Rock also was arrested in the incident, reports state. He was charged with aiding and abetting a DWI for letting Pittman drive his vehicle while she was intoxicated, reports state.

Both are scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Jan. 28.

Saturday, Nov. 23

■ Chapel Hill police arrested UNC senior Leslie Elizabeth Matthews, 21, of 425 Hillsborough St. Apt. 2F, for DWI, reports state.

Matthews was arrested at 3:30 a.m. at Sharon Heights apartments, reports state.

Matthews' 1998 Ford Mustang was stopped after officers saw her driving in circles and weaving on Airport Road, reports state. Reports state that Matthews was arrested after she performed poorly on field sobriety tests. Her Intoxilyzer 5000 results were .18, reports state.

Matthews was released on written promise to appear in Orange County District Court in Chapel Hill on Jan. 28.

Original Union to Be Closed for Renovations

By ESHANTHI RANASINGHE
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The Frank Porter Graham Student Union face-lift will begin according to plan next semester as construction moves from the Union addition to the original building.

Remodeling costs for the main building of the Union and the additions completed this August total more than \$14 million. Last week, after a rebid of the renovations, the cost increased by \$1 million. Construction also was handed to a different company than the one in charge of building the new Union.

Construction, which should start any time between late December and January, should be completed 10 months after the contractors begin, said Union Director Don Luse. During renovations, students will not have access to any of the three floors of the Union. The

Union annex will be the only part of the original structure to remain open.

The renovation will add several new features to the Union.

The building's interior hasn't changed since it was built in 1968, when the student population was only about 10,000, and officials say it's long overdue for remodeling.

"Our (student population) numbers are really high," Luse said. "(The renovations) will allow for a much better place for students to eat and more lounge space to study ... and meet."

The largest visible change will occur when the stairwell in the center of the Union, which violates fire codes, is moved to the sides of the building, Luse said.

The space the stairs inhabit will be paved over and replaced by a large student lounge extending from the Union desk all the way to the front doors, he said.

A new food service station, Alpine

Bagels, will replace Union Station. It will be run by Carolina Dining Services, like its predecessor. It will serve fresh bagels baked daily on the premises, soups and salads. The station will open early and serve students until 1 a.m. on weeknights.

"This is going to be a lot more prepared foods ... (and) healthier choices," said Ira Simon, director of CDS. "We feel this is providing a better mix of food in this environment."

Alpine Bagels will be located in the same place as Union Station and will remain the same size as its predecessor.

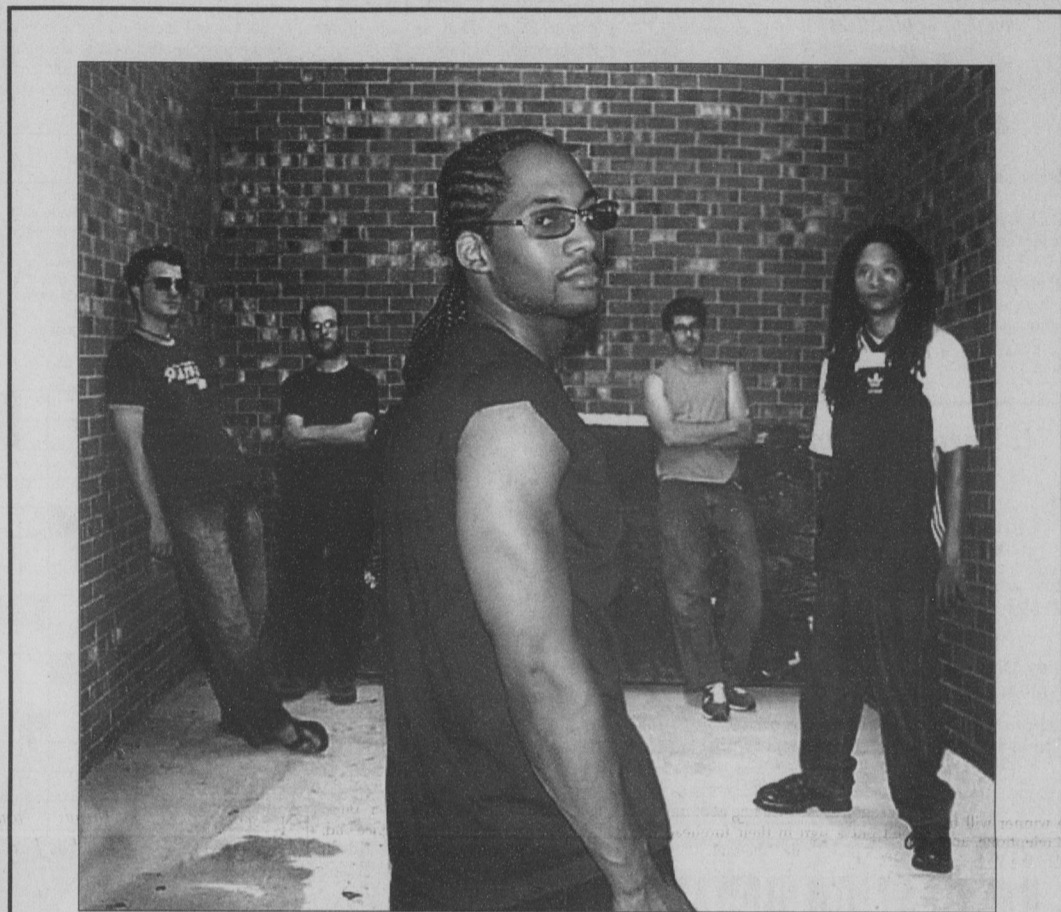
The old Carolina Union Activities Board office on the second floor will be opened up, expanding the lounge space so students get a view of the Pit below, Luse said.

But before students can take advantage of the new, more accommodating

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Junior Seanna Poulsen (right) searches for money Monday to pay cashier Erma Wilson at Union Station, which will be replaced by a bagel shop.



(From left) Steven Levitan, Dana Chell, Stefan Greenlee, Matt Brandau and Lem Butler make up the hip-hop group Sankofa. Recently, Sankofa has struggled with internal conflict but remains optimistic and faithful.

Sankofa Overcomes Obstacles

By NICK PARKER
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Big stages, bright lights, roaring crowds, blaring speakers. The life of a hip-hop icon has its appeal.

But it's not always easy, nor is it always glamorous. Sankofa, the local hip-hop group that has been growing in popularity and in talent during the past five years, recently has seen the darker side of the rock 'n' roll lifestyle.

For the countless hours in which the band is not performing, its members struggle with the same issues that plague all people — notwithstanding their flashy

personas, such as Creem MC and Juice, that fill the stage with bouncing energy and hip-hop swagger.



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

In the past two months, tensions with-

in the band have come close to a boiling point several times. Stemming from issues as important as management choices and career goals to feuds as trivial as who gets to ride shotgun in the van, arguments have grown — and compounded. It's not the tension that leads to a fiery Beatles breakup but rather the drama that comes from strong individuals with strong concepts and talents working toward a common goal.

"We all came together to found this band and all care deeply about it, so when something goes wrong or some-

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New Legislators Prepare for Office

IOG to host session to orient newcomers

By AMANDA JEPSEN
Staff Writer

Newly elected members of the N.C. General Assembly say that before beginning their terms in January, much work must be done to familiarize themselves with legislative procedures and the needs of their constituencies.

Legislators have to get their families organized, settle business matters and get acquainted with the demands of their jobs before they can concentrate on legislative affairs, said new House member Bonner Stiller, R-Brunswick.

Though necessary preparations are overwhelming at times, assistance in preparing to enter the General Assembly comes from both sides of the aisle, said new Rep. Don Munford, R-Wake.

"Everyone is friendly," he said. "All you have to do is ask."

New senator and UNC Board of Trustees member Richard Stevens, R-Wake, is reading all he can on the General Assembly to prepare.

Stevens said officials from state political parties assist the acclimation process



New Sen. Richard Stevens, R-Wake, will take part in an orientation for new legislators sponsored by the UNC Institute of Government.

by holding caucuses to introduce veteran members to new members. "There's not a formal mentoring system, but you can get help from anyone."

Many legislators, including Stevens, also say they will take part in a three-day orientation sponsored by the UNC Institute of Government. The orientation,

which will take place Dec. 5 to Dec. 7, will acquaint members with the nuances of the General Assembly. It is the first time the institute has hosted such an event.

"Our purpose is to get new members acquainted with the culture of the

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Student Congress to Elect Speaker to Succeed Larson

By ERIN GANLEY
Staff Writer

Student Congress will elect a new speaker at tonight's meeting after Speaker Tony Larson resigns from his position.

Congress members Carey Richter and Matt O'Brien said they intend to seek nomination, though any member can be nominated at the meeting, Larson said.

O'Brien and Richter are veterans in Congress, as both have held key positions. Richter is the chairwoman of the Student Affairs Committee, and O'Brien is the former speaker pro tem.

Larson must resign because he graduates in December, but he said he enjoyed his time as speaker. "I feel like a lot has been accomplished," he said. "We've worked to try to make Congress an active force for advocating student desires."

Larson said he will resign his position after Congress handles legislation on its agenda. Any committee chairmen seeking to become speaker then must resign their positions because Congress members cannot hold more than one post at a time.

The floor will be open for nominations from any member. Candidates will have five minutes to speak, followed by a

five-minute question-and-answer session with the other members of Congress. Congress members also may speak on behalf of candidates they support.

O'Brien, who lost a close race to Larson in April, said that if he is elected, he will focus on Congress' financial situation. "Before our first meeting in January, we will have already spent one-third of our budget," he said. "Most of the problem comes from the fact that student fees have not increased in the last 10 to 15 years."

A referendum in a special election last year calling for increasing student fees was thrown out because of low voter turnout.

Richter said she also would address the financial situation of Congress.

"Student Congress has long been a body that is not seen as relevant, and that's unfair," Richter said. She pointed out that Congress has thousands of dollars to give to student groups each year.

Larson said he is confident that whoever is selected will serve Congress well.

"Hopefully, Congress will continue to make its voice heard on campus."

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