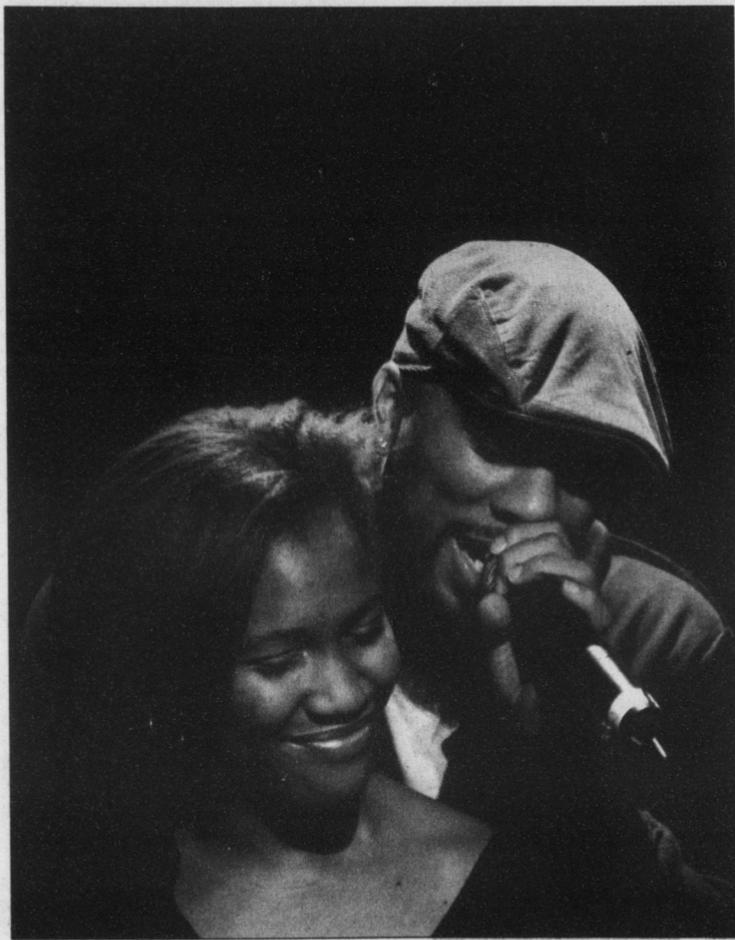


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COMMON CHARMS UNC



Hip-hop artist Common serenades junior A. Christine Thomas during his Sunday performance in Memorial Hall. Campus groups brought Common to campus for an estimated \$50,000 pricetag.

SOLD-OUT MEMORIAL HALL SHOW KICKS OFF HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES

BY TANNER SLAYDEN

ASSISTANT ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Hip-hop artist Common played at the newly renovated Memorial Hall on Sunday night and proved to be one of the more memorable acts ever to kick off Homecoming.

"I don't even remember the Homecoming concert a couple of years ago," said senior Eric Gardner. "I'm pretty impressed they got Common."

UNC alumnus Kaze and DJ 9th Wonder also appeared on stage, opening for the rapper.

"Stand up, this is a hip hop function," Kaze said to fire up the crowd. "Let's turn this 1,500 seat Memorial Hall into a sweaty jukebox joint."

No one sat down while music was playing, and Memorial Hall finally got a mainstream hip hop makeover.

Carolina Union Activities Board President Jonathon Benson said the event turned out to

be everything he had hoped and that he was impressed on how well organizers worked together.

The concert was a collaboration between the Carolina Athletic Association and CUAB.

"This is the start of even more things to come," said Benson. "I want to have more big shows in this place, and I want to stress big in quality."

"If you can sell out in three days, you are doing something right."

If the reaction to Sunday's concert was any indication, that goal should be well received.

After Common was introduced by CUAB and the CAA, the theater went dark, and the audience put up their cell phones. Common was greeted by hundreds of blue lights while he went into his first song, "Be."

Common didn't waste any time after that.

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From mash to bash, Franklin's seen it all

Downtown celebrations evolve from small '70s disco to sprawling crowd of 70,000

BY JULIE TURKEWITZ STAFF WRITER

When Police Chief Gregg Jarvies and more than 360 officers head to Franklin Street this evening to protect a predicted 70,000 ghosts, goblins and scantily clad coeds, Chapel Hill will look a little different than it did 30 years ago.

"It was a relatively small affair," Jarvies says of the Halloween celebration in the mid-'70s.

Jarvies, a 1979 UNC graduate, has seen more than 30 Halloweens in Chapel Hill.

"It's gone from a local event to an event where thousands of people come from around the area," Jarvies says.

Students in the '70s partied at the Monster Mash disco in the Student Union or participated in Kappa Kappa Gamma's annual Pumpkin Walk, handing out carved pumpkins to prominent members of the University.

"When I was in school as an undergrad, we would just hang out in the dorms," Jarvies says. "Downtown was not as active."

Some students, baited by costume-contest prize money and drink specials, headed to He's Not Here, Ham's or Tijuana Fats (which was located where Fuse Restaurant & Bar now stands.)

"When the parties ended, there would be people walking back and forth from the bars that were having costume parties," Jarvies says.

By the early '80s, the number of costume-clad partiers traipsing from bar to bar increased.

"In the (early) 1980s, you might see 500 people dressed in costume on Franklin Street," says Don Pinney, Sutton's Drug Store manager and a Chapel Hill resident for more than 40 years.

By 1985, Franklin Street was "rocking," Brian Sipe, a freshman

during that year, told The Daily Tar Heel.

"Chapel Hill literally will howl with student activity," the DTH reported on Halloween that year.

Unlike today, Franklin Street, at that time, still was open to motor traffic, and police were forced to herd overeager pedestrians back onto the sidewalk.

"The fun back then was going downtown, trying to fight off the police a bit," says Spanky's restaurant owner Tom Herzog. "They knew at some point the partygoers would take over the street."

"It was kind of a make-fun-of-yourself event. Almost everyone dressed up," Herzog says.

Dave Drake, a 1992 graduate, participated in the revelry as a student. "Group costumes were really big," Drake says. "One year, we all went as popular talk-show hosts."

"We had a cameraman with us who filmed everything that happened that night. We had some crazy stuff on that tape — a lot of nudity and a lot of drinking."

Law enforcement, he says, was more relaxed. Most students didn't have a problem drinking on Franklin Street.

By the '90s, the celebration

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Ghosts of campus
Officials say rampant tales of ghosts haunting campus landmarks are nonsense, though many still believe them, Page 7

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A different take

A campus religious group plans to spend Halloween in a less Franklin Street-y kind of way

Gearing up

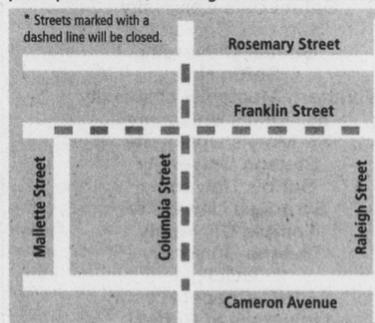
Business owners take extra precautions to prepare for the crowds expected for Halloween on Franklin Street

Beware the dead

University community members go on an annual tour of the on-campus cemetery, pointing out notable plots on the eve of Halloween

Streets to close for Halloween celebration

With a crowd as large as 75,000 expected to celebrate Halloween in Chapel Hill this year, many streets will be closed past 9 p.m. to traffic, including Franklin Street from Mallette to Raleigh streets. Parking will be available on campus.



SOURCE: UNC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Parking on campus

Available from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. - \$7 for the public and free to students, staff and faculty that show University identification.

Park Place Lot - Located on Park Place off East Franklin Street
Nash Lot - Located on Pittsboro Street between the Newman Center and the Nash Building (across the street from the Carolina Inn)

Highway 54 Lot - Located just past the intersection of South Road and Country Club Drive

School of Government Deck - Located between the School of Government and the Hooker Intramural Fields

Bell Tower Lot - Located just past the Bell Tower behind the Sonja Haynes Stone Center

Rams Head Deck - Located on Ridge Road behind Kenan Stadium

Bowles Lot - Located next to the Dean Dome
Manning Lot - Located next to the Dean Dome

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Dearmin sees work to be done in town

BY DON CAMPBELL

STAFF WRITER

When he ran for student body president last spring, Seth Dearmin made improving town-gown relations a campaign priority.

Platform points included the creation of a single-voting precinct for the campus and more recycling bins on Franklin Street. Many of those points remain to see fruition.

With the passing of bill 98 in August, the campus superprecinct quickly was becoming a reality.

However, a debate about voter

identification requirements prevented the bill from earning unanimous approval from the Orange County Board of Elections.

Dearmin said he plans on following up on the superprecinct issue by talking to members of the board and Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, one of the bill's sponsors, to find a compromise.

Although he applauded the idea, council member Jim Ward said no specific proposal has been made to the council about adding recy-

cling. **SEE TOWN GOWN, PAGE 9**



Tuesday: Examining Dearmin's progress on platform points focused on the Board of Trustees and the administration.

WHY DID YOU VOTE EARLY?



Reed Palmer
Graduate, Environ./ Science engineering

"I had some free time today and I don't want to wait in line (on Election Day)."



Cindy Plante
Freshman, Political Science

"This is the first election I was eligible to vote in."

Vote early at Morehead Planetarium and Science Center through Nov. 5, Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Candidates sign on to wireless proposals

BY TED STRONG

CITY CO-EDITOR

Town Council candidates are pushing to bring a new amenity to residents, no strings attached.

Wireless Internet access is a well-established feature on campus, but still a novelty in the town, available only in certain businesses that opt to offer the service privately.

The process for offering access has dragged on for some time now, but appears finally to be picking up the steam it needs to see progress, in part through the attention it has received in the campaign.

"I really don't see it as a case of 'are we going to do it or not?'"



Tuesday: What locals are saying about Chapel Hill's development initiatives

said council candidate Will Raymond.

Others, such as Gregg Gerdau, chairman of the town's technology committee, aren't as certain as Raymond, but do say the proposal is gaining momentum.

WiFi access to the Internet is not so much a concrete proposal that merely needs to be set in place as it is a medley of models

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YOU DA' BEST The Chapel Hill Public Library again is named tops in the state

CHECK OUT THE DIGS El Centro Latino settles into its new Carrboro location

MULTIMEDIA Visit the Blue Fusion section for images from the ROTC camp

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CARNIVALE!

The Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission hosts a fall-themed festival downtown this weekend with guests such as Willie the Clown.



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WHO'S ON DECK?

Harriet Miers' withdrawal as a Supreme Court nominee has muddied the outlook of the Court this term as Sandra Day O'Connor stays on.

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ASK THE FACULTY

A University task force formed in wake of a controversial gift proposal last spring has recommended involving the faculty in reviewing gifts.

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