

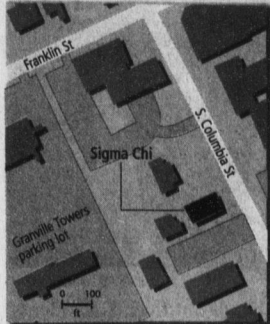
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Sigma Chi guilty on hazing charges



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Judicial board suspends chapter until 2009

BY ANDREW DUNN
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Sigma Chi fraternity has been found guilty of seven hazing violations, Greek officials confirmed Tuesday. The fraternity pleaded guilty to six charges and was found at fault in one more.

Charges include forced consumption of alcohol and other substances, verbal harassment and assigning illegal activities as tasks.

The sanctions would immediately suspend UNC's branch of Sigma Chi until fall 2009. This means the fraternity will not be allowed to hold rush or host social events such as cocktails or mixers.

The fraternity, established at UNC in 1889, has appealed the severity of the sanctions handed down by a panel of five students from the Greek Judicial Board. A new hearing will be held Thursday, with a decision released Friday morning.

The investigation began Nov. 5 with an anonymous report and an e-mail to Interfraternity Council officials from a pledge's parent. The e-mail stated that the pledge's "hazing has been unbearable and has caused emotional and physical distress."

Greek Judicial Board Co-chairman Hunter Diefes said that Sigma Chi's pledges reported the allegations personally to IFC officials,

something that has never happened before.

A new member described the upcoming hazing as "hell week" to Jenny Levering, assistant director for the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, according to the board's decision.

The national Sigma Chi organization is launching an investigation into the allegations — and will expel any key perpetrators. Members also must perform 20 hours of community service.

The Honor Court also will be able to prosecute the fraternity. That court has the ability to strip Sigma Chi of its University recognition.

Doug Dyer, president of UNC's branch of Sigma Chi, said the incidents have not deterred pledging.

"All of our new members are still very

much a part of this chapter," he said. "They all still want to be initiated, and they all will."

Diefes said the level of hazing in this case exceeds that of last year's case against Beta Theta Pi — in which the fraternity lost its ability to host social events for three semesters.

In that case, Beta Theta Pi was found guilty of verbal harassment and placing new members in subservient roles.

Sigma Chi is known on campus for officiating Derby Days, an October competition among nine sororities to raise funds for children's organizations.

Dyer said that more than \$10,000 was raised this year for the Children's Miracle Network and Duke and UNC Hospitals.

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Davis contract signals drive for postseason

BY DANIEL MALLOY
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On Monday morning Rams Club members received a video message from Butch Davis via e-mail, inviting them to purchase tickets for next fall.

The University also purchased a full-page ad in Tuesday's edition of The Daily Tar Heel featuring a large image of Davis and encouraging fans to buy tickets.

With the ink barely dry on Davis' contract and the dust barely settled from North Carolina's 3-9 season, the University's attention has turned to funding the coach's lucrative seven-year contract.

Davis makes the same \$286,000 base salary that former head coach John Bunting did — but the University will supplement that with a \$1 million payment in 2007 that will gradually rise to \$1.3 million in 2013.

It's going to take more than ticket sales to pay for a contract of that size.

The supplemental compensation — which will total \$8.05 million for the life of the deal — will come from a special Rams Club fundraising campaign, similar to the one launched for men's basketball coach Roy Williams' contract in 2003.

"We'll contact some of our donors who have a special interest in the program and see if they would like to support this effort," said John Montgomery, executive



Butch Davis will make \$1.7 million next year and has large incentives in his seven-year deal.

director of the Rams Club.

Instead of a mass campaign, the Rams Club will solicit big-time football supporters with the hopes of raising \$8-9 million during the next several years.

"We're going to roll up our sleeves and go after it, and we feel like we can do it," Director of Athletics Dick Baddour said.

"People want a winning football program and so we're going to give them that opportunity."

These days, winning football programs don't come cheap.

According to a Nov. 16 report in USA Today, nine Division I-A coaches make more than \$2 million per year — and that doesn't include Notre Dame's Charlie Weis, whose compensation figures are a closely guarded secret.

"We have to be competitive in the marketplace," Baddour said.

"Every trustee meeting I've been in the last two years has talked about being competitive in our faculty salaries, and if we're going to develop a first-rate foot-

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Downtown valet service on horizon

West Franklin set for January start

BY ALEX HENDERSON
STAFF WRITER

The parking problems that plague the west end of Franklin Street might soon become a thing of the past thanks to a deal inked by the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership and the University.

The partnership will bring valet services to many of the restaurants in the west end of town for Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays beginning the first weekend in January, said Liz Parham, executive director of the partnership.

The details are not finalized, but Parham said she hopes to have as many restaurants as possible participating in the collaborative valet services.

She said the deal allows restaurants on the west end to buy into

a valet package contracted by the partnership to provide the parking service.

The partnership is not spending any of its own money, but instead is facilitating the businesses' payments to the valet service, Parham said.

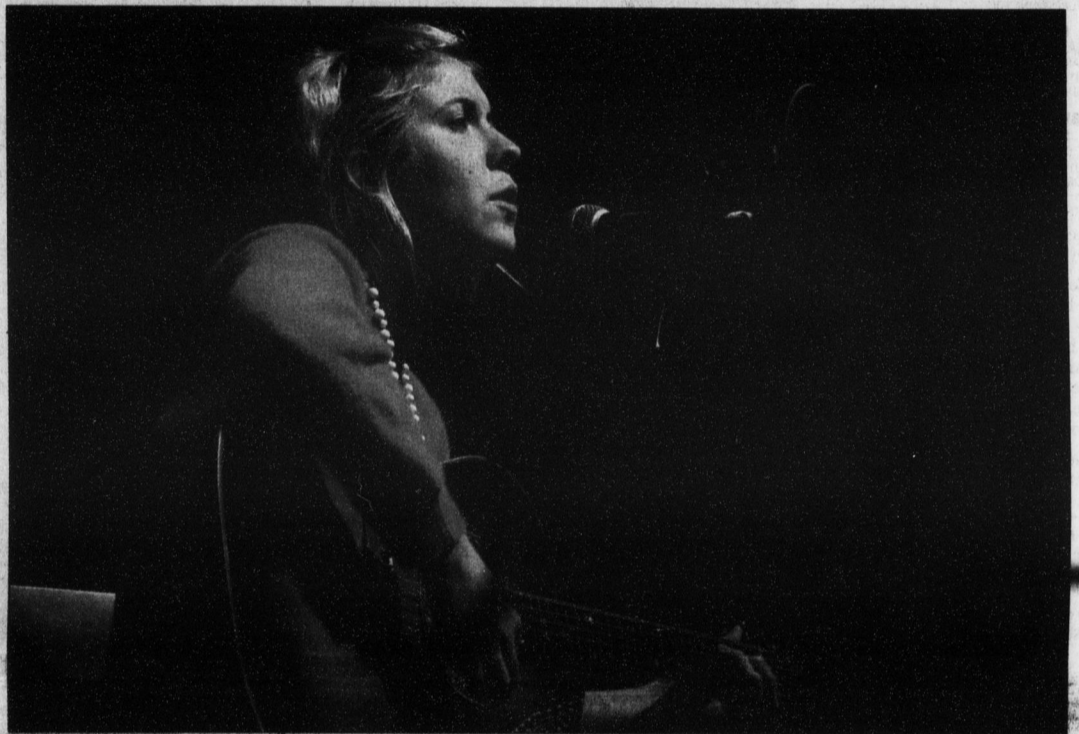
"It won't actually be our money," she said. "We're simply helping them put together the package."

The deal came together when University officials agreed to allow the partnership to use a University lot on Rosemary Street next to Breadmen's restaurant, said Executive Associate Provost Steve Allred, a member of the partnership.

"We're being good neighbors," he said. "People are more likely to want to go downtown if they know they can park right at the door and have an enjoyable evening."

Parham said the price the busi-

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Senior Stephanie Stewart performs at the Singer/Songwriter Night held by CUAB in the Union Cabaret on Tuesday. Stewart, a member of CUAB, organized this year's event and found student musicians to perform. She said she felt at home on the stage, sharing her music.

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UNION UNPLUGGED

CUAB hosts area solo performers

BY DAVID BERNGART
STAFF WRITER

Students studying in the downstairs lounge of the Student Union were given an unexpected pleasure of live music drifting out of the Union Cabaret.

From 8 to 10 p.m., the Carolina Union Activities Board hosted a Singer/Songwriter Night, an intimate gathering that showcased student musical talent in the performance space.

About 20 people attended the event, sitting in the dimly lit area. Songs ranged from a simple ditty about a day off work to an ode to a Croatian underwater organ, an instrument that plays music with the waves.

The tune about the unusual instrument was played by Jeremy Lev, a local and UNC alumnus.

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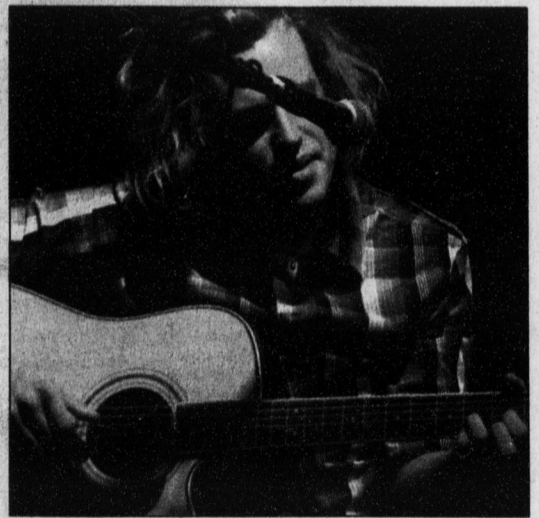
"I like being able to play in front of my peers," he said. "I like playing the Cabaret."

While the venue certainly didn't draw the kind of crowd typical of most CUAB concerts, Lev said the atmosphere was just what he was looking for.

"People are quiet, responsive and listen, as opposed to being in a bar or music venue where people are drinking and talking," he said.

He said he chose songs for Tuesday night that complemented the atmosphere.

"I played songs with an interesting musical complexity," he said. "That gets noticed better than in a noisy sort of venue, where some of the nuances in the song might go overlooked or



Senior Ryan Bailey plays a song about a day off work at the Singer/Songwriter Night. About 20 people attended the showcase.

Reform advocates say new ethics law a start

BY BRENDAN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

In the aftermath of recent state political scandals, campaign finance reform could be the next step toward healing what some consider an ailing political system.

Legislation providing public campaign funds is one of the newest options being explored in North Carolina and other states in response to growing concerns about government ethics.

N.C. legislators passed a set of ethics laws this year that will take effect Jan. 1.

"Significant reform is often achieved incrementally," said Bob Phillips, executive director

of Common Cause North Carolina, a nonpartisan advocacy group.

"This year, there's an opportunity to take a big step towards campaign finance reform."

The reforms passed this summer end the practice of contributors giving party leaders blank payee-line checks, a practice which has brought House Speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, under fire.

Former Rep. Michael Decker testified earlier this month that Black funneled money through such checks and cash in exchange for support for him as speaker.

But the reforms do not stop party leadership

from channeling funds to candidates through political action committees — a common practice in both the state and federal governments.

Publicly-financed campaign laws, which are optional and are known as "clean" or "voter-owned" election laws, do not allow participating candidates to use funds other than those provided by the state. Candidates must collect many small donations to be eligible for the program.

Such programs might ease the worries of

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DRINKERS BEWARE

A new N.C. statute expands the law that makes it illegal to possess alcohol underage, also making it illegal to consume it before turning 21.

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TOP-10 TANGO

The Tar Heels will face the Ohio State Buckeyes tonight at home in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge in a much-anticipated matchup of two of the nation's premier squads.

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Chuck Stone, a professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication known for his civil rights activism, announces his retirement.

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