

weather

TODAY: 30% chance of showers; high low 80s
TUESDAY: 50% chance of showers; high mid-80s

on campus

• UNC Ballroom Dance Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 26 Woolen to learn the Two Step and the West Coast Swing

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RALLY FOR CHANGE

Celebrity Lynda Carter and former senatorial candidate Harvey Gantt lead Friday's rally in support of the Democratic Party



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HARRIS-ING ARMY

UNC linebacker Bernardo Harris makes a name for himself Saturday, collecting nine tackles vs. Army



sportsline

Major League Baseball
Milwaukee 9, Baltimore 3
Texas 7, Toronto 5
Boston 5, Detroit 4
Oakland 4, Seattle 2
Chi. White Sox 10, Cleveland 8
N.Y. Yankees 10, Kansas City 4
Minnesota 7, California 5
Atlanta 16, Houston 1
Cincinnati 6, San Diego 1
N.Y. Mets 1, Montreal 0
St. Louis 16, Chi. Cubs 4

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Fires rage through Chapel Hill businesses



Smoke billows out of the Intimate Bookshop located on East Franklin Street

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Intimate Bookshop 'totally destroyed'

By Jackie Hershkovitz
Assistant City Editor

Fire officials said they were not sure what caused a Sunday night fire that destroyed The Intimate Bookshop, a long-time Franklin Street landmark.

The bookstore, located at 119 E. Franklin St., was engulfed in flames for about three hours before the fire was contained at about 9:20 p.m.

Fire department officials were called to the scene at 6:49 p.m. and described the damage as "extensive."

It was the second devastating fire on East Franklin Street since February 1991, when a fire destroyed the building that housed Hector's, a popular late-night eatery among students.

After Sunday night's blaze, officials said the entire building appeared to be destroyed.

"It looks like it's pretty much a total loss," Assistant Fire Marshal Larry Johnson said.

At about 8:10 p.m., the store's chimney exploded, setting off the greatest of the fire's fury, according to fire department officials.

Bookshop owner Wallace Kuralt was on his way to Nashville, Tenn., for a book conference when the fire at his store began. Kuralt was notified about the fire and was on his way back to Chapel Hill Sunday night.

The fire that consumed the Intimate was part of a string of three fires Sunday night that caused serious damage to local businesses.

One Intimate Bookshop employee, Anna Mathews, speculated the cause of the Franklin Street fire to be arson.

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Eastgate Food Lion damaged by water

By Kelly Ryan
Assistant City Editor

Another blaze in a string of several Chapel Hill fires erupted in Eastgate Shopping Center's Food Lion at about 7:22 p.m., ravaging the grocery store's storage room and blowing out the back wall.

The fire was one of four that Chapel Hill firefighters dealt with Sunday. The other major fire destroyed the Intimate Bookshop on East Franklin Street.

The shopping center is located at 1720 E. Franklin St.

The storage room, located in the rear of the store, housed paper products, including diapers and tissues, according to Chapel Hill Fire Department Assistant Fire Marshal Larry Johnson.

Food Lion manager Gary Smith said an employee noticed the smoke and notified a manager, but Johnson said the fire was burning about 10 to 15 minutes before it was discovered.

Smith said that the store was evacuated within about 10 minutes and that there were no reported injuries or any apparent panic among employees or customers.

About 30 customers and eight employees were in the grocery store when the fire started.

Jeffrey Revels, a Chapel Hill resident who was shopping in the store when the fire started, said the evacuation of the store was very orderly.

"We were in the back, and we saw smoke," Revels said. "Someone told the manager, and they told us to move up front."

Smith said the fire was discovered about 10 minutes before

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About 5,000 rally in support of free-standing BCC

BCC event draws variety of responses

Editor's note: The following is a sample of comments from audience members who attended the Friday night rally.

"I think maybe Spike can make some headway. I expect a positive message from Spike, but if we can all gain some sort of understanding from both sides, the outcome should be extremely positive."

Craig Ridley, N.C. A&T graduate

"I think they should have (a free-standing BCC), but I just want to hear more about what they will do about other cultures that want to be housed there."

Tabitha Batts, UNC junior from Spring Lake

"I am embarrassed to say I graduated from Carolina when there is so much prejudice going on."

Melissa Wade, UNC graduate

"What we saw here tonight is a unifying presence on this campus of African Americans and a sign of strength. I strongly believe that after tonight, our message will be heard and understood and responded to."

Chris Henderson, UNC graduate student

"Hope that the unity that was shown here tonight carries onward and doesn't wear out. It was disappointing to see people leave after Spike spoke."

Jim Casey, N.C. State graduate student

"It is a tragedy that ... for 14 years the students have been trying to get a free-standing building. Having known Dr. Sonja Hanes Stone, a precious friend, and the work that she has done, it is just impossible to believe that in 1992 we still have to fight because of the racial tone of the University and of the United States."

Mrs. A.E. Spears Jr., a Durham resident who knew Stone for about 12 years

"They keep on asking the question, 'Does everybody want a black cultural center? Do they have the support, because if they don't have the support, then, you know, they don't need a building.' So I think that this shows tonight that they have the support to have this building."

Anthony Moore, UNC senior from Asheboro

"I was very stung by the last speaker."

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Spike Lee urges black athletes to utilize their financial power

By Anna Griffin
University Editor

About 5,000 people — many of them students and supporters of a free-standing black cultural center — gathered at the Dean E. Smith Center Friday night to express their support for a new BCC and to hear filmmaker Spike Lee.

Lee, best known for films such as "Jungle Fever" and "Do the Right Thing," spoke for about 15 minutes on the need for other black students, especially other black athletes across the country, to get involved in the BCC movement and in the general fight for black equality.

"When you're talking about colleges and universities and black athletes, when they start to politicize, then watch out," Lee said. "Because this building would not be here if it weren't for Michael Jordan and Phil Ford, Walter Davis, James Worthy, Sam Perkins and Brad Daugherty. ... Without black athletes, there would be no schools."

Lee was drawn to Chapel Hill by an article in The New York Times Sept. 11, which cited the involvement of black football players in the BCC movement. This summer, four UNC players founded the Black Awareness Council, the group that has stepped to the forefront of the BCC issue.

During his speech, Lee told members of the BAC that they would have to be willing to take direct action, even if it meant sitting out games and risking their scholarships.

"There's going to come a time when you're going to have to make a move," he said. "When that date approaches and no action is taken, you're going to have to take some drastic action."

Lee, who flew into town Friday night and left Saturday morning, said Chancellor Paul Hardin had sent him faxes almost every day asking to meet with him, but that he had decided against it after talking with students.

"I was advised it might not be the right thing to do," Lee said.

Hardin, who acknowledged that he had faxed and phoned his welcome to Lee, said he had not heard about the students asking Lee not to meet with him.

"He certainly didn't tell me that," Hardin said of his conversation with Lee. "I talked to him and expressed hope he would like to come by. I heard later that he had come into town too late."

The Smith Center even lasted about three hours. University Police Chief Alana Ennis estimated the crowd at about 5,000 people.

Event organizers had moved the rally from the Pit and Carmichael Auditorium because of the large number of

people expected. The Smith Center seats 21,500 people.

Margo Crawford, BCC director, spoke to the crowd about Sonja Stone, the late UNC professor for whom the present center is named and for whom students want to name a new center. "Dr. Stone was a one-woman movement on this campus for 17 years," Crawford said.

The Rev. James Bevel, a Washington, D.C., minister who is running for vice president with Lyndon LaRouche, led the crowd in the civil-rights song, "If you're going to kill the people, put on your hood and robe," changing the lyrics to "If you're not going to let us build our building, put on your hood and robe."

Scott Wilkens, co-president of the Campus Y, told the crowd that Hardin valued white students more than blacks.

"Why should it take this many people to make a change on this campus?" he said. "If you were all white, we'd have had this BCC a long time ago."

Jimmy Hitchcock, a co-founder of the Black Awareness Council, urged the crowd to stop making the Black Power symbol — a single fist held in the air — and to start crossing their arms as a tribute to Malcolm X. "It looks like we're hanging from chains," Hitchcock said of the symbol. "We are the children of Malcolm X, and we believe in his ideology."

Tim Smith, another BAC co-founder, said blacks needed to stop the degradation of their race by whites. "The white man is killing us softly," Smith said. "By getting rid of our black males, they're keeping us from us from reproducing. By keeping us from reproducing, they're killing our race."

Michelle Thomas, president of the Black Student Movement, spoke out against blacks who stood in the way of the movement or who have spoken out against the coalition's methods, including UNC journalism Professor Chuck Stone, who has questioned the militarism of the movement.

"I'm tired of a black man standing up on television and in the newspapers and saying we don't need a free-standing BCC," she said. "If you stand in the way of our progress, we're going to have to roll over you."

Minister Khalid Mohammed X, an assistant to Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam, spoke out against interracial dating and told students that they must "support what the enemy opposes and oppose what the enemy supports."

"The problem is not with the crack," he said. "The problem is with the cracker."

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Filmmaker Spike Lee meets with members of BAC and coalition leaders Anthony Peay and Michelle Thomas, upper left

DTH/Debbie Stengel

Coalition proposes compromise for committee

The student coalition for a free-standing black cultural center has told Chancellor Paul Hardin it will participate in its committee to discuss specific plans for the BCC if the working group includes members of the BCC Advisory Board and the chancellor himself, coalition members said Sunday.

Black Student Movement Minister of Information Charles McNair said the coalition would participate in the talks, which Hardin has said would lead to some sort of concrete proposal, if the chancellor and Provost Richard McCormick, who is setting up the committee, agree to the plan.

"We want (Hardin) to agree to have that portion of the advisory board sit on the committee and have Hardin sit directly on the committee because we want to deal directly with him," McNair said.

But Hardin said his understanding of the proposal was different.

"It is certainly likely that some members of the (BCC) advisory board would be on the group," the chancellor said. "I had the understanding that they wanted the entire group to be made up of the advisory board."

Hardin said he would not participate in the group.

"It just doesn't make any sense for me to take part," he said. "I will be the one in charge of evaluating the group's final recommendation. It makes no sense for me to also be part of the initial discussion."

The committee, which Hardin proposed last week, would discuss all plans for expanding the BCC — including proposals for a free-standing center — and would make a final recommendation to the chancellor. Hardin would then consider the plan and, in all likelihood, take it to potential donors and the Board of Trustees.

— Anna Griffin

Carmichael drying out after flood

By James Lewis
Staff Writer

Residents of Carmichael Residence Hall have been busy drying out this weekend after a fourth-floor sprinkler head was broken Thursday night, releasing 25 gallons of water per minute into the dormitory for almost an hour.

A resident hit the sprinkler head with a lacrosse stick around 10:30 Thursday night, knocking the sprinkler head off and leaving "just a wide-open pipe," said Daniel Watts, area director for Carmichael.

Frederick Merricks, Chapel Hill Fire Department assistant chief, said firemen were on the scene for about three hours. "The system to the building had to be shut down and then drained down," he said.

Watts said the student responsible had turned himself in to University police, and that the incident appeared to have been an accident.

"The student who is responsible has come forward to myself and to University Police," Watts said. "No determination of liability or accountability has been made yet."

Water seeped from the fourth to the ground floor causing an unknown amount of water damage, Watts said.

"No estimates on the cost of the cleanup have been given yet," he said. "No one will ever know the full cost because private rooms are not covered under the liabilities of the University."

Residents were not allowed back into Carmichael until about 1:30 Friday morning. "We weren't going to let people back into the building until we

were absolutely sure there was no electrical danger," Watts said.

No injuries were reported, but several residents complained about the long wait outside.

Mary Dail, a junior from Hubert and a resident of Carmichael, said, "I think what I hated most was being locked out of my dorm for nearly 2 1/2 hours. It was absolutely terrible."

Stacy McArthur, a sophomore from Charlotte who lives on the fourth floor of Carmichael, said that in addition to having her room flooded with water, during the incident someone took several pieces of jewelry from her desk.

"I don't feel that it was really well-handled," she said. "We were outside for close to three hours, and they al-

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There's going to come a time when you're going to have to make a move. — Spike Lee