

## New bar opens above Porthole over weekend

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A new bar, the Upper Deck, is scheduled to open this weekend in Chapel Hill. Owner Barry Huff and manager John Hartley are awaiting their beverage license from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board before the tavern opens its doors.

Located above the Porthole restaurant, the Upper Deck has been under construction since Sept. 10 and is currently adding the final interior touches. Hartley said the Porthole's old storage area had been renovated to hold the bar.

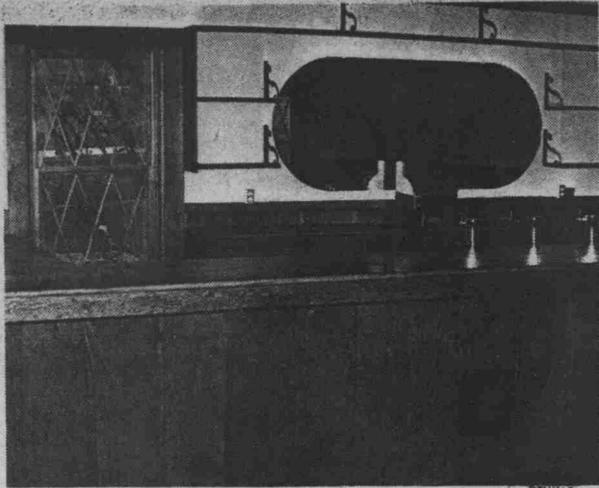
"Everything is ready," Hartley said. "It really looks nice up here."

Huff left his position as manager of the Carolina Theatre to manage the Upper Deck.

The Upper Deck features an English pub atmosphere, Hartley said. Only beer will be served. But both men said that they hoped the Upper Deck would "be better than the average beer joint."

Huff said he didn't expect live bands to play in the Upper Deck, but the bar would have a variety of music on its juke box, including classic songs from the '60s and '70s.

The property's excellent location will



The Upper Deck located above the Porthole Restaurant ... the newest addition to Chapel Hill's night life

increase greatly its business volume, Huff said.

With recent debate arising over beer consumption in Chapel Hill, many residents may oppose construction of additional bars.

But Huff said he did not think there were too many bars in the town. If de-

mand for a new bar exists, then its construction is justifiable, he added.

The Upper Deck will carefully check identification to verify legal drinking ages before serving anyone alcohol, Huff said. "We're going to try to do everything to stay within the boundaries of the law."

## Vietnam vet speaks out

By DAVID McHUGH  
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"First the draft, then the shaft," said David Christian, the most decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, describing the treatment of Vietnam veterans in a Veterans Day ceremony speech Thursday on the UNC campus.

Christian, a leading veteran's advocate, urged the government to do more to help Vietnam veterans. "Why can't the politicians create programs to give vets jobs? How hard would that be? In terms of the economic pie, these things are small," he said.

"We have better re-entry programs for prisoners than we do for veterans," said Christian, who refused to be considered for Administrator of the Veterans Administration in protest of Reagan administration cuts in veterans programs. "Politicians should do something, anything," he said.

Christian was, at 20, the youngest captain in the Green Berets. He received seven Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars, two Silver Stars, the Vietnamese Service Medal and a Distinguished Service Cross while in Vietnam. He suffered severe napalm burns and a number of other serious wounds, and spent several years in veteran's hospitals.

Christian called the Vietnam War a mistake from which Washington has learned little. "Yes, Vietnam was a mistake. There's nothing wrong with mistakes if you learn, but the people in Washington refuse to believe they can make mistakes. People are so likely to start another war. You can hear the war drums beating all over the world."

He worked on veteran's issues in the Labor Department under President Jimmy Carter, but was fired. "I was too visible and was fired for making people uncomfortable," he said.

"Eighty percent (of today's veterans) enlisted to go to Vietnam," Christian said. "The problem is that these people regret not being used but being misused by politicians."

Christian blamed the government both for the defeat in Vietnam and for the neglect of veterans.

"Don't blame the military," he said. "That war was lost by the elected officials in Washington."

"The politicians put us in a war and told us to play steady defense. They lost the war, and they're ashamed of it, and they ought to be ashamed of it," he said, adding that the government was responsible for negative attitudes toward veterans.

"We learned in Vietnam that never, ever, again can we commit our young



Christian

men and women to a war without committing our nation to a war. Otherwise, when they come back, the country will not be committed to them," Christian said.

"Those people in (Washington) are so good at getting us mad at each other, and then we miss the point. For the first time since the Civil War, all of us suffered. Vietnam, for America, was a nightmare. It's time to come back together, to join hands."

## Officials say provisions inadequate

By JIM WRINN  
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Nuclear war. Sirens go off. Civil defense officials go on the radio and television, and people evacuate and move into fallout shelters where they can wait out the worst.

That's the kind of scenario civil defense coordinators wish they could give, but at a Wednesday night presentation, area civil defense personnel said their provisions for such a war were inadequate. "The bottom line is: Few people would survive," said Marilyn Braun, an emergency management coordinator for Guilford County.

Braun and Joseph E. Deaton, also a Guilford County coordinator, told an audience of about 40 people that Greensboro and Guilford County would be unprotected in a nuclear war.

Braun, noting that the Defense Department had declared Greensboro a nuclear "risk area," said the city's 1975 war plan did not tell the truth. "It's 20 years of deception that's provided people with a false sense of confidence," she said.

Funding for civil defense, Braun said, was high in the early 1960s after the Cuban missile crisis. Government interest in civil defense was high as well.

Architects were sent out and identified 143 fallout "spaces" in the city. Some food, medicine and other supplies were distributed to these shelters and the rest was put into storage.

Deaton, referring to the "spaces," said, "I'd rather stay outside and crawl around with the dying people than get in one of those coffins."

Braun and Deaton also said they were concerned because the Department of Defense's plan to evacuate Greensboro and Guilford County into ten neighboring counties was based on three to ten days of warning.

"When we asked what the warning would be," Braun said, "we were told it would be marked by an increase in tensions in international affairs."

"We worry because we don't have any shelters or supplies, and we worry because the surrounding counties don't have any either," she said. Braun said North Carolina prepared-

ness officials were scheduled to inspect Greensboro's plans and shelters in 1982. "By their definitions and standards, they'll find a lot, and by ours — nothing," Braun said.

Bobby Baker, Orange County's emergency management coordinator, said his office had made efforts to correct gaps in emergency preparedness while others still needed attention.

Since his appointment last July, Baker said 15 radiation monitors had been purchased and damage assessment people as well as 18 shelter managers had been trained.

"The problem is, our shelters are mainly for hurricanes and the (national) computer print-out on shelters lists some that don't even exist," Baker said.

Baker said evacuation routes and specific nuclear shelters had not been identified yet.

"If you were to ask me today (about the shelters), I wouldn't be able to tell you," Baker said. "I hope it's a short-term situation."

The form was sponsored by Physicians for Social Responsibility.

## Convenience store to open soon

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A 24-hour convenience store, which will also sell gasoline, is scheduled to open soon at the corner of Estes Drive and Franklin Street, replacing the recently torn down East Franklin Exxon station.

Stallings Oil Co. of Rocky Mount recently purchased the property at 1501 E. Franklin St. from Ron Ragan and Silas Talbert, co-owners of the Exxon station.

Ragan, who now operates East Franklin Car Care near Eastgate shopping center, said Wednesday that Stallings Oil Co. had purchased the property for about \$240,000.

He had been operating his gas station at the new location since June.

Talbert also operates two other convenience stores that sell gasoline in Chapel Hill — one across from Glen Lennox shopping center on Highway 54 and the other on Airport Road near the A&P grocery store.

Carl Cullen, executive vice-president of Stallings Oil Co., said the \$400,000-plus new business, called Chapel Hill Swift Service, will feature modern self-service facilities.

"We plan to have 16 electronic gasoline dispensers under a 50-foot-by-150 foot canopy in addition to regular convenience store food items."

Cullens said the volume of gasoline that the business planned to sell would allow prices to be below average.

"Although I can't give a specific price, I can promise that no one in town will underprice us," he said.

Cullens said he did not feel that the excessive number of gasoline stations already in the area would affect the success of the new store.

"I do not feel that we will be competing with the existing full-service stations," he said. "We feel that there are disparagingly few innovative self-service facilities in the Chapel Hill area."

Although he could not give a definite date for opening, Cullens said Chapel Hill Swift Service should open soon.

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