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The last call approaches for drinkers under 21

Students disapprove of drinking age hike

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Student and Student Government opinions generally disapprove of the recent N.C. House action to raise the statewide drinking age to 21.

Although Student Government has not officially reacted to the bill, Campus Governing Council Speaker Wyatt Closs said he would not be surprised if legislative action arose in the CGC as time for enactment of the bill drew closer.

"The current CGC hasn't discussed the issue, but probably the consensus — and I might be wrong — would be against the raising of the drinking age, as the consensus of students is against it," Closs said.

Last summer's CGC indirectly acted on the issue by passing a \$600 allocation toward an on-campus beer party sponsored by Student Government, Closs said. The bill ultimately was pocket vetoed by then-Student Body President Paul Parker, who did not sign or veto the bill within the required 10-day time limit.

Student Body President Patricia Wallace, who opposes the raising of the drinking age, said the efforts of UNC students Brian Hassell and Todd Hart as General Assembly lobbyists did not change the opinion of the majority of House members, and she said she expected the Senate to pass the bill soon.

Wallace said statistics showed that most DWI offenders were more than 21 years old, and the 21st Amendment guaranteed state's rights over the use and distribution of alcohol. But such figures were not effective in the lobby effort, she said, because the states are worried that the federal government will cut off their highway funds if they don't raise the drinking age to federal standards by 1986.

"The things we have to look into now are preparing substitutes for drinking and entertainment policies regarding alcohol," Wallace said. "There is a tendency for younger people to drink at fraternity parties, as the carding problem is much less enforced than at local bars."

Students had mixed reactions about the legislation, but most of those interviewed seemed to disapprove of raising the drinking age.

"I don't think the federal government should dictate to the states what they should do in cases of raising the drinking age," said Jimmy Hopkins, a freshman political science major from Stoneville. "We elect our legislators to be competent to make their own judgments and decisions."

Suzanne Watts, a sophomore English and history major from Nashville, Tenn., said the legislation undermined students' responsibility. "The question to me is one of consistency," she said. "If someone under 21 is said to be held



Effective September 1986, students under the age of 21 will have to pay more than money to enjoy a beer.

responsible for their actions as a legal adult, it seems as though they ought to be granted the privileges accompanying responsibility."

David Snider, a senior from Kernersville, agreed. "I can understand both sides of the argument, but I think it's too severe," he said. "A lot of people are working, having families and serving in the military at 18, 19 or 20. They

can vote for public office representatives but not drink. It does not make perfect sense."

Drinking legislation has both pros and cons, said Pam Yelverton, a senior journalism major from Kenansville. "I tend to be for the legislation in that I don't drink," she said. "But I believe in student responsibility and judgment. Looking at it politically, the state had

to pass the bill to get what they wanted."

David Day, a graduate student in library science from Salt Lake City, Utah, favors the legislation for the public good. "I'm in favor of it — not so much for the highway funds, but more for the safety of lives and for doing all we can to combat drunken driving. Raising the drinking age will reduce alcohol-related accidents."

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N.C. driven to increase drinking age

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The N.C. House passed a bill March 29 that would raise the state's drinking age for beer and wine to 21 September of 1986. Although the bill passed 90-14, some representatives felt they were "blackmailed" by the federal government to vote for it.

"The bill said clearly that we passed it but for no reason but blackmail," said Rep. Ivan Mothershead (R-Mecklenburg). "We hope South Dakota and Wyoming go through with their lawsuits. If the Supreme Court finds Congress acted unconstitutionally, North Carolina will revert back to 19."

Congress voted to deny a portion of highway funding if the states did not raise their drinking ages to 21 for all alcoholic beverages. For North Carolina, that would mean the loss of \$30 million in road funds.

Mothershead said raising the drinking age would be unfair to college-age drinkers.

"It's a smoke screen," he said. "If a man has the right to elect the president of the United States, he certainly should have the right to pick up a Budweiser. Only 24 percent of drinking is by college-age people."

"The people against 19- and 20-year-olds drinking are against drinking period. You'll find these people are prohibitionists. It's an insult to say a person isn't smart enough to drink a beer when he has the right to vote," Mothershead said.

Rep. Tim McDowell (D-Alamance) criticized Congress for putting pressure on the states to pass a higher drinking age.

"I feel like it's blackmail," McDowell said. "Congress said, 'If you don't pass it, we won't give you highway money.' We had no choice. It really is a form of blackmail," he said.

McDowell said he feels sympathetic to the young people who would be prohibited from drinking under the new law.

"I'm sympathetic to young adults," he said. "They have all the other rights that adults have. We require that they fight wars and other bad things. But we don't give them the more enjoyable privileges like drinking," said McDowell.

Mothershead and McDowell predicted the drinking age bill would pass

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Bars fear effects of drinking age rise, restaurants feel secure

By KATHY NANNEY
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Some local bar owners fear they may be forced out of business if the state raises the minimum drinking age to 21 as expected, but restaurant owners say that despite a possible loss in business, they'll survive.

"I think you're going to see a lot of beer halls, establishments like He's Not Here and Henderson Street Bar having a difficult time," said Leonard VanNess, spokesman for the Chapel Hill Chamber of Commerce. "You cut out half of their market and its going to be hard to survive."

"I think they are either going to go out of business or find some other kind of entertainment for students. I don't think any of them will remain a local bar."

VanNess said Henderson Street Bar owners reported they had grossed 20 percent less since the drinking age was raised to 19 in October of '83.

Though 70 percent of its business comes from students under 21, Troll's Bar may have one chance of survival, said Troll's manager Laura Cole.

"At first we thought we'd have to close, but now we're sort of thinking that maybe graduate students and others who stayed away because the place was jam-packed with noisy students will start to come," Cole said.

Troll's is taking a "wait and see" attitude, but if they cannot draw an older crowd once the law goes into effect, it will close, she said.

"We can't change the format (to attract younger students) because we wouldn't be a bar," she said.

The new drinking age will have a large impact on He's Not Here, but it is likely the bar will not close, said Clair Bougherty, a UNC sophomore and a bartender at He's Not Here. Bougherty said she doubted there would be few standing-room-only nights, however.

"I don't think that closing will ever happen," Bougherty said. "There are people who have been drinking here for 20 years and they will keep coming."

Bar owners have not talked much about the new law in part because of the brisk business that He's Not Here has recently had, she said.

Restaurants which serve alcohol should be able

to survive the higher drinking age because of their food service and attractiveness to older crowds, VanNess said.

"I think Four Corners can do it," he said. "Spanky's will survive. Kids as well as adults like those kinds of atmospheres as much for eating as a place to have a drink."

Spanky's will be affected by the law, but because a large percentage of its business is in food, the effects will not be crippling, said manager Mickey Ewell. About 25 percent of the customers served alcohol at Spanky's are under 21, he said.

The Restaurant Association opposed the new law, believing there were better ways of dealing with the problem of drunken driving, said Ewell, a member of the organization's board of directors. Restaurants are expecting many more problems with false identifications, he said.

The effect of the higher drinking age on business at Four Corners will be minimal because only about 3 or 4 percent of its bar customers are under 21, said Terry Upchurch, bar manager.

Fowler's Food Store head manager, Bobby Leesnitzer, estimated 70 percent of the customers

who bought alcohol from the store were under 21.

"It (the higher drinking age) will cut out half my beer sales for sure, but it probably won't hurt wine sales," Leesnitzer said.

Raising the drinking age to 19 has cost Fowler's \$4,500 per week in beer sales, he said.

"The penalty for store owners who are caught selling alcohol to people under 19 is the loss of their alcohol license for a year as well as the possibility of a stiff fine," Leesnitzer said.

Most businesses in Chapel Hill have dropped their beer sales in the past year, Bill Hardy, assistant manager of Top of the Hill, said. An important factor in the loss has been a gradual change in attitudes toward drinking, he said.

"I don't think you're coming to a time when students don't drink, but because of the attitudes that people are developing about drinking, it doesn't seem to be as much of a factor," Hardy said. "They still drink, but not at the levels they have before."

"People are spending their entertainment money in more diversified ways."

UNC pulls out thriller over Johns Hopkins

By MIKE WATERS
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North Carolina's Pat Welsh never saw his game-winning shot zip past Johns Hopkins goalkeeper Larry Quinn.

Welsh's fourth goal of the afternoon came with 12 seconds left and gave UNC an 11-10 win over top-ranked Johns Hopkins in front of 6,200 at Fetzer Field Saturday.

"I didn't see anything," the elated freshman said after the physical, penalty-filled game. "There was so much sun behind the goal. I knew where he (Quinn) was, so I just shot off to the side and hoped it went in."

It did. Bedlam ensued.

Two Johns Hopkins goals, at 1:01 and 0:31, had knotted the score at 10-all and set the stage for Welsh's last-second heroics. The Blue Jays had dominated the face-offs all day, but on this occasion Rob Russell out-duelled JHU's Greg Matthews and UNC's Kevin Haus swooped in for the loose ball. Haus fouled with 0:23 on the clock and UNC called time-out to discuss the situation.

"Pat was the one called on that formation," UNC coach Willie Scroggs said. "I thought we could disguise what we wanted to get to, but Pat just said, 'Let's go with this.'"

"When a kid has that kind of confidence you're not afraid to let him take the shot. He made a heckuva shot — low and away. It's a big play for a young freshman to make."

Junior Joey Seivold had no doubts that Welsh would end the Blue Jays' 19-game win streak. "The defense sagged in so far that Pat must have been only eight yards out. They were worried about the diagonal feed. No way was he (Quinn) going to save that one."

Earlier Seivold and Welsh had seemingly sealed the upset. With a little over three minutes left, Seivold raced up the field with a Chris Walker outlet pass. The junior midfielder faked to the

right and hit Welsh, who was hovering on the left side of the cage. Welsh whipped the ball past Quinn before the 1984 National Player-of-the-Year could close the angle.

Oddly, Seivold never saw the ending of his brilliant dash up the field or the score that gave UNC a 10-8 lead. The All-American midfielder had gotten rid of the ball just as he was checked to the ground, dislocating his left shoulder.

"I've got chronic dislocation problems, but once it pops back in it's okay," Seivold said pulling back his jersey to reveal an ugly surgical scar. "We had wanted to create some tempo. When I got that break, that's our game."

"I was in the right place and Joey made a great feed," Welsh said of his game-winner that didn't hold up. "I went to shake his hand, but I couldn't find him."

But Johns Hopkins didn't win 19 straight, including a national championship, under second-year coach Don Zimmerman by quitting with time on the clock.

After two furious minutes of intense checking, JHU's Brian Wood scored on another poor clear by North Carolina. Thirty seconds later John Krumenacker evened the score at 10-10, and the momentum was all on the Blue Jays' side.

Then came the face-off which everyone had to figure would again go Hopkins' way. But Russell and Haus together got the ball back for Scroggs' potent (17 goals in 25 tries before Saturday) extra-man offense. UNC had made the most of just four JHU penalties thus far, scoring three extra man opportunity goals.

Were it not for Quinn in goal, a UNC score would have been a given with 23 seconds remaining.

"Any shot taken, Quinn can save it," Scroggs said. "I put the ball low and away against a kid like Quinn is a great shot."

The Tar Heel defense checked in,



Pat Welsh, who scored four goals in UNC's upset of No. 1 Johns Hopkins, moves on goal against last year's national player of the year, Larry Quinn

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literally, with perhaps its best game of the season. The checks were brutal on Saturday, and the pressure man-to-man defense constant. Tim Mealey got his stick — or his body — in front of 25 Blue Jay shots. North Carolina thwarted seven of 10 JHU extra-man opportunities, including one where Mealey was forced to the sideline and reserve goalies J.B. Howard and Barney

Aburn killed the penalty. "We've had a little pressure on us," defenseman Chris Walker said of the young unit. "We're not thinking about that any more. We decided to put a little pressure on their fire-power. They've got some powerhouses." "(Hopkins) had a lot of opportunities," Mealey said. "We wanted to give them the outside and have our guys stay

in. I was hoping I could have a real good game."

It's no secret that the players and coaches on both sides wanted to have a real good game. UNC won national titles in 1981 and 1982, while JHU won it all last year. A lot of the players know each other from high school and the rivalries run deep.

"We didn't play the best lacrosse we

could have and a lot of that was Carolina," Johns Hopkins coach Don Zimmerman said. "I was proud of the way we scored two goals in 40 seconds."

The loss was Zimmerman's first as a head coach at Johns Hopkins. The Blue Jays' (5-1) last defeat was in the 1983 championship game against Syracuse.

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Skepticism is a hedge against vulnerability — Charles Thomas Samuels