

IFC phasing out alcohol for rush

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A new North Carolina law will make alcohol consumption illegal for most college students next year, and UNC's Intra-Fraternity Council has responded with a three-stage plan to phase out drinking during rush.

The law, approved by the General Assembly in the spring, will take effect Sept. 1, 1986, and will prohibit anyone younger than 21 from buying or drinking alcoholic beverages.

The IFC will implement the first stage of its plan this fall, making the final week of rush, which lasts 3½ weeks, dry; that is, alcohol will not be a part of any fraternity's rush functions that week.

During spring rush, the second stage of the resolution begins. The last two weeks of spring rush will be dry after a "wet" week-and-a-half.

Next fall, when the new drinking age is enforced, rush will be entirely dry, completing the three-stage plan.

Gordon Massengill, executive assistant for membership development for the IFC, said he had proposed the resolution, which was adopted during an IFC meeting last spring.

Although Massengill, a member of

Theta Chi fraternity, said he thought the resolution would improve the image people had of fraternities, he said he didn't expect "that major of a change" within fraternities themselves.

"I don't think there's more drinking at fraternities than anywhere else," Massengill said, although he added that freshmen in particular had an image of fraternities as being centered around alcohol.

Massengill said changes that might take place within fraternities would be a greater emphasis on social and civic

activities and an increase in membership. Fraternities that tried dry rush increased their membership, he said.

Frederic Schroeder, assistant vice chancellor of Student Affairs, described the new resolution as "a very positive response to a change in circumstance."

Schroeder said he believed the IFC resolution would set the tone for the change in the drinking law, although he said he expected that many people would see the resolution as a negative change.

Restaurants

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corner of Franklin and Columbia streets, is also being remodeled. It has been closed for expansion since July 28.

Restaurant owner Mickey Ewell said he hopes to have the downstairs portions of the restaurant finished in time to serve dinner today.

Spanky's has acquired what was formerly the upstairs offices of The Hub Ltd., and is moving its kitchen upstairs and creating an upstairs dining area.

According to Ewell, the move almost doubled the size of the kitchen from 700 to 1200 square feet and provided for the addition of more than 100 seats in two dining areas upstairs.

The upstairs dining rooms each have a large skylight in the center, and extra windows have been cut along the side walls.

"We put in lots of window seats because everybody likes to sit at windows," Ewell said, adding that he hoped one side of the upstairs dining room could be used for occasional private parties.

The number of seats downstairs will remain at approximately 70.

In addition to expanding the seating

capacity, the menu has been enlarged to include two lunch specials and fresh seafood, as well as the previous fare which included chicken, quiche and homemade pastas and desserts.

Ewell said the expansion, which falls a month short of the restaurant's eighth birthday, was needed to accommodate customer demand.

"Oftentimes if there's a line at all, people don't feel like waiting," he said. He added that he thought the upstairs dining room would be attractive to people who wanted a more quiet atmosphere when they eat.

"We want to appeal not only to students and faculty, but also to the townspeople," he said.

Ewell said that he has plans to extend weekend dinner hours and possibly to start serving breakfast in September or October.

Current hours at Spanky's are as follows: lunch, 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday; Sunday brunch, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; and supper, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. daily. Service from the bar and the late night menu continue until 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

Fresh(wo)man class mostly female; average SAT score reaches record

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The 1985 freshman class that registered for the fall semester averaged higher Scholastic Aptitude Test scores than past classes and has a majority of females.

Figures won't be verified until registration is over, said Anthony Strickland, assistant director of undergraduate admissions, but the freshman class has an average SAT score of 1060 to 1065 — a 10 to 15 point increase over last year — and is more than 61 percent female.

"It is shaping up to be the best class we've had in several years," he said.

Strickland said more females had applied to the University, more had been accepted, and more had chosen to attend. "There seem to be more women going after degrees," he said. "The women seem to be better qualified."

"We're emphasizing academic performance and extracurricular activities. It just happens that more women fit that model."

Strickland added: "I've had women come back who attended the University earlier and ask me, 'What are you guys trying to do to the women?'"

In 1980, the percentage of women was 56 percent, and it rose to 61 percent in 1981. The percentage has ranged from 59 to 61 percent since 1981.

"It's amusing to watch the reactions," Strickland said. "For years, we were at 58 to 59 percent female. The year we hit 60 percent, we hit flak."

Demographically, he said, there are more women in the population and in North Carolina, which is one reason there are more female applicants.

Many students and alumni have noticed the increasing female population.

A 1967 graduate, who asked to remain unidentified, said the ratio had been 7-to-1, with men in the majority, when he had attended school. "Visibly, I'm amazed at the difference — how many women there are," he said.

He said the change in numbers had led to a change in attitude. "If we wanted to date then, we had to be nice. You don't hear much about the Carolina gentleman anymore. It has to do with the law of supply and demand. Because there were more men, the guys had to be polite to get a date. The competition for women was fierce among the men."

Now, he said, the roles are reversed. "The guys act like the coeds did then. They act cocky, self-absorbed and hard-to-get, like the last thing they need in the world is to date or a girl. That's the way the girls used to act."

Patricia Lewis, a senior from Garner, said she had noticed the female majority on campus. "I had to get a guy who lived in Kentucky," she said, laughing.

"When I was a freshman, it was easier to pick up guys because there were a lot of functions," she said. "Now I mainly just go out with friends. It's a pleasant surprise if someone does ask you."

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