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UNC prepares for era of enforced sobriety; new alcohol policy goes into effect Aug. 13

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UNC has long been the focal point of a town that has been known as the "Beer Drinking Capital of the World." All that may soon be coming to an end as the minimum drinking age increases from 19 to 21 on Sept. 1, 1986.

With this change, UNC administrators have authored an alcohol policy designed to inform students of the conditions under which alcohol beverage consistent with federal, state, and local laws and ordinances is permitted in University facilities and on University property.

The policy, which was finalized June 13, will go into effect on Aug. 13, 1986 — the first day of the upcoming fall semester — rather than Sept. 1 when the new law begins because of problems that University officials foresaw in implementing it.

"The decision for the policy to take over on Aug. 13 was made after it was determined that too many problems could arise from the University's trying to implement two different policies in one year," Fred W. Schroeder, dean of students, said.

Schroeder said the policy is nothing the students should not

expect to find. The policy parallels the new alcohol law and Schroeder said it has to be that way.

"Students cannot expect to be allowed to drink if they are not 21 years old," he said. "The University is a state-run and legislated institution and it must operate within the guidelines and laws prescribed by the state. No one who is 21 years old will have any privileges taken away from them, but they will be expected to act responsibly and under the guidelines of the law."

With the exception of the Carolina Inn, which operates under appropriate state licenses, no alcoholic beverages of any kind may be sold directly or indirectly by any person, organization, or corporation on University property.

"The new policy will definitely change the nature of on-campus social events," Dr. Wayne Kuncel, director of University Housing, said. "Everyone is going to have to be willing to work together under RHA (Residence Hall Association) guidelines. In some cases, the policy may have to be worked out on a hall-to-hall basis."

The policy not only outlines who may drink, but also where they may

drink.

Properly registered students of sufficient age and their guests of sufficient age will be allowed to drink in two outdoor locations. Students may drink on Ehringhaus field with the written approval of the vice chancellor for Student Affairs. They will also be allowed to drink alcohol in the areas immediately outside residence halls. This is restricted to members of the residence hall and their guests and requires the written approval of the director of University Housing.

Other areas where alcohol can be consumed on campus are as follows:

- At planned residence hall social events at which the alcohol provided is done so under guidelines that have been adopted by RHA. The event must also be approved in writing by the director of University Housing.

- At planned social events explicitly and directly sponsored by the Student Government or the Graduate and Professional Students' Federation at which the alcohol provided is done so under guidelines adopted by the Student Government or the Graduate and Professional Students' Federation. The event must be approved in writing by the Vice

Chancellor for Student Affairs.

- At events in the Carolina Union when the alcohol provided is done so under guidelines adopted by the Carolina Union Board. The event must be approved in writing by the Director of the Carolina Union.

- In private residence hall rooms by residents of sufficient age and their guests of sufficient age.

- In TV lounges or other residence hall spaces designated by the Director of Housing for residents of sufficient age and their guests of sufficient age. Open containers of any kind of alcoholic beverage are not permitted in other public areas of residence halls.

Can students realistically expect residence hall social events to be approved due to the proportionately small number of legal drinkers who will live in those buildings? Kuncel said, "In order to get a feel for how to make that decision, it would have to be dealt with a few times."

"We as administrators have to make sure that the activity in question is in line with RHA guidelines. We also have to, as we've done in the past, make sure that the accountability for the function is defined so there are no uncertainties about who

has the responsibility for whatever might happen.

"Hopefully, the added attention to liability that this policy will bring will help control the events. People will be more willing to police their own parties instead of leaving it up to University representatives like resident assistants (RA's)."

Section VII communicates the administration's feelings about the policy.

It reads: "In relation to alcohol, as in other matters, all members of the University community are expected to act as adults, to obey the law, to obey University policy, and take personal responsibility for their conduct. Individuals of whatever age who violate this Policy or who threaten disorder, public disturbance, danger to themselves and others, or damage to property will be subject to disciplinary action."

The policy ends by stating that additional guidelines may be put into action by the University as they are needed to encourage the responsible use of alcohol in the University community, and to comply with applicable laws and ordinances.

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Franklin Street offers old style charm of bygone era today

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Both the University and Chapel Hill have interesting histories. They can be found in the library or the bookstore, but if you're interested in more than the written page, walk into some area businesses and look around. Some have been here for more than half a century.

On the main block of East Franklin Street, there are three such businesses. Take the walk from campus to Franklin Street by way of Silent Sam. This will put you in front of the post office. Turn left and walk down the rows of stores. The first place of longevity is Sutton's Drug Store, a combination drug store and lunch counter.

"We've been here since 1923," says Willie Mae from behind the lunch counter in the back of the store. Willie Mae, a Chapel Hill native, started working at Sutton's in 1956. Breakfast and lunch are cooked and served from behind the lunch counter, which is surrounded by swivel stools. Types of meals available are egg breakfasts cooked to order, hamburgers, hotdogs, barbecue and cold sandwiches.

"We're known for our fresh orange

and lemonade that we squeeze ourselves," says Willie Mae, a motherly looking woman with glasses. She smiles when you ask her about the students.

"They're all good," she says. Each school semester she says she is adopted by several students as another mother.

"One came back to see me after being gone 20 years. That makes me feel good."

So if you get homesick, go to see Willie Mae at Sutton's. She'll cheer you up.

Another famous place on Franklin Street several doors down from Sutton's is Jeff's Confectionary. At Jeff's, you can buy a variety of magazines and newspapers, as well as a cold Coca Cola. The shop has been there since 1927 and boasts the best soda fountain. It also serves milkshakes and beer.

"During the football season, the old timers will come in and drink beer before the games because it is the only place they remember," says the man behind the counter.

After you have refreshed yourself at Jeff's, stroll a little farther down Franklin Street to the corner at

North Columbia Street, and you'll find Huggins Hardware. You'll also find everything that you need for your dorm room.

"We've been here for over 50 years," says manager Glenn Carver. There's a long list of things that students buy at Huggins, including brooms, toilette articles, kitchen equipment, plants, picture hangers, paint and other general hardware. They also have a keymaker, which Carver says is very busy each fall.

Carver prides himself on the personal service he gives to students.

"I like to help them out with art projects like helping them pick out just the right kind of paint. Every customer is a friend," he says with a smile. He also adjusts the prices of his products for the student budget. He is often adopted as a big brother by many students and even attended the graduation of one. He says he still hears from her.

"It just breaks my heart when they leave," he says. Then, there's always the new ones coming in.

If you get a chance, visit these people and you'll find a friend and discover that there's more to Chapel Hill than what's written down.



James Mousmoules serves a soda at Jeff's Confectionary