

# This coffeehouse serves musical, literary talent

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Columbia Street Coffeehouse and Bakery is unique among downtown establishments. Beside the front door is a small sign: "Thank you for not smoking inside." Inside, each table is lit by a single candle. Track lighting illuminates a series of watercolors around the main dining room. There's no muzak, no radio, only the only sound of the customers' voices punctuated by the steam jet of the cappuccino machine.

Special events are scheduled at the coffeehouse most evenings, and many are designed for audience participation. From discussion groups on current topics such as local politics, understanding the male-female relationship and parenting after divorce to readings from original dramatic works, performances by comedians, classical guitarists and folk musicians, the entertainment caters to a wide variety of tastes.

Tuesday night's fare at the coffeehouse featured a picking session, and anyone who wanted to play was welcome.

Without fanfare or introduction, a man pulled a battered mandolin from under his table, leaned back in his chair and began to tune up. Soon another joined him with a guitar, and someone started in with a fiddle. Introductions were made all around, and following a quick tune-up, the three broke into an Appalachian medley.

Joe Sparling, chairman of the board of the coffeehouse and an associate professor at the Frank Porter Graham Center, said he felt the coffeehouse filled a previously unoccupied niche in Chapel Hill.

"We're doing something that's different here," he said. "We have no smoking, no drinking, lots of good, healthy food — those are things we

thought were somewhat absent in the environments that were available downtown. The thrust here is to provide a setting for communication."

Sparling, who schedules entertainment for the coffeehouse, said that he saw the establishment as a forum for new writers and performers and a place to exhibit works in progress.

Columbia Street Coffeehouse and Bakery is the product of a cooperative effort between the group that created the Exchange Coffeehouse, which later became the Columbia Street Coffeehouse, and Durham's Ninth Street Bakery, which operates the restaurant portion of the establishment.

Today, posted on the wall in the coffeehouse is the original statement of intent designed for the Exchange Coffeehouse when it opened in 1981. Their goal was to create "a place in the center of town dedicated to community listening and dialogue, sharing concerns, promoting interaction and connectedness between people and ideas, stimulating involvement in the life of our community, encouraging participation in state and national issues and enabling presentation of a variety of people's acts."

The coffeehouse is planning to establish a film discussion group, which will meet there following designated showtimes at nearby theatres.

Some of the musicians scheduled to perform this month are Allin Cottrell & Dave Gude; Art Hollander; Tracy Drach & David Bennet; Cleaver, Smith, Swenson & Co.; Humours of Whiskey; Pomegranate Rose; Stonecoat; and Billy Stewart. Roxanne Seagraves and Billy Odum will stage readings from original material, including the first public reading of Odum's "Moving



Tom Hanchett (left) and Jon Newlin perform at Columbia Street Coffeehouse and Bakery

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Day," a play about the eviction of an elderly woman from her home. Sparling encourages individuals

with original literary or musical works to contact him to discuss opportunities for performing at the coffeehouse. All those interested should call 962-7377 on weekdays or 929-1017 on evenings and weekends. Operating hours are between 7 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and between 7 a.m. and

midnight on Friday and Saturday. For those who missed Tuesday evening's picking session at the Columbia Street Coffeehouse and Bakery, another is scheduled for Feb. 16 at 8 p.m.

## Campus Calendar

### Friday

- 1:30 p.m. UNC Health and Safety Office will sponsor a free public lecture on "Radiation Safety and Public Policy." The lecture, to be followed by a panel discussion, will be in the Main Auditorium in Rosenau Hall.
- 4 p.m. Carolina Union Performing Arts Committee will hold auditions for "A Poetics for Bullies" until 7 p.m. in 203 Bingham.
- 7 p.m. The Baha't Club will sponsor a discussion on the nature of prejudice in the Frank Porter Graham Lounge until 8:30 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. The Clef Hangers will have their second annual Harmony on the Hill, an a cappella jam in Hill Hall. Tickets are available from the Loreleis and the Clef Hangers, as well as at the door, for \$3.

### Saturday

- 10 a.m. Chapel of the Cross will have its morning breakfast in the Student Commons. Breakfast is \$1.
- 2 p.m. RESULTS will hold a presentation/discussion on the present famine situation in Ethiopia in 208 Union.

### Sunday

- 11 a.m. UNC Gaming Club will meet until 5 p.m. for open gaming in 210 Union.
- 1 p.m. UNC Soccer Club will

- 5 p.m. play Fort Bragg on the Astroturf.
- Black Women United will have a general body meeting in the Upendo Lounge. The topic will be Afro-American women in the professional world.
- 6 p.m. Student Government presents its All-Campus Candidate Forum in Great Hall, Union. Senior class, RHA, and DTH candidates will begin at 6 p.m., in that order, with SBP candidates to begin at 8 p.m.

### Items of Interest

- Student Government All Campus Candidates Forum will be Feb. 7. If you have a question you'd like to ask the candidates for student body president, please deposit your question in the marked folder at the Union desk.
- Graduation Applications from all seniors graduating in May are due Feb. 10.
- Student Government Tutoring Program applications are available in Suite C of the Union or at the Union desk. Deadline is Feb. 19.
- The Phoenix is accepting applications for editor and business manager through Feb. 8. Come by the Phoenix office for info.
- Health Professions Advising

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