

Encapsulating senior year memorabilia for posterity

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Some students envision themselves becoming the star point guard for the Tar Heels; others dream of becoming student body president.

Senior Eric Chilton's wish will come true April 11 — the dedication date of the Senior Class Time Capsule.

Chilton heard of the idea while in junior high school but said it never got off the ground — well actually, under the ground.

"I approached the (senior class)

marshals this fall and asked them what they thought," Chilton said. "I had already researched the cost, how to bury it and what to use to contain the items."

Impressed with Chilton's homework, the marshals immediately agreed to the project.

"It's my understanding that it's never been done at the University before," Chilton said. "It's a novel idea."

"It has been Eric's project totally from the start," said Senior Class Vice President Dave Brown. "I'm proud of the way he and his com-

mittee have taken it and run with it."

The capsule will be placed in an aluminum barrel-shaped container encased in concrete. "It took awhile to find someone who knew what to use and how to put it underground," Chilton said. "Moisture and ground pressure had to be considered."

The capsule will be dedicated on Monday, April 11 at noon on the front steps of South Building. Chancellor Christopher Fordham, who has been proclaimed an honorary member of the Class of 1988, will speak. The Clef Hangers are

expected to sing.

On April 19 the capsule will be buried six feet underground along a sidewalk in the quad between South Building and Wilson Library. "We had to find a place that didn't interfere with water pipes or electrical and telecommunications wiring," Chilton said. "But the UNC Physical Plant was helpful in finding an area."

The burial spot will be marked with a concrete slab emblazoned with a brass plate that reads, "Time Capsule Dedicated by Class 1988. Buried April 19, 1988. To be

Opened Year 2013."

The year 2013 will be the 25th anniversary of the Class of 1988. "We're going to dig up and open the capsule at our 25th reunion and see what it was that we enjoyed in 1988," Brown said.

And how will the graduates be able to remember what it was that they enjoyed while they were seniors at UNC? "By throwing into the capsule whatever it is that epitomizes their senior year — pictures, writing samples, clothing, just anything," Brown said.

A booth in the Pit will be set up

this entire week to collect these memorable senior treasures. "Only seniors can place things in the capsule," Chilton said. "They must show their I.D. and registration. A card with the senior's name, hometown, major and comments will be attached to the item."

Chilton said that any item "within reasonable taste and size" will be buried in the capsule. "It's on a first-come, first-serve basis. We'll take items until the capsule is filled," he added.

One senior told Chilton he would sacrifice the socks he wore when he won an intramural championship.

To help offset the \$700 price tag of the project, the committee is asking businesses and campus organizations to place items in the capsule for \$25. "Businesses could put something like their business cards in there, and fraternities and sororities could contribute their letters or something," Chilton said.

Seniors do not have to pay to have their prized possessions buried, however.

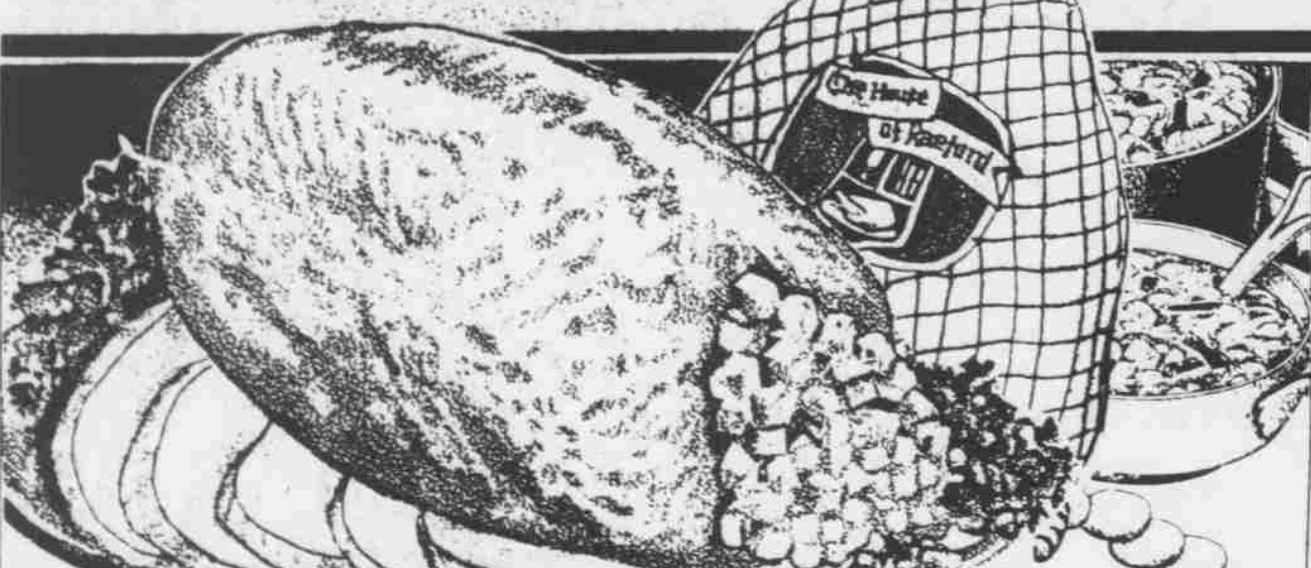
So, as you seniors begin to clean your four-year heap of memorabilia from underneath your beds, remember there is an alternative to the trashcan. Who knows, in 2013 the blue cup from He's Not Here may just spark memories of an infamous Tuesday night in 1988.

For more information contact Chilton at 942-7216 or the Senior Class at 962-1988.

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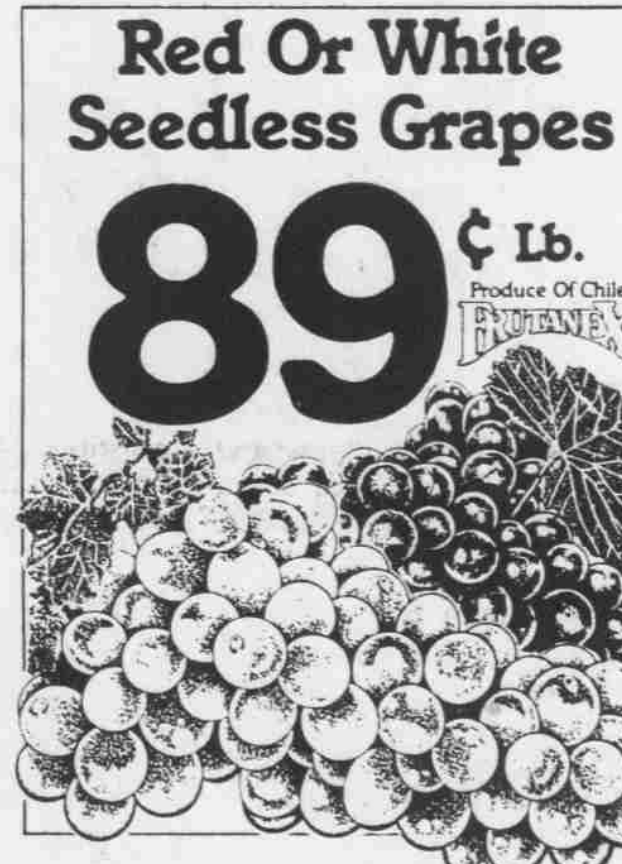
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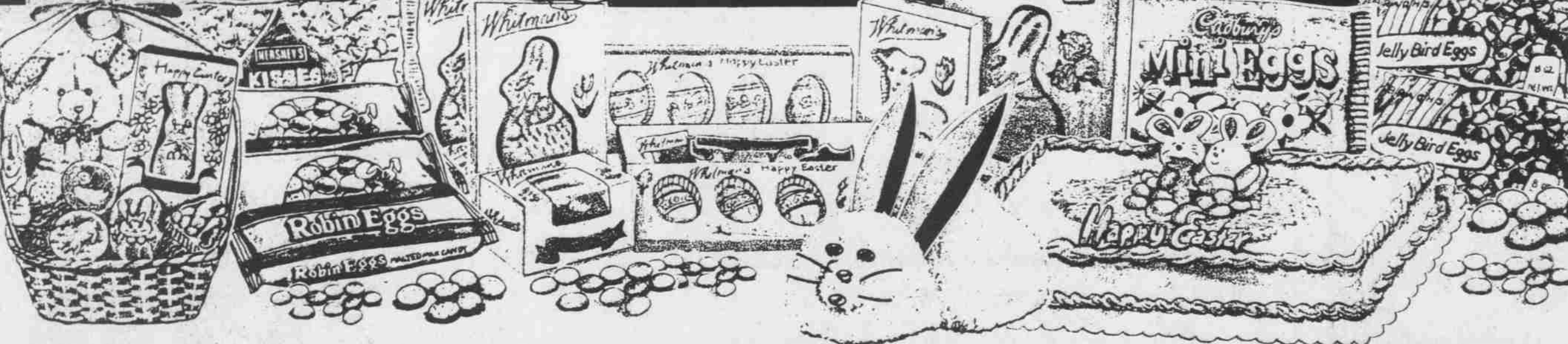
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Silly Wizard captures true Irish sound

By MICHAEL SPIRTAS
Staff Writer

Just when you thought you could safely say that traditional music is boring, along comes Silly Wizard. The band, which hails from Edinburgh, Scotland, can claim broad support from fans of all tastes. Silly Wizard, currently on a 39-city tour, will play in Chapel Hill's Paul Green Theatre tonight as part of the Dark Night Concert Series.

The band's manager, Sharon Davis, likened the band to other Irish bands such as U2 and The Pogues. But she said Silly Wizard, which has been together in its current form since 1976, remains truer to tradition than its compatriots. Davis said while fellow Irish bands have been influenced by "the Irish sound," Silly Wizard captures the true embodiment of the sound.

The band, which uses a wide range of diverse instruments ranging from penny whistle, piano accordion, synthesizer and electric bass, has been described by one critic as "born to groove." Davis noted that the group's sound is "more emotional than most rock."

"There is a vibrancy in the type of music," Davis claimed, "that makes it rock despite the fact that it's traditional." Davis even reported that the band, which commonly combs the archives of Scottish libraries for scraps of traditional songs, has written songs of its own that are considered traditional by other Irishmen. One of these songs is "Ramblin' River," which was coined by band-member Andy Stewart.

"It's smashing to be accepted across the board," Stewart said. "If people enjoy our songs that's grand." He also said he is flabbergasted at the size of the group's current tour, which is their biggest ever.

Stewart said the origin of the band's name is "a closely guarded secret." But after intense questioning he admitted that a former manager had hastily named the group to play at a gig, and the audience loved the name.

Stewart added that the name is "synonymous with the band rather than the meaning of the words. It's weird but it works."

Silly Wizard will perform at 8 p.m. in Paul Green Theatre. Tickets are available at the Record Bar on Franklin Street. For more information, call 942-2032.

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