

# Local clubs give fans choice of many musical styles

From staff reports

Because the music scene of Chapel Hill and the rest of the Triangle offers such a variety of styles, almost every music lover can find a place to listen to his favorite type.

Music in Chapel Hill begins with Cat's Cradle. The place hops five to six nights a week hosting everything from reggae to blues to acoustic to plain and simple rock 'n' roll. Local acts can be found performing here as well as college radio or independent record label artists.

Some acts that have graced the Cat's Cradle stage in the past year include Let's Active, Teasing the Korean, Fetchin' Bones, Meat

Puppets, Camper Van Beethoven and Soul Asylum. The Cradle, which will probably move at the end of the summer, does an excellent job providing local music fans with various types of music, both house brand bands and the imported kind.

Other places to go in Chapel Hill include La Terraza and The Cave. La Terraza, located above Magdalena's Restaurant, features blues, while The Cave hosts folk music.

Other spots around town with live music include the ArtsCenter in Carrboro, the Skylight Exchange and

the Columbia Street Bakery and Coffee House. He's Not Here also has bands in a great outdoor setting.

Other local clubs include the Brewery and the Pier in Raleigh and Under the Street in Durham. The Brewery, which has brought in such artists as The Screaming Blue Messiahs and Modern English in the past, now concentrates on showcasing local talent since the Raleigh Pier is open.

The Pier is the most spacious and comfortable club in the area. The club has hosted such artists as the Long

Ryders, The Del Fuegos, Suicidal Tendencies, Steve Earle and the Dukes, World Party and The Saints. The Raleigh Pier is a private membership club, but don't let that prevent you from seeing some of the best music that comes through the Triangle.

Although the drinking age is 21, most of the music clubs in the area do allow people between 18 and 21 in as long as they wear an orange wristband and sign a pledge agreeing not to attempt to purchase alcohol. Cat's Cradle is especially strict on

checking IDs — so play by the rules and nobody will get hurt.

Artists that can draw more people than the Pier can perform in UNC's Memorial Hall or Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium. Memorial Hall has hosted Lone Justice, The Bangles, General Public and Husker Du, while Cameron has held R.E.M. and Elvis Costello.

The big-name artists either play the Smith Center or the Greensboro Coliseum. The Smith Center has hosted such artists as Yes, Heart, James Taylor and Rod Stewart.

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would happen if I changed the name, no one would come because that's what they're buying," he said. "You don't change something that's successful."

Farther down Franklin Street is Huggins Hardware, which has been there for about 50 years, said Glenn Carver, its manager for about five years.

"We sell almost everything that you need for your dorm room," he said.

At Huggins, a customer can buy brooms, sewing equipment, toilet articles, book cases, nuts and bolts, kitchen equipment, plants, picture hangers, paint and other general hardware.

"We have all the stuff that you forgot to bring to school, and it's cheaper to buy it here than to go home and get it," Carver said. "We also have loft building kits, and we make extra sets of keys with our keymaker, which is very busy each fall."

Although Huggins hasn't changed what it's always sold, it has added a few extras, such as costume rentals three years ago.

"Halloween is like Mardi Gras for Chapel Hill," he said.

Huggins and Special Occasions, a company from Durham that sets up shop in the hardware store, lets the customers create their own image for Halloween with costumes, make up and mop heads and wigs, Carver said.

"We also have a United Postal Service pick-up that started about two years ago which allows students to ship stuff home," Carver said. "It gets the busiest in the fall and it usually lasts for months and months after."

According to Carver, service is the reason for the store's success.

"When a person comes in, I don't see them as a customer," he said. "I see them as an old buddy."

## Sweetshops

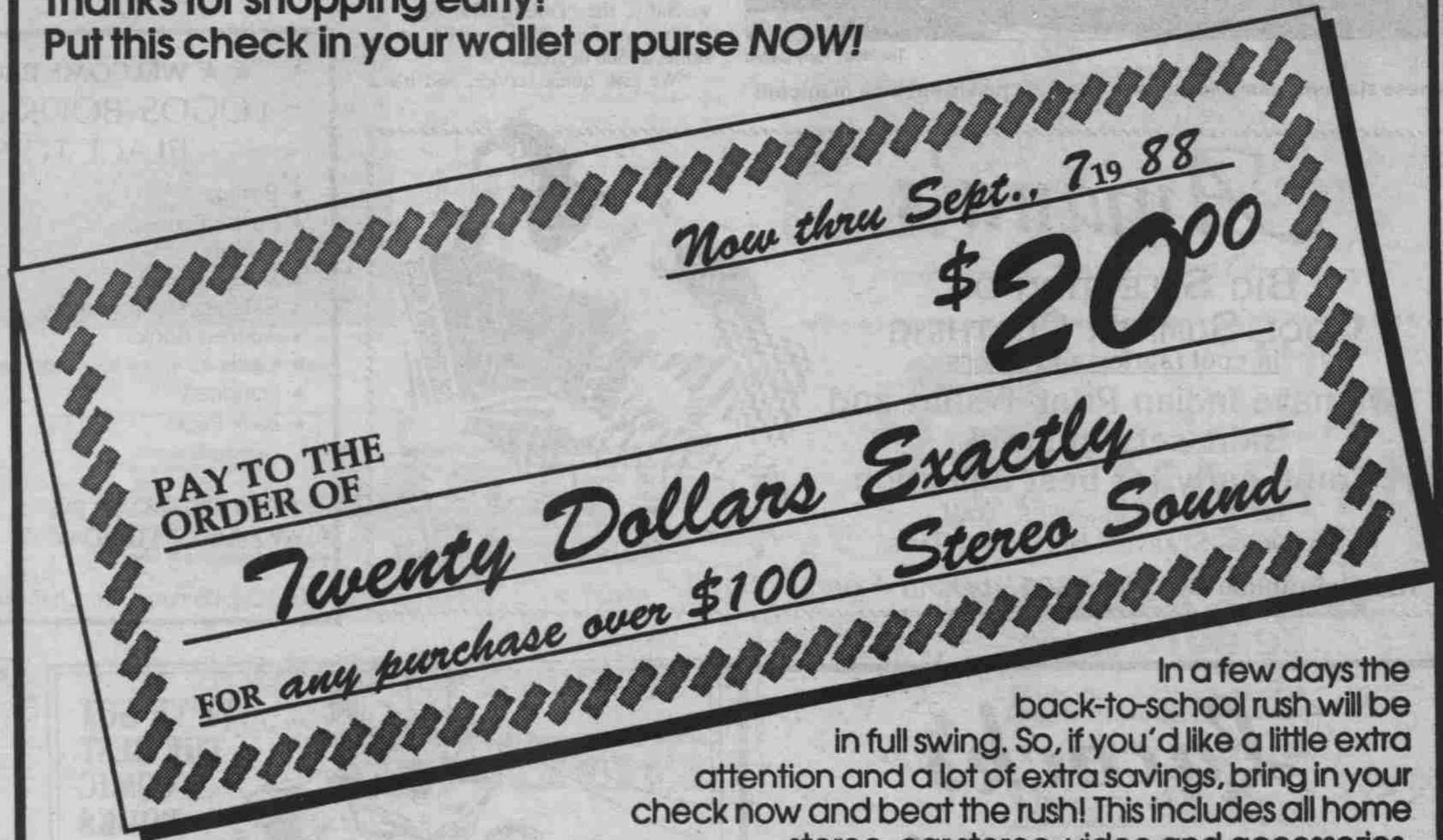
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other coffees. Individual items are anywhere from 25 cents to \$1.25, with bread at 99 cents for a baguette and up to around \$1.50 for a loaf. Cakes range from \$8 to \$15, depending on size. The Columbia Street Bakery and Coffeehouse also has sandwiches, salads, six kinds of juice, 14 kinds of natural soda and 15 kinds of tea. Finally, in the evening there is entertainment, such as music, drama, poetry, storytelling or discussion.

The Cookie Jar has five kinds of cookies: chocolate chip, chocolate chocolate-chip, chocolate-chip pecan, peanut butter and oatmeal-raisin. A regular cookie is 40 to 50 cents, but the Cookie Jar also has big cookies for \$5.99 to \$9.99.

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