

Brewery brings Widespread Panic to the Triangle

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Panic-starved fans won't be able to see Widespread Panic in Chapel Hill for a while. But avid followers of the Athens, Ga.-based band will be able to see them Wednesday night at The Brewery in Raleigh.

"We played Chapel Hill's Cat's Cradle three or four times in the last year and a half," said Dave Schools, the band's bassist. "But we haven't played there since this summer — right before they closed."

Although the band likes playing Chapel Hill and has a good following in the area, Schools said the band hasn't been able to find a replacement club. Instead, Widespread Panic has scheduled shows in other area towns.

"I guess this is our North Carolina microtour," Schools said.

Last week Widespread Panic was in Durham, and this week they play Winston-Salem and Greenville in

addition to Raleigh.

"We're the type of band that people come to see week after week," Schools said. "And we try to give a little something different each time."

Schools said that during its three-hour show, the band often breaks off into an improvisational jam session that sparks another set.

"Watching someone jam is like watching someone make a clay pot, because you keep watching it to see what finally comes out of it," he added.

Widespread Panic drummer Todd Nance said most audiences appreciate the spontaneity of these sets.

"The ones that come to see us over and over again really like it because we do it differently each time," Nance said. "The ones who are seeing us for the first time might just think it's boring or part of the show."

On the average, the band plays four shows a week, mostly in college towns

in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, Schools said.

"We know what's happening on the road," he said. "We're probably the most hard-working band around with the exception of Love Tractor and Dreams So Real, and we did it without the support of an album."

According to Schools, the four-member band hit the road in 1986 and hasn't stopped touring since. For Widespread Panic, the band, music and tours came before the album.

"We basically worked and worked and worked, and we actually had several aborted attempts at making an LP before *Space Wrangler*," Schools said.

That album came out in September as an accumulation of two and a half years of original music, Nance said. For the most part, the band plays original music that it has yet to classify.

"Commercial people are really

searching to try and compare us to someone," Schools said. "To me, we sound like a late '80s band, but then there's definitely a psychedelic sound to it."

"We dearly love R.E.M. and Love Tractor, but we definitely don't sound like them," he added.

"I really just wish people would come to the show with an open mind like a blank slate and let us scribble on it for a while," Schools said.

Along with Schools and Nance, main vocalist John "J.B." Bell and guitarist Mike Houser make up Widespread Panic.

"J.B. has a unique voice, and that's really something good," Schools said.

"He doesn't sound like anyone else."

The band formed in 1985 as a trio without a permanent drummer when Schools, Houser and Bell met at the University of Georgia.

In its first year the band played college parties and eventually became known as a Monday night regular at Athens' Uptown Lounge.

Nance, a high school friend of Houser's from Chattanooga, Tenn., was then added as the regular drummer, and the band began touring as a four-man team.

"When we first started playing it would take us a long time to get our idea across," Nance said. "Now, we're able to really pack a lot of ideas into

our music."

Occasionally the band calls on an Athens friend, Domingo "Sonny" Ortiz, to supply the band with added percussions, Nance said.

"He's really settled down more than we are, so he's more of an honorary employee rather than a band member," Nance added.

Although the band hires temporary keyboard players, both Nance and Schools said they'd like to see a permanent keyboardist added to the group if finances permit.

"We're not actually looking for another member, but we know that eventually someone will show up that is as crazy as we are," Schools said.

Campus Watch

ity, but that that was not why they were trying to stop CGLA funding.

"My views about homosexuality are irrelevant to this debate," Hans said. "It's not about homosexuality, it's about giving students the right to choose whether they wish to fund the CGLA or not. They said they don't."

Krynski said CGLA funding would not have been a major issue to him if the group were not political and didn't attempt to get Student Congress funding.

"If you're looking for a homophobic person, or a person who spends sleepless nights hating homosexuals, then you've come to the wrong person," he said.

Hans said he did not think denying funds to the CGLA because it is political would mean funds should be denied to other groups, such as the Black Student Movement. "I haven't

seen evidence that they (the BSM) are political," he said. "I don't see the correlation between a homosexual group and a black group. They are two totally different organizations."

Cottingham said Campus Watch was alerted to the CGLA issue because of publicity surrounding the referendum, but Campus Watch has not reviewed other groups to see if they are political.

Hans said Student Congress continues to fund the CGLA despite student opposition to the funding because the group encourages its members to run for congress and then vote for funding.

"This is an example of how they dominate campus politics," he said.

Krynski said congress probably does not represent the views of the majority of students.

"Student governments are usually

more radical than the student body," he said. "We see it in larger politics."

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said. "It wouldn't have had any effect on the Honor Court trial."

David Fountain, student attorney general, said he was not familiar with the resolution and was not sure what kind of impact it would have.

John Pope, a member of the Board of Trustees who called for strong disciplinary actions against the CIAAC members, said the resolution is a good idea but it shouldn't be necessary to ensure students' rights.

"I don't see why any bill is necessary," Pope said. "Students have the right (to speak to interviewers on campus) now and should be able to exercise that privilege."

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The DTH Campus Calendar is a daily listing of University-related activities sponsored by academic departments, student services and student organizations officially recognized by the Division of Student Affairs. To appear in Campus Calendar, announcements must be submitted on the Campus Calendar form by NOON one business day before the announcement is to run. Saturday and Sunday events are printed in Friday's calendar and must be submitted on the Wednesday before the announcement is to run. Forms and a drop box are located outside the DTH office, 104 Union. Items of interest lists ongoing events from the same campus organizations and follows the same deadline schedule as Campus Calendar. Please use the same form.

- ### Wednesday
- 2 p.m. **University Career Planning and Placement Services** will have a basic informational meeting for seniors and graduate students on how to use the UCPPS office in 210 Hanes.
 - 3:30 p.m. **Campus Y Student Elderly Exchange Committee** will have a mandatory workshop
 - 4 p.m. **UCPPS** will have a Careers in Sales Panel in 210 Hanes. **Project Literacy** will meet in the Campus Y Resource Center. All interested students please attend.
 - 4:30 p.m. **CAA Publicity Committee** will meet in 213 Union to discuss Homecoming Publicity. All are welcome.
 - 4:30 p.m. **Habitat for Humanity Committee** will have a workshop meeting at the Chapel of the Cross.
 - 5:30 p.m. **Wesley Foundation** will meet in Carrboro

in the Campus Y lounge. All members and interested students please attend.

Introduction to Microcomputer Networking will be held in 014 Sitterson Hall. Jim Gogan of the Microcomputing Support Center will discuss the concepts and decisions in microcomputing local area networking.

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for a cookout. There will be no council meeting.

6:30 p.m. **Campus Y Volunteer Action Committee** will meet in the second floor lounge of the Campus Y to discuss this month's project, a picnic with foster children. New members are welcome.

7 p.m. **UCPPS** will sponsor a presentation by U.S. General Accounting Office in 209 Hanes Hall. **UCPPS** will sponsor a presentation by Peat Marwick and Main in the North Parlor, Carolina Union. For pre-screened applicants only.

7:30 p.m. **Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals** will meet in 225 Union to elect officers and discuss topics.

SEAC - Campus Y, as part of National Rainforest Week, will show the movie "The Emerald Forest," a fic-

tional but accurate portrayal of the Amazon rain forest destruction, in 121 Hanes Art Center.

8 p.m. **Union Cabaret** will present "Deep Sneakers," acoustic guitar with harmony. Free.

Items of Interest

University Career Planning and Placement Services will host the 8th Annual Minority Career Fair on Oct. 18, from 12:30-5 p.m. in Great Hall, Union.

College Bowl has team applications for the on-campus tournament. The deadline is Oct. 18, and the tournament is limited to the first 64 teams. Helpers are also needed; applications are available at the Union desk.

Graduate and Professional Student Federation has information on obtaining in-state tuition status. See the bulletin board outside Suite D, Union for current details.

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JOHN 3:16

