

Rat

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key hasn't made its imprint. Every accessible piece of wood in the restaurant proclaims someone was here and was in love with someone else who was also here."

The Rat is not without its own creativity. The backs of each table have words of wisdom inscribed on them. "The more things a man is ashamed of, the more respectable he is," says one booth. "That's the nature of women ... not to love when we love them, and to love when we love them not," says another. All the tables are placed uniformly throughout the dimly-lit restaurant, so that there is an emphasis on atmosphere. Art adorning the old-fashioned walls is hard to figure out, but it adds greatly to the overall feeling received from a visit to The Rat. Memories of yesteryear, including autographed footballs and basketballs, also add to the atmosphere, not to mention the tradition. Pictures of former UNC superstars give way to reflections about past seasons and past championships.

Other than the main dining room, there are four "special" rooms scattered about the place, each with its own unique personality.

The "Circus Room" is a good spot for the kids. Mirrors are everywhere, and brightly painted animals cover the walls. The "Train Room" is the home of The Rat's most popular table, which gives a clear view of the Franklin Street sidewalk above. Next comes the "Lautrec Room" (as in Toulouse), which was painted in imitation of the artist's famous murals. Finally, there comes "The Cave," which looks exactly like it sounds. In this room you feel as if you are several thousand feet underground. Each brings a feeling of comfort to its occupants.

Another important room to The Rat is the bar, located to the immediate right as you walk in the door. Smith said The Rat was originally a bar and that food was not served until the mid-50s. A pinball machine and a fish tank help decorate the bar, and a generous supply of liquor and beer rest on the shelves.

Pitchers of beer, very popular on football weekends, are \$3.50 for the small, and \$5.75 for a large. Domestic bottled beer is \$1.50 and imported bottled beer \$1.95. Wine and mixed drinks are also available upon request.



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These students drove 45 miles to the Rat 'just to eat manicotti'

In trouble? Student Legal Services can help, advise

From staff reports

So you finally found the dream apartment you've been looking for. The one with the beer cellar under the kitchen and a sauna in the bathroom. You know you shouldn't be hasty, but you just have to live there, so you sign the lease without reading it very carefully. Later you learn it has an automatic renewal clause and a \$50 service charge for the beer cellar. Sound familiar? You know Dad isn't going to like this very much!

What's a student to do in this situation? Well, for starters, students can take the lease to Student Legal Services for a free evaluation.

Student Legal Services, located in the Student Union, offers free legal advice on almost any subject and provides free court representation for students who have landlord problems, minor consumer problems, or those who need expunction or want to settle an uncontested divorce.

SLS is made up of three attorneys, headed by director Dottie Bernholz, who are available to help students solve minor legal problems. According to attorney Dave Crescenzo, the legal service counsels students on subjects ranging from driving under the influence to credit problems.

"The single subject we deal with most is landlord-tenant problems," Crescenzo said. "We also deal with a lot of traffic problems. We will give advice on any subject with the caveat that we are not experts on every type of law."

"We get a fair number of students with problems related to using fake IDs. That can be a serious offense, for both the person with the ID and the person who lends it to them."

The attorneys cannot represent a student who wants to file suit against another student because, as Crescenzo explained, the attorneys represent all UNC students. They are also prohibited

from representing students in suits filed against the state of North Carolina.

In an average month, SLS sees about 200 students, with August and September being the busiest months and June and July the slowest.

Students who are planning to enter into a lease in the fall are encouraged to bring it by the legal services, Crescenzo said. Students who don't are "crazy not to," he said.

The Student Legal Services office, in Room 222 of the Union, can be reached at 962-1303.

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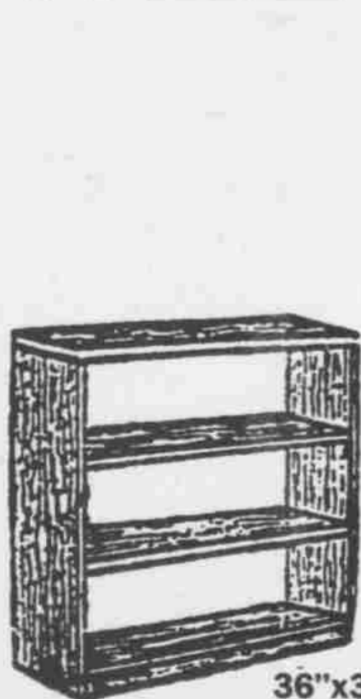


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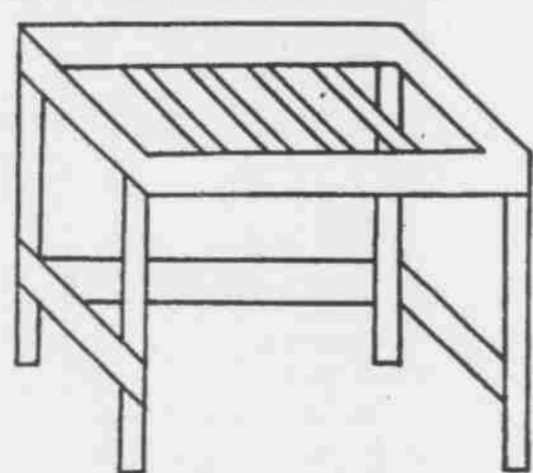
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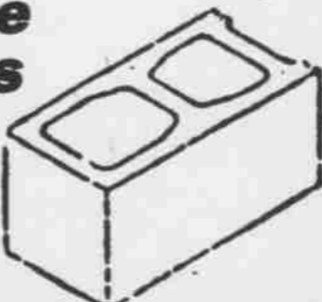
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