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The Buzz on the Beans

By Cindy Hawkins, Editor and
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Soon (we hope) summer will give up the ghost and allow autumn to take her place. The thought of a day below 80 degrees makes us want to raise our mugs and cheer, "Java, java, java!" In preparation for the inevitable late-night study sessions, we visited several local bean breweries. We scoured the city taste-testing the coffee, evaluating the atmosphere, and rating each coffee shop according to our bean rating system explained below.

- ☺☺☺☺☺ Summa cum beano!
- ☺☺☺☺ Bueno beano
- ☺☺☺ I'll bean back.
- ☺☺ Bean there, done that.
- ☺ Fuhgedaboutit!
- ✗ No Beaner

The Coffee Scene Westwood (near Carmike
Cinemas)

Perhaps the most well known cafe, The Coffee Scene's hip Gothic/New York style decor and Sunday night open poetry reading make it a favorite among the high school and college crowd. Recently relocated to a two-story shop, The Coffee Scene can now comfortably accommodate more people at bistro tables or in cozy couch and chair seating areas. A cache of games is available for customer use and a few of the tables are equipped with chess sets. The staff know their stuff when it comes to making coffee, particularly the specialty coffees. I highly recommend the mocha.

Bethany's score: ☺☺☺☺

Dunkin' Donuts Bragg Blvd., Spring Lake
This old standby has expanded its coffee menu to include flavored coffees and

iced coffee drinks. Personally, I'm hooked on the French vanilla-heaven in a Styrofoam cup. Located far from the congested mall area, Dunkin' Donuts has fresh, inexpensive coffee, friendly employees, and convenient hours--24 of them. It is quiet enough for studying, the bathroom is clean, and hey—they have donuts!

Cindy's score: ☺☺☺

Mocha and Microchips Yadkin Rd.

Mocha and Microchips opened just last month bringing to Fayetteville the latest of coffee shop trends: the cyber cafe. Currently with three computers, they offer Internet access to customers at a rate of \$7/hour. The cafe is still undergoing some finishing touches as far as decor, but it is off to a great start with original artwork by Methodist College students Will Turner and Winson Clark.

Manager Kiana Summers is a newcomer to the coffee business, but she is eager to please, even offering to remake drinks for customers who are not completely satisfied. She offers Methodist College students 30 cents off any purchase for checking out Mocha and Microchips.

Bethany's score: ☺☺☺

Krispy Kreme Bragg Blvd. (near Putt-Putt)

Krispy Kreme is almost a historic landmark in Fayetteville. While doughnuts are their main concern, they too have jumped on the "capuccino express" offering French vanilla and amaretto capuccino. It's so sweet and creamy, it's almost un-coffee-like. The atmosphere is a little too busy for serious studying, but there's no harm in kill-

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Inspectors 1 and 2 subject the coffee to a rigorous series of tests.

Death Of Gay Student Revives Debate On Hate-Crime Laws

By Gwen Florio
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

DENVER - A young gay man, viciously beaten and left tied to a fence outside Laramie, Wyo. last week, died Monday. And his death re-energized the national debate over whether hate-crime laws should include specific protections for gays and lesbians.

Matthew Shepard, 21, was found last Wednesday on a chilly, windswept field and was hospitalized with massive head injuries. He never regained consciousness and died while still connected to life-support machinery.

"If this attack was indeed motivated by Matthew's sexual orientation, it underscores the need for effective hate crimes and anti-discrimination laws that protect on the basis of sexual orientation," said Terry Summers, head of the Lambda Community Center, a gay activist group in Fort Collins, Colo., site of the hospital where Shepard died.

"Why do we have to wait to enact laws to protect people until something as brutal as this happens?" said Summers, who knew Shepard.

Hate-crime laws are in effect in 41 states and the District of Columbia, but only 21 of those specifically include sexual orientation.

The Wyoming legislature repeatedly has voted down hate-crime bills, with lawmakers arguing that existing laws make it unnecessary. But on Monday,

Gov. Jim Geringer said he was prepared to take another look at the issue.

"I ask for a collective suggestion," he said, "for anti-bias, anti-hate legislation that can be presented to the Wyoming Legislature for their consideration in January." Wyoming, he said, could "serve as a model on how to deal with brutality so that the rest of America can deal with its own sensitivity."

President Clinton called on Congress to pass legislation making it easier for federal prosecution of hate crimes.

"The public outrage in Laramie and all across America today echoes what we heard at the White House Conference on Hate Crimes last year," Clinton said, talking to reporters on the South Lawn before boarding a helicopter for a fund-raising trip. "There is something we can do about this. Congress needs to pass our tough hate crimes legislation. It can do so even before it adjourns, and it should do so."

"I hope that in the grief of this moment for Matthew Shepard's family and in the shared outrage across America, Americans will once again search their hearts and do what they can to reduce their own fear and anxiety and anger at people who are different."

Some conservative groups denounced such sentiments, and responded angrily to any suggestion by gay-activist groups that those who consider homosexuality a sin have helped produce a climate that spawns violence.

"Militant homosexuals have been prepar-

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