

# Entertainment Tax Gets The Annual Go-Around

BY KELLY STEVENS  
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Chapel Hill concertgoers could end up paying an extra dollar to hear their favorite bands play if a proposed town entertainment tax is passed.

For the 14th consecutive year Chapel Hill residents have asked the Town Council to consider the implementation of a luxury tax on selected big ticket entertainment events.

Chapel Hill resident Roland Giduz has been the primary advocate of the tax since he first petitioned the Town Council for the tax in 1981.

Giduz said the town seemed to back the proposed tax. However, University officials have expressed strong resistance to the proposal in the past, Giduz said.

Jeff Elliott, associate athletic director for the University, said the idea of the tax was "absurd."

"If you're taxing the concerts, you're putting us at a competitive disadvantage," Elliott said.

He said the tax could discourage musicians from playing at the Smith Center. The tax could reduce ticket sales, and the musicians would not benefit from the added dollar.

The town would only hurt itself by implementing the tax, because concerts attract a lot of business to the area, he said.

"If you charge an extra dollar here, those same people will go somewhere else and keep the dollar themselves," Elliott said.

Giduz said that while an entertainment tax would be a legitimate source of income for Chapel Hill it would not have a signifi-

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Supporter of the entertainment tax

cant affect on university students.

"This is a luxury tax," Giduz said. "A very fair, legitimate source of revenue for Chapel Hill. This tax would not apply to students who pay for admission to athletic events in their fees."

Town Council member Mark Chilton said he doubted the tax would go into effect.

In order for the tax to be implemented, it would have to be approved by both the Town Council and the N.C. General Assembly.

In 1993, the council voted in favor of the tax, but the proposal never made it past committee in the General Assembly. Giduz blamed the tax's failure at the state level on a lack of support from the council.

Chapel Hill Mayor Ken Brown said he thought it was too early to speculate on the success of the proposed tax.

"I'm cautious about it," Brown said. "I want to know the impact it will have on the Smith Center first."

A public hearing on the matter will be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 27 at the Town Hall on Airport Road.

# Century-Old Carr Mill Mall Gets a Face Lift

Mall Construction Will Expand Three Stores and Renovate Store Fronts

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The paint cans, drop cloths, plaster and yellow caution tape at Carr Mill Mall in Carboro are signs of expansion and renovation for the local plaza.

Carr Mill Mall shopping center recently has begun renovations which include the expansion of three stores and the addition of new store fronts. Nathan Milian, manager of Carr Mill Mall, said the changes

should be completed by midsummer.

The building which houses Carr Mill Mall was constructed more than 100 years ago. It originally functioned as a cotton mill. In 1978, the building was converted into a shopping mall.

Despite being more than a century old, Milian said the renovations were not due to the old age of the building.

"We are just trying to keep things new," Milian said. "It's like changing the window decorations in a store front."

Milian said the renovations mostly include the expansion of stores owned by current tenants and the construction of renovated external store fronts.

He said existing stores would be shifted and relocated within the mall in order to

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Carr Mill Mall employee

make room for the current expansions, but no new stores will be added to the shopping center.

O'Neill's Clothing, the Counted Cross Stitch and Gallery Americas are the three

stores which will be expanded by the current construction, Milian said.

UNC sophomore Jason Statucki, an employee of Carr Mill Mall, said the renovations were minor and the construction has not caused any inconvenience for shoppers at the mall.

"Carr Mill Mall is in a beautiful old building, and these small changes are helping to enhance the mall's appearance," Statucki said.

Milian said renovations were not unusual for the shopping center.

"It's just part of the evolutionary process of the shopping center," Milian said.

"All shopping centers must renovate in order to keep up with the times. We are just renovating to keep things looking new."

# Rigatoni, Ravioli Round Out New Restaurant's Roster

BY JASMINE PATEL  
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Black squid, saffron and rose petals. No, this isn't the recipe for some sort of witches' brew, it's a sample list of the 186 flavors of pasta Alphonse Doss is bringing to Chapel Hill.

Doss is opening Abruzzi Pasta, a take-out pasta shop located at 243 S. Elliott Road in Village Plaza, on Feb. 27.

Doss moved here from Florida, where he owned and operated several restaurants as well as a wholesale pasta factory.

The factory produces as much as 4,000 pounds of pasta a day for a clientele that includes Marriott, Hyatt, Walt Disney World and Universal Studios.

Doss said he was opening a takeout pasta shop for the first time instead of another restaurant because he believed it

would serve his customers better.

"The worst enemy of the human being is stress," he said. "If you eat in a hurry, you won't enjoy what you are eating, so we prefer that people take it home and take the time to enjoy it."

Doss said his pasta could be sold less expensively at a takeout restaurant because he wouldn't have to pay for a wait staff and other expenses of a sit-down restaurant.

"For 25 percent of the price of a good meal in a restaurant, you enjoy a good meal at home," he said.

Doss said he had chosen Chapel Hill as the home for his new business because he liked the people of North Carolina.

"We found in Chapel Hill lots of gourmet people who appreciate gourmet food," he said.

"We like to manufacture something we know people will appreciate. We know

Chapel Hill is the place."

Doss is from Bologna, Italy, and started his career as an apprentice at Excelsior Hotel, one of the largest hotel companies in Europe.

"I used to like to eat, so I decided to become a cook, and then a chef," Doss said.

He said he had worked in many famous restaurants in Europe, including the Savoy in Zurich, Switzerland, and the Negresco in Nice, France. Doss said he also owned several of his own restaurants in France.

After coming to the United States 23 years ago, Doss has been a pasta processor for 15 years, he said.

In his restaurants in Florida, he would make his own pasta, and it was so popular that other restaurant owners would buy it from him, he said.

Doss opened a factory and began to sell

pasta wholesale, but that did not satisfy the needs of individual customers who did not want to buy large quantities of pasta. So he decided to return to the retail business by opening the shop in Chapel Hill. Doss said he would continue to maintain his wholesale branch in Florida.

Abruzzi Pasta will sell traditional pasta dishes such as smoked salmon ravioli as well as more unusual varieties such as pistachio pasta. In Florida, Doss made pasta in the Miami Dolphin team colors, and he said he planned to do the same for the Tar Heels.

The pasta will be made fresh on the premises and then quick frozen. Customers can watch the pasta being made in machines that will be displayed in the front window. Doss also plans to sell homemade gourmet sauces to complement his fresh pasta.

# Program Helps High School Students Overcome Obstacles

Upward Bound Is Designed To Encourage Education as A Pathway to Future Success

BY MARLA VACEK  
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With the ongoing debate over welfare, many people are considering alternatives that could prove to be more effective in reversing the vicious cycle of poverty.

One such alternative, Upward Bound, provides educational opportunity rather than just economic maintenance. The program is designed to help low-income, first-generation high school students succeed both in high school and later in college.

The program motivates students to overcome class, social and cultural obstacles. "Unlike obvious financial barriers, these barriers are sometimes hard to see, difficult to overcome and easy for some people to ignore," said Arnold Mitchem, executive director of the National Council of Educational Opportunity Association, which funds Upward Bound.

Seventeen universities in North Carolina sponsor Upward Bound programs, and an average of 75 students are involved in each project.

Ninety students are served through the

Upward Bound program at UNC. The students attend seven target schools including Chapel Hill High School, Chatham Central High School and Durham High School. Students enter the program during their freshman, sophomore or junior years in high school and remain in the program until they graduate.

By keeping the students for two to four years, the program gives students the chance to grow in a nurturing yet intense academic environment. "They grow in spurts; sometimes slow, stopping and even going backwards," said Joyce Clayton, director of Upward Bound at UNC. "But students do blossom, develop skills and acquire motivation. We see them graduating and making a difference in the world."

Upward Bound is divided into three phases: academic year, summer and bridge components. During the year, students participate in academic activities every Saturday. They are taught and tutored in various subjects, receive counseling and advising, and are involved in programs such as career education, college preparation, financial aid and cultural exposure.

"It helps me with my studies, with tutoring if I need it," said Shauna Williams, a junior at CHHS. "It prepares you for college and gives you credits in the summer on a college-level basis."

In the summer, students live on college

campuses for six weeks, studying math, science and English.

"Your day is mostly planned for you," Williams said. "You're not there to play around; you're there to study."

Jocelyn Scurlock, also a junior at CHHS involved in the program, added, "During the summer program, we tried to establish a basis, and I have been very successful in establishing that basis to help me do well in school."

Clayton said students came back the summer after graduation to participate in a transitional program, trying to bridge the gap between high school and college.

During the Bridge Program students live on college campuses and are enrolled in college-level classes. Clayton said the program provided a "simulated college experience so going to college is like drinking water: natural."

All three phases include visits to cultural sites including Charleston, S.C., Baltimore and Washington, D.C. "You might think you're there to have fun, but you have to take notes," Williams said.

She said that last summer she went to the Museum of Great Blacks and Whites, which gave her the opportunity to further her education on black history and learn how to write papers based on her notes.

The students in the program interact academically and socially. "You become like a family," Scurlock said. "You have fun, and you work together."

Clayton added: "We're one big family, but not always a heavenly family. We have our stresses and strains, our happiness and joys."

She said all of the students involved had parents that were concerned about their children's academic and social growth. She said parents played an important role

in the success of a student.

Ernest Dark, academic coordinator for Upward Bound, was part of the initial effort to bring the program to UNC in 1966. "We have some who have struggles and drop out, but they go to another institution of higher learning," he said.

According to literature provided by the National Council of Educational Opportunity Association, the Trio Program has helped 2 million people nationwide graduate from college. The program in Chapel Hill has seen 100 percent of its students enroll in college, and most years that figure reaches 90 percent. "We plant good seeds, and they sprout when it's the right time," Clayton said.

Upward Bound sponsors three career fairs a year to demonstrate its success in giving individuals economic independence. The success stories range from Ricky Spoon, an assistant Wake County district attorney, to Freddy Parker, who earned a doctoral degree in history and has published two books on runaway slaves.

"Learning doesn't know limits," Clayton said.

The students in the program are ambitious. Scurlock wants to major in English at UNC, become a high school teacher, and then go to law school and start her own firm. She said the program was "a good opportunity for anyone who is serious about learning and helping themselves."

Clayton said she hoped that eventually the program would not be needed because people would have equal access to education and an equal opportunity to succeed.

"I'm the daughter of a share-cropper and a first-generation college student," she said. "I believe that barriers can be overcome that are socio-economic, because I'm living proof."

## TICKETS

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The new ticket formula eliminates rank from the previous formula and places more emphasis on seniority than on position within the University.

This enables staff who have been working at the University for a long time to have better seats than some high-ranking faculty members.

"[The new policy] is really about how faculty want to treat staff," Brown said.

According to the original proposal, the formula was not meant to be retroactive. Some faculty ticket holders assumed they would not be affected by the new policy, but when seats were assigned for the 1994-95 season, several had to settle for worse seats.

The defeated resolution, proposed by Professor Ronald Link, would have ensured that faculty members who had good seats during the 1993-94 basketball season would retain those seats.

The problem with the new formula is that it "was applied retroactively to the great disadvantage of some and the aggravation of many," Link said.

Brown said the number of people af-

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**RONALD LINK**

Professor

ected by the new formula was nominal. "That affected 19 people, as far as we can tell," she said.

The accepted proposal included suggestions to the athletics committee for improvement in the location of the faculty seating block. It also questioned the legality of the preferential seating location of those who donate money to the Educational Foundation (the Rams Club).

"The question isn't location within the pool, it's the location of the pool itself," Link said. "Most of the best faculty seats are worse than the worst seats were in Carmichael (Auditorium)."

Before it was accepted, the proposal was amended to include staff in the relocation.

"That was civil," said Brown at the conclusion of the discussion. "Appreciate that."

## Black History Month Spotlight

Imhotep

Contrary to popular belief, Einstein was not the first genius in history. The first documented genius was Imhotep. He designed the long-standing Egyptian pyramids.

Another black man, Cheops, actually built the pyramids. A triple-level genius and great doctor, Imhotep also designed and helped in the mummy preparation process. Imhotep — a long legacy in African intellect.

## Campus Calendar

MONDAY

11 a.m. ACC Tournament Tickets: Students may sign up to purchase tickets until 3 p.m. in the Pit.

NOON "Everything You Wanted to Know About Black People, but Were Afraid to Ask," talk show will be held in the BCC. Everyone is invited.

2 p.m. Learn how to use the UCS resources to assist you in your career and finding an internship. In 307 Hanes Hall.

2:45 p.m. Résumé Writing for Internships workshop will be held in 307 Hanes Hall.

3 p.m. Career Clinic: Develop an action plan for selecting a major or choosing a career, in the University Counseling Center, 106 Nash Hall.

Job Search Correspondence workshop, on writing cover letters and thank-you letters, will be held in 210 Hanes Hall.

4 p.m. State Farm Insurance will hold a presentation in 209 Hanes Hall.

5 p.m. POW will meet in Union 209. Help plan for Earth Day events. Find out details on the Spring Break trip to Joyce Kilmer, a beautiful old growth forest, to restore trails and go white-water rafting!

6:30 p.m. AT&T Universal Card Services will hold a presentation, open to students interviewing, at the Siena Hotel.

Rent-A-Center will hold a presentation in 210

Hanes Hall.

7 p.m. "Kiss Me Kate" auditions will be held until 11 p.m. Sign up at the Union Desk. For more information, call 933-6240.

"Successful Programming: Leadership Tools" workshop will be held in Union 226.

7:30 p.m. Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies will meet on the third floor of New West.

TUESDAY

11 a.m. ACC Tournament Tickets: Students may sign up to purchase tickets until 3 p.m. in the Pit.

2 p.m. "Revising the Strategy for Health for All: Pursuing Equity in a Changing World" will be presented by John Bryant, M.D., in 1301 McGavran-Greenberg Building (School of Public Health).

5:30 p.m. It's a Mexican Fiesta at Cameron's Kosher Cafe! \$3.50 all-you-can-eat dinner will be followed by Israeli Folk dancing at 7 p.m. at 210 W. Cameron Ave.

7 p.m. "International Finance: Trade and Capital in Flux" will be presented by Arthur Lipper the 3rd in 100 Hamilton.

Students for the Advancement of Race Relations will meet in the Campus Y basement.

7:30 p.m. "Kiss Me Kate" auditions will be held until 11 p.m. Sign up at the Union Desk. Call 933-6240 for more info.

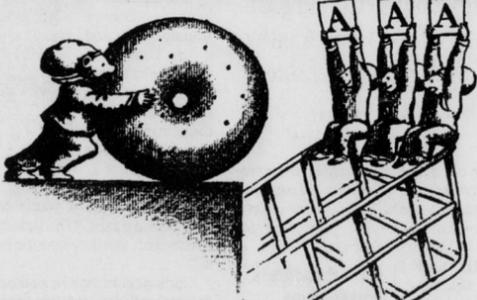
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