

Discontented Drinkers Try to Brew Better Beer

Home brewers often enjoy their own ale's cheaper cost and higher alcohol content.

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STAFF WRITER

Folklore holds that the Vikings drank it for a nutritious breakfast, blushing brides drank it to increase their fertility, and expectant mothers—and their midwives—imbibed the beverage during labor to ease the difficulty of delivery.

No, it's not V-8 juice. It's beer, and some UNC students are such enthusiasts they brew their own.

Among such devoted beer-brewers are juniors Ben Storey from Columbia, Md., and Dave Morse from Thomasville, Ga.

Morse said he brewed beer "because we're not old enough to buy it ourselves. It's a great market for ALE agents."

But Storey had a more spiritual inclination. "I brew for religious reasons," he said. "Keeping up my devout religious

faith of beer brewing as a sacred art."

The two specialize in brewing three self-christened brands of beer: "The Bomb," which they described as comparable to an imported beer ("It tastes like Bass Ale, only more manly," Morse said); "Hotpants," a fruity beer which is not very strong, they said; and "ALE Ale," a weak, watered-down beverage which they said tasted more like Busch beer.

But brewing their own beer has its drawbacks, they said. "We spend a whole lot of time drinking beer," Morse said. "Once you brew the beer, you have to drink it, which is good and bad. It's good for us and bad for our grades."

"We consider ourselves Jedis in the art of beer brewing— young Jedis in training," said Morse, who said their supplier of ingredients was American Brewmaster, located in Raleigh.

Paul Makens, a junior from Pfafftown, took a more serious approach to his home brewing. "I get a personal satisfaction out of drinking something of my own creation," he said.

He said his beer was better than any of

the store-bought beer by the "big three" brewers— Anheuser Busch, Miller and Coors. "I don't enjoy those beers," he said. "They taste like shit to me."

Makens said he enjoyed the control he wielded as a brewer over the potency of his brews. "You can make it as strong as you want," he said. "I can make a beer that's 5 percent (alcohol by volume), or I can make a beer that's 11 percent. I can make a stout beer or a lighter beer."

Makens said he learned the basics of cooking and bottling his own beer from his older brother. His buys his supplies through the mail from Alternative Beverage, which operates out of Charlotte.

As for the taste of his beverages, Makens said, "I haven't had any complaints yet."

Judy Charland, owner of Judy's Homebrew Shoppe Inc., located in Jacksonville, Fla., said people tended to brew their own beer as a hobby. "They brew better beers at a lower cost and a higher alcohol content," Charland said.

She said she catered to all walks of life. Though she has a good share of college students, her clients range from people in

the Navy to doctors and lawyers to "beggar-man thieves," she said.

She said young people's home brewing efforts were sometimes discovered by disapproving parents because of exploding beer bottles in closets.

To facilitate beer brewing and to spare the closets of home brewers, Charland said she sold everything from kegs to refrigerators to beer-brewing and wine-making equipment and the necessary ingredients.

Charland said the initial investment in home brewing was \$100 to cover all the equipment, after which the cost dropped to 40 or 50 cents per bottle. The standard practice is to brew about six gallons at a time, she said.

Makens said the process of cooking the beer usually took him three hours and bottling two hours. The beer then takes five to seven days to ferment and three to five to carbonate in the bottle, Charland said.

Charland said the entire process could take as little as two weeks. However, as with wine, beer improves with age, so she recommended letting beer sit for one month to achieve the perfect brew.

Last Year's Yackety Yack Not Expected Until 1996

BY JOHN SWEENEY
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Nearly three months after its projected completion date, the 1995 Yackety Yack is in its final stages, said Nathan Darling, last year's editor in chief.

But 1996 Editor in Chief Amy Lentz said the delay could hurt the sales of this year's Yackety Yack.

"What it hurts is my sales on my book. If people have a bad experience, they're not going to buy another book," she said.

Darling said he had tried to contact representatives from the book's production company, Delmar, about the possibility of having the book out before Winter Break.

"I've been trying to get it out before the holidays, but it looks pretty bleak," Darling said.

A more likely shipping date, Darling said, would be the first week of January 1996.

That's good news for the nearly 1,800 people who ordered the book, which costs between \$26 and \$30.

Both Darling and Lentz said the annual usually was not delivered until the fall semester.

Darling said because the book covered all the events of last year, up to and including commencement, such delays were unavoidable.

"This is not that late," Darling said. "The '93 book didn't come out until December."

But Lentz said she thought such comparisons were unfair.

She said delays in the production of the 1993 book could be attributed to the fact that the Yackety Yack was still recovering from an embezzlement scandal that nearly ruined the 1992 book.

"The 1994 yearbook came out in late October or early November," Lentz said. "That's the book Nathan should be using for comparison."

Darling said a slim summer staff had caused additional delays.

"The book's photo editor left town in midsummer and kind of left me hanging," he said. "At that point there were about 20 pages left to work on, and some odds and ends."

Lentz said there were almost 100 pages in the approximately 400-page book left incomplete at the beginning of this semester.

The effects have been hard to measure so far because only the parents of freshmen have been offered the opportunity to buy yearbooks, Lentz said.

However, she said many students who ordered books last year had expressed concern.

"We get probably 25 calls a day from people wondering where their book is."

UNC Utilizing Private Donations to Keep Up With Peer Schools

BY JAY MOYE
STAFF WRITER

Because of the success of the 1993 Bicentennial campaign, which netted more than \$440 million in private donations to the University, officials plan to sustain elevated levels of development to keep UNC competitive with peer institutions.

"For Carolina to remain competitive, we must continue to attract the top students and faculty and maintain our impeccable public service record," said Nancy Davis, director of communications for the

Development Office. "This means we have to continue raising money."

Chancellor Michael Hooker, addressing the Board of Visitors on Friday, said the University would continue to build on the 1993 Bicentennial campaign. "We have decided to maintain the level of activity we had during the successful Bicentennial campaign," he said. "We made the decision to keep the level of budget for the Development Office at the same level it was during the campaign, with the understanding that the development operation will stay at that high level of production."

The \$440 million accumulated was the fourth-largest total ever raised by a public institution.

Since 1989, the amount of money given to the University in the form of private gifts has increased annually. Preliminary figures from 1995 show that \$84.8 million has been raised, up from 1994's total of \$82.7 million.

Money generated from these gifts will go toward the faculty, students, capital projects and program needs of the University, Davis said.

Because peer institutions have also

stepped up their fund-raising efforts, the University cannot delay fund raising until its next major campaign, tentatively scheduled for the year 2000, Davis said.

In addition to competition from peer universities, the lack of state funding has made private donations very important, Davis said.

"It is clear that North Carolina is having funding problems and will not be able to provide the University with much money over the next several years," Davis said. "Private figures will have to remain excellent."

SHUTDOWN

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Economics, said he thought differently of the situation. "The economic consequences for the state and university are insignificant," he said. "The long-term consequences are nowhere near as large as they're made out to be."

At UNC, the federal government provides students and researchers with financial aid and grants that are cut off during the shutdown. However, the aid program works on a reimbursement system, under which the University pays initially and the government reimburses it after a few days.

Wayne Jones, vice chancellor for busi-

ness and finance, said in case of emergencies such as this one or other possible cutbacks in federal funding, the University does have backup funds to support the system temporarily.

"With a total cutoff, though, these funds would not last a month," he said.

But Jones stressed the effects of other controversies as more relevant to the University's financial aid and research grant program.

"The government will not shut down long enough to make a difference. I'm not worried about the effects of a temporary shutdown," he said. "The outcome of the budget debate is more of a concern to the University in the long term."

BUDGET

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would strip the Treasury Department of its ability to dip into federal trust funds to avoid a borrowing crisis.

"They've voted to put the United States on the path to default," Clinton said. Republican amendments also would limit appeals by death row inmates, make it harder to issue health, safety and environmental regulations and commit the president to a seven-year balanced budget.

He also reiterated his pledge to veto a second bill, which would allow the government to keep operating beyond midnight, when most spending authority expires. A

GOP amendment opposed by Clinton would increase Medicare Part B premiums, canceling a scheduled reduction.

Massive federal furloughs may start at midnight, and federal borrowing could be disrupted on Wednesday, but Clinton and his Republican antagonists are showing little inclination to avoid the government shutdown.

Clinton promised a roaring crowd of Democrats in a late-morning speech that he would not give in to Republicans. "As long as they insist on plunging ahead with a budget that violates our values, in a process that is characterized more by pressure than by constitutional practices, I will fight it," he said.

Campus Calendar

TUESDAY

3:15 p.m. CAREER CLINIC in Nash Hall, call 962-2175.

3:20 p.m. LESBIAN EMPOWERMENT GROUP: a confidential and affirmative environment to discuss issues, in Nash Hall, call 962-2175.

4:30 p.m. STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES presents speaker, Joe Laryga, on "Diabetes and Exercise" on the second floor of the SHS in the Health Conference Room.

6 p.m. CAROLINA S.A.F.E. will have an American Red Cross Standard First Aid class until 10 p.m. in Union 209.

7 p.m. CONCEPTS OF COLORS "Winter Wonderland" Fashion Show in the Great Hall.

7:15 p.m. GREEN GAMES will meet in the Union Basement.

8 p.m. PHI DELTA CHI presents its sixth annual symposium, AIDS and STDs on Tuesday in the Union Auditorium.

UNC YOUNG DEMOCRATS will meet in Union 208.

ITEM OF INTERESTS

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC is conducting a Thanksgiving turkey drive for the homeless. Donations will be collected in the Pit daily. GPSF sponsored seminar on the application process for obtaining in-state tuition on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

in Union 208.

CAROLINA S.A.F.E. offers a CPR course Wednesday from 7:15-9:15 p.m. in Union 208.

CAMPUS Y is accepting proposals from students to create a committee that will focus on AIDS/HIV issues. Respond by Dec. 1.

BELL BOOKS will lecture on Wednesday in Memorial Hall at 7 p.m.

GREAT DECISIONS: weekly lectures and discussion groups on a variety of topics in international studies. Register through Carolina (IS 93), and receive 1 hour Pass/Fail credit.


ASIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION will be holding their third annual "Journey Into Asia" on Friday in the Great Hall from 5-9 p.m. Admission is \$5 for students, \$7 for general public.

CRIMSON & BROWN ASSOCIATES will sponsor a minority career forum on Feb. 2 in Washington, D.C. Deadline for registration is Dec. 1. Pick up applications at the University Career Services Room in 207 Hanes Hall.

SURVIVOR OF SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP meets every first and third Thursday of each month. Call Brenda at 489-5473 for more information.

HELLENIC ASSOCIATION is announcing the start of Greek dance classes. Classes will be held Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. and Saturdays 1-2 p.m. in Studio A in Woollen Gym.

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