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Hector's may trim late hours

■ Vandals frustrate owners at one of Chapel Hill's most popular late-night eateries.

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Hungry students partying late on Franklin Street may have one less option.

Due to a recent wave of vandalism, Hector's, a longtime favorite restaurant of University students, is considering ending its late-night hours.

Holes punched in the walls, torn-down urinals, shattered windows and mirrors, broken lights and graffiti are some of the problems that the restaurant has dealt with, said Maria Nicholas, co-owner of Hector's.

Nicholas said she values the business from UNC students but believes a small percentage of the students are responsible for the damage. "We love and welcome the students," she said. "But right now we feel unappreciated and discouraged because it's like our pride and joy is slipping away from us."

The disappearance of a special poster from the restaurant's wall made couples reconsider having late-night hours. The poster was a collage of articles tracing the history of the eatery since its founding in 1969.



Repeated incidents of unruly late-night patrons damaging Hector's have caused co-owner Maria Nicholas and her partners to consider closing earlier.

"By taking something as personal and sentimental as the poster, the kids have crossed a level that I'm not willing to compete with," Elia Nicholas said.

He said it was difficult to catch the people who cause the damage because of the restaurant's size, the big late-night crowds and the lack of security.

Hector's employed a bouncer for about six months, but Elia Nicholas said the problems still continued and hiring more than one bouncer was a financial strain.

Maria Nicholas said a cost analysis showed Hector's needed the revenue brought in during late-night hours. "We can't survive without that money," she said.

Elia Nicholas said if necessary, the restaurant would try to find alternate ways to bring in money if late-night hours are terminated.

Freshman Becky Amar from Charlotte said the restaurant played an important part in Chapel Hill. "If Hector's is closed late at night, UNC would lose a great hangout spot," she said.

Maria Nicholas said she wanted to emphasize how important students' business was to Hector's but also wanted the damage to stop.

"Because we're so desperate, we have no other choice but to plead with students and townspeople to please stop vandalizing our restaurant."

Student Congress to vote on USSA resolution today

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Tonight Student Congress will debate whether to let students vote on a 25 cent student fee increase. The total \$10,500 raised would go to the United States Student Association, a student lobbying organization.

Several Student Congress representatives have voiced concerns about putting the referendum, introduced by Student Body President Aaron Nelson, on the Feb. 11 ballot.

"It's not an issue that students are going to understand without being given enough information," said Rep. Kristen Sasser, Dist. 10.

Rep. Brad Morrison, Dist. 15, said the resolution's wording would inadequately inform students about USSA. "The resolution is extremely biased," Morrison said. "There's no way students can make an informed choice without the resolution being too lengthy."

Rep. James Hoffman, Dist. 15, agreed, saying an informative enough referendum would take pages to write. "There's so much baggage involved in this proposal, I think it's better if it is handled in Congress," Hoffman said, adding that Student Congress should vote down the referendum.

But Rep. Bryan Kennedy, Dist. 4, said he supported a referendum because it was the purest form of democracy, regardless of what he

thought about USSA. "I believe very strongly in a referendum and putting it in front of the student body, but I'll campaign very strongly against it once it is on the ballot."

Nelson, who serves on USSA's Board of Directors, said it was vital that students be able to make the final decision whether to fund USSA.

"Congress ought to show no paternalism and instead put it on the ballot," Nelson said. "Put it before the students so they can vote on it."

Details of the referendum raised further concerns. Rep. Jason Jolley, Dist. 16, said he did not want to ask students to support a lobbying organization. "My problem with this fee increase is that we are starting a new fee category, and I don't know of any way that we can hold USSA accountable for the money," Jolley said.

Jolley said Student Congress should always exercise caution when constitutionally mandating a new fee, as future students will have to pay it — or go through the entire process of a referendum again.

Student Body Treasurer Julie

Gasperini has objected to the fee increase because of a lack of accountability for how the money would be spent. "This proposition is in direct opposition to the standards we've held for student fees this year," Gasperini said. She said sending money to an off-campus organization was risky, as students didn't have a mechanism for retracting fees if necessary.

A student board of directors, included in the resolution, will meet each semester to review USSA's use of funds and serve as this mechanism, Nelson said.

"We'll demand accountability," he said.

Gasperini said the board could not be held to the same standards as those of other University organizations because they could not formulate USSA's actual budget or oversee exactly how the money was spent.

"I would hope that Aaron, as student body president, whose administration has been committed to fee accountability and ensuring that the fees provided by students are justifiable by the services, would hold this group that he is a member of to the same standards that we have held each department that receives student fees this year," she said.

Nelson said the University would see results from the increased investment in USSA.

The \$10,500 is far less than other

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Students, teachers don't mix well outside of class

BY ROBIN SMITH
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Large classes might make skipping easy, but students and professors worry the size could keep students from getting to know their teachers.

Some claim this unfamiliarity could have led to UNC-Chapel Hill students reporting that they lacked opportunities to interact with faculty outside the classroom.

In a 1996 graduating senior survey, UNC-CH students ranked as the least satisfied with these opportunities out of the 16 UNC-system schools.

"The size of the classes cuts down on the amount of time a professor has with the students," said Todd Austell, a General College adviser and visiting chemistry professor at UNC-CH.

Thomas Boykin, a sophomore from Wilson, said students needed to pursue interaction outside of lecture classes.

"You can't really blame the professor, because when he has 200 to 300 students, he can't easily have a one-on-one relationship unless the student is willing to make the initiative."

At UNC-Pembroke, ranked highest in the Carnegie Category and Institution survey, professors often have one-on-one relationships with students.

"It's not rare to see students and teachers talking on campus or in the cafeteria," said James Chavis, vice chancellor for student affairs at UNC-P.

Chavis does, however, admit that the small size of his school, with about 3,000 undergraduates, makes a difference.

Vivian Armstrong, chairwoman of the Division of General Studies at Elizabeth City State University, also said teachers at small schools like hers could develop closer relationships with their students. "The students see us quite often outside of the classroom — we try to attend as many student activities as possible," Elizabeth City State ranked fourth in the survey.

Phillip Stiles, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at N.C. State University, said faculty-student interaction outside of the classroom was still critical for larger schools.

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West stresses importance of truthfulness, morality

■ Cornel West spoke about the importance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy.

BY LEAH HANEY
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Achieving racial justice requires telling the truth about inequality in America while clinging to hope, Cornel West said at UNC's 16th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration.

West, author and social activist, delivered the keynote address to a full house at Memorial Hall Tuesday evening.

West said Martin Luther King, Jr. should not be an icon put on a pedestal, but be recognized for the legacy he left behind. He said one aspect of the legacy King left was "truth-telling."

"(King) showed us how to love and respect all brothers and sisters of various races enough to tell the truth," West said.

West said those who ignore the truth want pleasure without consequence. He

said King was concerned with the tradition of struggle.

"(The tradition of struggle) raises questions of what it means to be human," West said. "It insures that the most basic elements of who we are are recognized." In telling the truth, he said there will be struggle in overcoming evil such as white supremacy.

West said another aspect of King's legacy was fighting cultural decay with a movement based on moral content. He said the decay of cultural values was a result of the "gangsterization of culture," a way of life in which one believes they will get what they want no matter what.

"If, in fact, you are more concerned with prosperity than dignity, you are missing the point," West said.

He said King was concerned with non-market values such as love, kindness and community. West said King studied America and was not optimistic about enforcing change, but was a prisoner of hope. He pointed to King's deep-rooted Christian beliefs that embraced the idea of hope based on a relationship with a power that could



Cornel West, professor of philosophy of religion and African-American studies at Harvard University, spoke about King's legacy Tuesday night.

bring change.

West said what King wanted to show others was to leave the world a little better than they found it, by not giving up and by working together.

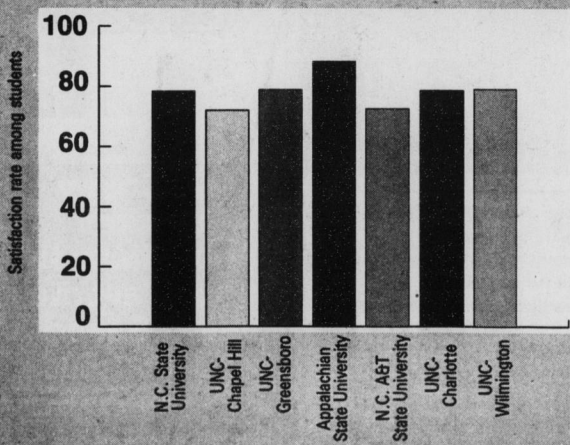
"We will have different views, but

will we grapple together or run back into our cubby holes?" he asked.

West said Americans should not give up. "There is never a guarantee, but I'll be there with you because I'm going down fighting."

Where have all the professors gone?

In a 1996 survey of seniors from UNC-system schools, UNC-Chapel Hill students ranked their student-faculty interaction the worst.



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New German exchange broadens study options

BY ANNE CORBETT
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UNC students who want to broaden their experiences by attending college outside the United States now have new options.

A pilot study-abroad program allows UNC-system students to attend universities in the German state of Baden-Württemberg.

The North Carolina Baden-Württemberg Exchange Program established the first UNC systemwide study abroad program.

Baden-Württemberg officials approached UNC-system exchange program officials. Baden-Württemberg universities had more students who wanted to study in the United States than they could accommodate.

"The idea is to make it possible for more students to travel and study abroad," said Robert Gurevich, director of international programs and services at Western Carolina University.

A student from any UNC-system school can apply to attend one of the 10 universities in Baden-Württemberg for a year or the spring semester.

Any UNC-system graduate or undergraduate student who has completed at least four semesters of college German can

apply for the program.

Students from UNC-system schools can attend any of the universities in Batten-Württemberg, while only paying the tuition of their home school.

An information session for students interested in participating next year is planned for Jan. 28 in Union 208.

"The systemwide exchange program benefits both large and small institutions," said Richard Linton, associate vice president for research at UNC-Chapel Hill.

The program benefits students who attend the smaller UNC-system schools which do not have extensive study-abroad programs.

"Usually we develop our own exchanges," Gurevich said. "This program makes it easier for every student to take part on an equal footing."

It gives smaller institutions more study-abroad options which they could not fund on their own and gives larger schools more flexibility, Linton said.

The UNC-system plans more systemwide exchanges. The University of North Carolina-Exchange Program, headquartered at UNC-Greensboro, will consider adding eight to 10 programs with groups of institutions abroad, Linton said.

Madge Hubbard, study-abroad program director at UNC-CH, said, "This program is good in general for the validity of the Study Abroad Program."

\$250 award available

Applications are available for spring 1997 Joanna Howell Fund Awards. The award, named for a Daily Tar Heel staff member who died in the May 12, 1996, Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house fire, provides as much as \$250 to fund a student's large-scale journalistic endeavor.

Howell worked at the DTH from fall 1994 until spring 1996, and achieved the position of assistant editorial page editor. During her tenure, she coordinated several full-page, large-scale stories on various issues of importance to the University community.

The award seeks to enable other students to pursue similar projects.

Any undergraduate can apply for the award. More than one person can submit a joint-proposal, and they do not need to be journalism majors or have any association with the DTH.

The finished product will receive a full page of coverage in the newspaper. This project must be completed by the end of the semester or the award will be revoked.

Applications can be picked up in Suite 104 of the Student Union and are due by 5 p.m. Friday. Call 962-4086 with questions.

Unfortunately, it not only has to be right, it has to look right.

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