

Hector's new bar celebrates big success

Hector's bar hopes seven televisions and satellites will assist its business.

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Two weeks after adding a bar to their already popular restaurant, Hector's owners are celebrating their sudsy success.

"Of course right now we are just trying to get the word out," Lee Minor, the bar's manager, said. "But so far, the response has been real positive."

Minor said he thought business would really begin to increase when students got settled in and chaos from the first few weeks of school had subsided.

"I think business will really start booming when fraternity and sorority rush is over," he said. "When everyone gets used to being back at school, they will start coming out more."

He said even though there are many bars and restaurants on Franklin Street, he thought Hector's Down Under would still be able to draw a crowd.

"We offer something that no other bar in Chapel Hill offers," he said. "Besides, any bar is a great investment if you can keep people in the door."

Minor said the thing he thought would keep customers coming back is nightly specials the bar will offer.

Another advantage the bar hopes will increase its business is seven large televisions and four satellites, Minor said. "We will be able to show up to four dif-



James Jefferson takes some time out Thursday afternoon to quench his thirst in the recently opened Hector's Down Under.

ferent games at any one time," he said.

Minor said he also thought when football and basketball seasons were in full swing, the bar would see an increase

in its business.

"Monday night football will see the bar full of fans drinking beer, eating food and watching their favorite NFL

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LEE MINOR
Manager of Hector's Down Under

team," he said.

The Alcohol Law Enforcement agency will come in to talk to bartenders about North Carolina's laws regarding serving alcohol, he said.

"The ALE came in a did a sweep of the bar (last) Friday night," he said. "We came up with a clean bill of health."

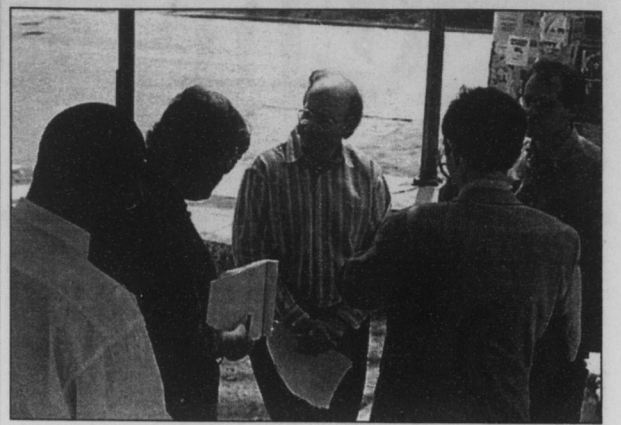
Britt Keele, the manager of Groundhog Tavern, said he didn't think the new bar was affecting the tavern's business.

"It is really hard to gauge whether is has affected us or not because they haven't been open that long," he said. "I do think that it is a really neat bar. They did a great job remodeling it."

Sarah Fryer, manager of Brothers Pizza, said she didn't see a difference in her business either. "We haven't noticed anything," she said. "We have a pretty regular crowd, though."

Minor said he thought the bar would eventually stand out on Franklin Street.

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Burwell Ware, spokesman for the Alliance for Neighborhoods, speaks to a group of reporters at a press conference Thursday.

Alliance claims traffic surveys biased, unfair

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The Alliance for Neighborhoods called for a more organized exchange of information between the town government and its residents at a press conference Thursday morning.

Alliance for Neighborhoods is a 50-person group that represents 35 communities in Chapel Hill.

Burwell Ware, spokesperson for the Alliance, said Chapel Hill had failed to involve citizens in zoning decisions.

"The problem lies just as much with the council as with the town staff," Ware said.

"We now feel that Chapel Hill has become a town where the government favors developers over neighborhoods."

The Alliance claimed traffic surveys done by developers are biased. The town government made decisions that are developer-friendly, and citizens do not have the same privileged access to information and city officials as do developers.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Joe Capowski said he agreed. "I agree with the opinion that the current Town Council is pro-commercial," he said.

Capowski said he was a proponent of Chapel Hill's neighborhoods and that the council intended to address their and the Alliance's concerns over public participation in town decisions.

Specifically, they intend to discuss the

three-minute time limit on citizens to speak before council, Capowski said. Under current town-meeting procedures, developers in opposition of a plan receive unlimited time to rebut and discuss zoning plans.

A major bone of contention between the Alliance and the town was the recent decision to construct a new Lowe's on U.S. 15-501 by Interstate-40.

Members of the Alliance said information of the project was obscured due to private traffic studies and a failure of the town government to properly provide tax information before the master land-use plan was approved.

Bill Strom of the Alliance said a less favorable traffic study was overshadowed by the private developers' study.

"The fact that information on Lowe's did not come to the surface shows the system is stressed," Strom said.

Lowe's property straddles the city limits. It is not subject to Chapel Hill property tax, Ware said.

Council member Lee Pavao said the council intended to annex the property before the end of the year.

Pavao said the information confusions and favorable relation of Lowe's to the town was the result of ordinances.

"Any council member is legally bound to approve anything that complies with the ordinance," he said. "(The Alliance) should work to change the development ordinance."

California's affirmative action ban becomes statute

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — After nearly a year of legal challenges, California's affirmative action ban became law Thursday — the 34th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

Thousands of the law's opponents streamed across the Golden Gate Bridge in protest of California becoming the first state in the nation to eliminate race and gender considerations in everything from hiring to education.

"This is history," said 60-year-old demonstrator Jistine Singleton, who drove overnight with a church group to attend. "We've still got the dream. It's

still coming."

California voters passed the measure, Proposition 209, last November by a 54 percent margin, but the ban has been tied up in the courts since. The American Civil Liberties Union and other opponents tried to have it struck down, but the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused Tuesday to block implementation while it is appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

King's famous speech in Washington in 1963 was on the marchers' minds as they trooped across the bridge, four and five abreast on a pedestrian sidewalk, chanting and singing "We Shall Overcome." The protest, followed by a

rally, was peaceful and traffic was not disrupted.

Jackson urged Prop 209 opponents to continue fighting.

"In this country there are those who are dreamers and those who are dream-busters. The dreamers need to outlast the dream-busters. We must pursue the dream of an inclusive society," Jackson said.

Schoolchildren, college students and the elderly of all races walked side by side, many wearing "Save the dream" buttons as drivers honked and waved. Drum and bugle corps music added to the din.

"I don't think we've undone the neg-

ative effects of slavery," said Jean Mont-Eton, 68, of San Francisco. "I still think we need affirmative action."

Meanwhile, it wasn't clear whether implementation of the law would have any immediate impact.

In San Francisco, City Attorney Louise Renne said a local affirmative action program would stand despite Proposition 209.

"In San Francisco, at least, there will be no precipitous action to undo the hard work we have already undertaken to remedy past discrimination," Renne said.

State officials and proposition supporters were quick to warn that failing to abide by the law would not be tolerated.

In education the big change came not from Proposition 209 but from a similar measure approved by University of California regents in 1995. It affected the fall's incoming graduate students and will apply to new undergraduate admissions starting next year.

For the record

In the Aug. 28 article "BCC to promote ties to community," freshman Delois McRae's name was misspelled.

In the August 28 article "Road's construction draws more protest," Chapel Hill Town Council member Richard Franck's name was misspelled.

In the Aug. 27 article "OWASA advocates cleaner Cane Creek," the chairman of the OWASA Watershed Committee should have been identified as Alan Rimer. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the errors.

Campus calendar

Friday

4 p.m. — Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity will hold an interest session in Union 205. The meeting is open to the public and all interested in joining.

Items of Interest

The University Counseling Center in Nash Hall will conduct a career clinic to help students develop a plan for selecting a major or career on Sept. 2 at 3:15 p.m.

Novelist and short-story writer Lewis Shriner will read from his works, including "Glimpses," "Deserted Cities of the Heart" and "Slam." The reading will be held Sept. 4 in G111 Caldwell Hall on the campus of N.C. State University. It is free and open to the public. For more information call 515-4170.

The Duke University Department of Music will present "Duke Choral and Chapel Choir," at 8 p.m. Sept. 2 in Duke

Chapel. Rodney Wynkoop will be conducting.

Anyone who has ordered a yearbook prior to the 1997 edition, should pick it up in the Yackety Yack office in Suite 106 of the Student Union by Oct. 1.

After that date the staff will resell the book.

Conversation partner applications are available at the International Center.

If you would like to befriend a new international student by volunteering to converse for one hour a week, one-to-one at a mutually convenient time and place, apply at the center. Call 962-5661.

Sophomores may apply to be in the Honors Program.

Applications are available from the Honors Office on the bookcase outside 300 Steele Building.

The deadline for applications is Sept. 15 at 4 p.m.

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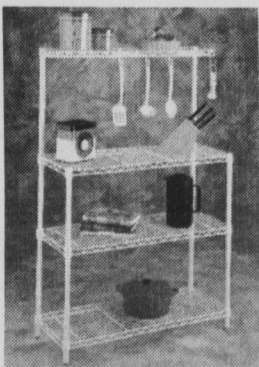
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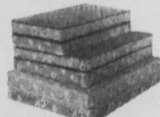
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