

Parents Can Enjoy Town's Late-Night Atmosphere

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When moms and dads roll into town for Carolina Family Weekend, the usual late-night hangouts become problematic. Loud smoky bars and crowded, pulsating dance clubs where college students grind the night away might not be the best places to show parents how their college funds are spent.

Luckily, Franklin Street is packed with plenty of late-night hangouts for the 'rents.

For nonalcoholic options, there are numerous coffee shops catering to the late-night cravings of visiting parents.

Cafetrio, Starbucks Coffee, Caribou Coffee Co. and Coffee Mill Roastery are all convenient places to bring mom and dad late at night to warm up with a cup of java.

Caribou, located at 110 W. Franklin St., is open until midnight and is a great place to snuggle up this chilly October weekend.

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Jason McDaniel. "It's also one of the largest inside and outside seating areas on Franklin Street."

Carolina Coffee Shop, located at 138 E. Franklin St., blends a quaint and cozy English restaurant atmosphere with food available until 10 p.m. and a bar that's open until 2 a.m. The oldest restaurant in the Triangle is beefing up its staff and planning tasty blue-plate specials in preparation for Carolina Family Weekend.

Owner Greg Owen said that many alumni parents like to visit the restaurant because they used to frequent it when they were UNC students.

"It's like a trip down memory lane," Owen said, adding that the unique

atmosphere might be conducive to parents' tastes.

"Most bars are standing room only, but here you can sit down and drink. It's not loud and crazy."

Top of the Hill, a classy bar and restaurant located at 100 E. Franklin St., provides a great view of Chapel Hill from its corner perch above First Union. With home-brewed beers, martinis, wine, a heated outdoor patio and spacious inside and outside seating, this bar caters to parents and students until 2 a.m.

Further along Franklin Street, the West End Wine Bar offers a classy, mature reclusive from the typical bar scene from 5 p.m. until 2 a.m. With a comfortable, trendy decor and wines priced more for a parent's budget than your average poor college student's, this wine bar is the perfect atmosphere for mom and dad to relax with a great wine.

When the parents make their appearance in Chapel Hill for the weekend, do not fret about what to do with them. From coffee to wine, there are many late-night options to entertain mom and dad until the wee hours of the morning.

Strict Parking Rules In Effect for Weekend

Free shuttle service and disability parking will be available at several UNC campus locations.

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Carolina Family Weekend and Halloween might create a parking nightmare for students and visitors if great care is not taken.

Both on- and off-campus parking restrictions and limitations are going to be strictly enforced this weekend.

As with any typical game weekend, there will be certain lots reserved for the disabled or visitors to the area on campus, said Kristy Bradley, special events and parking coordinator for UNC's Department of Public Safety.

All visitor and disability parking on campus for game weekends is a flat rate of \$5, she said.

Disability parking and a free shuttle service are available at Craige Parking Deck, the Undergraduate Library and Wilson Library, Bradley said.

"A shuttle runs from all of (the disability) lots to the stadium and back," she said. "An emergency shuttle is available during the game if at any point (the patrons) need to go back to their vehicle."

Visitor parking will be available in Manning lot, the Cardinal Parking Deck across from the hospital, the ambulatory parking lot, the Water Tower lot and at Park Place, Bradley said.

Special parking is available for parents who preregistered for Carolina Family Weekend, she said. These people have been sent permits that allow them to park in the Manning lot.

"There is a (parents') shuttle available from Manning to the Student Union Friday from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m.," Bradley said.

Students with normal residence hall permits are not affected during game weekends unless they park on Stadium Drive, she said. Much of the space along Stadium Drive is reserved for the Rams Club, the alumni association.

"Any of the numbered spaces on Stadium Drive are not available to students on Saturday," Bradley said. "Students that are affected can park at any of the other dorms and will be fine with a permit for Stadium."

Notices about the Stadium Drive parking restrictions are put on vehicles Friday afternoon, she said.

Enforcement for on-campus parking begins at 8 a.m. Saturday.

"If (the cars) are still there, the cars

will be relocated," Bradley said.

Vehicles on Stadium Drive as well as in the Ramshead lot, at the public safety buildings and at the Bell Tower will be targeted for towing first, Bradley said.

"Access to Stadium Drive at all is closed off all day Saturday," Bradley said. "They won't let anybody drive through there."

To escape some of these parking restrictions on campus, the town has a park-and-ride service made available on all game days, said Bob Godding, Chapel Hill transportation director.

People can park for free and pay \$4 per person round trip for the service, he said.

"Buses run from Carrboro Plaza, the Southern Village Park-Ride lot on 15-501 South, the 54 lot near the Friday Center and University Mall," he said.

The park-and-ride service will be available this weekend about 2 1/2 hours before game time from the N.C. 54 lot and University Mall, he said.

The other lots for the football game and for the Blue and White basketball game will be serviced beginning 90 minutes before the game, Godding said.

All other parking this weekend will be available at the meters and parking decks with rates of about \$1 per hour, he said.

On Sunday, normal hours will be observed by parking lots and metered parking as long as the streets are open, Godding said.

Access to neighborhoods around Franklin Street will be restricted to prevent Halloween traffic in the residential areas, said Chapel Hill police Lt. Marvin Clark.

"We try to keep folks that don't live in these neighborhoods out of these neighborhoods," he said.

"We try our best to prevent any parking problems and discourage illegal parking in an already congested area."

In addition, ticketing and towing will be enforced on Sunday.

"Meters will be shut down about 5 p.m., and there will be ticketing and towing on Franklin Street and some of the side streets like Henderson Street," Godding said.

Cars between Columbia Street and the Morehead Building will be towed, and tickets will be given for bagged meter spaces for no-parking hours, he said.

The cost for these tickets would be \$40 each.

Clark said the police would be enforcing normal parking violations on Halloween. "If (cars) blocking fire hydrants, streets or sidewalks, they will be towed during the Halloween event on Sunday, Oct. 31."

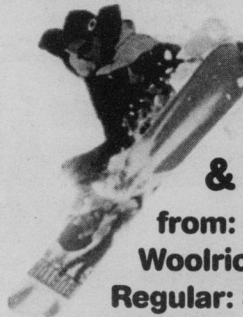
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