

# Student Musicians Claim W.B. Yeats Changed Its Tune

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Two musicians who claimed they were not paid for a concert took to the picket line to air their grievances.

The two men started picketing W.B. Yeats Irish Pub on West Franklin Street on the nights of March 1 and March 2 holding signs reading, "W.B. Yeats does not pay its bands."

The Scooby Brothers, UNC juniors and roommates Scott Hirsch and Bobby Sapp, had performed top-40 songs in a

four-hour, two-guitar acoustic/electric set at W.B. Yeats on Feb. 25.

The duo said the manager of the pub had not reimbursed them \$69.96 for P.A. rental that they said had been agreed upon on the condition that they "brought in enough people that night."

"We brought in all the business that night except two or three people; they were all our friends," Hirsch said. "Some of them were not old enough to buy drinks, but we did have two friends with 21st birthdays who were taking shots."

After not being paid, the two said

they decided to picket the pub to inform the public of their plight. "My girlfriend's father gave me the idea to picket," Hirsch said.

Hirsch said he and Sapp stood outside the pub for three hours both nights holding signs and "kindly telling people not to patronize the bar because they don't pay their bands."

"A few of the regulars came out and hassled us," Sapp said. "One guy called me 'cupcake.' He thought he was a tough guy or something."

Sapp said the picket seemed to be more

successful March 1, the first night they started. "We definitely screwed him back over after he screwed us," he said, referring to W.B. Yeats manager Nick Dodd.

But Dodd, who has managed W.B. Yeats for the past six months, said he had never guaranteed payment to the band.

"When they came in the first time, they didn't even have a band name or any recordings of their music," he said. "I explained our policy, which is that without a recording to listen to ahead of time, we will give a band a gig on a quiet night but don't pay."

"They said they had played a few fraternity parties but no clubs," Dodd said. "I told them that if they brought in enough business we could afford to pay them."

Dodd said the duo failed to bring in enough business. "They seemed to have a different idea of what busy meant," he said. "There were between 10 and 15 people there."

Dodd said a number of patrons left the pub because they could not stand to hear the duo.

He also said he was surprised when the two showed up to picket Thursday.

"They had a sign that said 'W.B. Yeats does not pay its bands,' which is not true," Dodd said. "They are the only band I've never paid and that is because they sucked."

Dodd said he suggested their time might have been better spent practicing.

Sapp said the Scooby Brothers are done picketing, at least for now, but they have not ruled out protest fliers. "We definitely want people to know about this."

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# House Votes for \$1 Trillion Tax Cut

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Republican-controlled House voted Thursday for an across-the-board tax cut of nearly \$1 trillion over the next decade, handing President Bush a major victory only 48 days into his term.

The vote was 230-198, largely along party lines, in favor of the reductions at the heart of the president's economic program, and came over the objections of Democrats who said the cut was too big and aimed at upper-income taxpayers.

"One house down, and now the Senate to go," Bush exulted a few moments after the vote as he delivered the news to an audience in North Dakota. "The American people had a victory today. The American family had a victory today. The American entrepreneur had a victory today."

Approval of Bush's plan sent the bill

to an uncertain fate in the Senate, where a pivotal bipartisan group of lawmakers has expressed concern about the \$958 billion price tag. Bush's overall tax cut proposal runs to \$1.6 trillion over the next 10 years.

"Who among us can say that the economy doesn't need a little encouragement," said Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., as the House debated the first priority piece of legislation of the new president. In addition, he said, cutting taxes "will give consumers more money to pay off credit card bills. It will give families more money to pay off high energy bills. It will give parents more money to pay for education expenses."

House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri countered that the plan was so big it would complicate efforts to pay down the national debt and make it more difficult to safeguard programs such as Medicare and Social Security. Underscoring Democratic

complaints the GOP was favoring upper-income taxpayers, he added, "If we're going to deliver tax relief, let's deliver it to people who need it."

The legislation would gradually reduce and condense the current five graduated income tax rates of 15 percent, 28 percent, 31 percent, 36 percent and 39.6 percent.

## TICKETS

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elting across the country don't sell all their allocated seats. "There aren't a lot of schools with a traveling fan base as large as UNC," he said. "If a team like Gonzaga is playing in our bracket, I doubt they're going to bring many people. I'd call up their ticket office."

Pruitt said that if the UNC basketball team wins its first two games and plays in

the regional finals, tickets for those games will be distributed in the same first come, first serve manner over the phone as soon as they become available.

He also said he will send information on obtaining tickets through the CAA listerv as soon as the number of allocated student tickets is released at about 10 p.m. Sunday. "Nothing is finalized yet," he said. "It all gets decided on selection Sunday."

## RENOVATIONS

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By 2006, rates would be pegged at 10 percent, 15 percent, 25 percent and 33 percent.

To provide relief immediately, the measure also would create an interim 12 percent bracket, retroactive to Jan. 1, 2001, applied to the first \$12,000 of taxable income for couples and \$6,000 of taxable income for individuals.

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renovations done to it are approved by the State Department of Archives and History.

He said the biggest conflicts between modernizing and preserving are plumbing, heating and air-conditioning and accessibility for the handicapped.

"The people in there want the modern conveniences, but we have to keep in mind historic preservation," Rutherford said.

"Whenever we design a project in the residence halls, we work closely with the students to make sure whatever we're doing reflects the desires and needs of the students."

The students in Old East and Old West say the construction is not bothersome at all, even though they received survival kits consisting of earplugs in case the noise became bothersome.

Senior Old West resident John Clark said the earplugs were a considerate move, but he hasn't needed them.

"There have been no problems here, as of yet," he said. "I haven't even thought about it."

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**DEVELOPMENT FEES**

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exempted from increased fees for special-use and zoning-compliance permits. The combined fee increase for new buildings was 501 percent. For example, the cost of a 50,000-square-foot building rose from \$5,025 to \$25,200. The fee increase for modified buildings was 792 percent. Exemption from zoning-compliance

permit approval and site-plan reviews could reduce development fees paid by the University.

UNC assumes high, though infrequent, costs for site-plan reviews, which are part of the zoning-compliance procedure, said Linda Convisor, facilities services department project manager for campus planning. "Every time we increase our floor area by 15 percent, we have to get a site-plan review," she said.

She said six years passed between

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**Campus Calendar**

**Saturday**

1 p.m. - After winning the North Carolina Championship last weekend, the UNC Rugby Football Club will face off against Middle Tennessee State in the South Regional Quarterfinal.

**Sunday**

3 p.m. - The Ninth Annual Art, Crafts & Antiques Auction will take place at the Fearington Village Barn located on Village Way off U.S. 15-501 between Chapel Hill & Pittsboro. Proceeds will benefit Family Violence & Rape Crisis Services and

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**This Weekend @ Carolina**  
Baseball vs. Lemoyne  
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