

On-campus Bar Makes Last Call at Duke

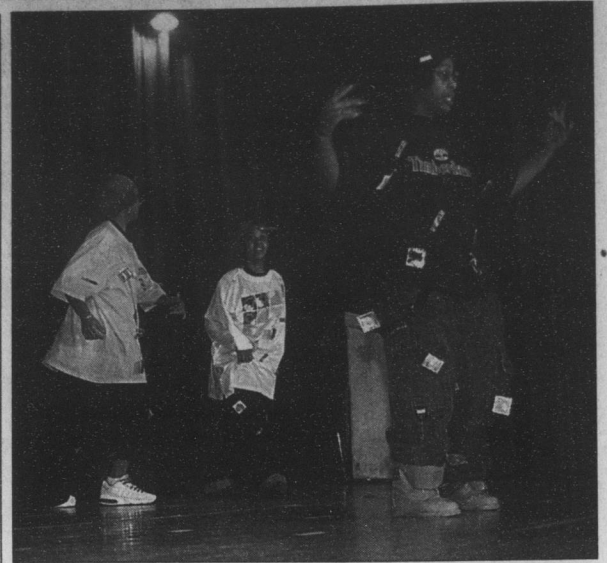
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DURHAM — The old stools sit idly behind the wooden bar that for 27 years served swarms of Duke University students. The Hideaway, named by Playboy magazine as one of the best college bars in America, is now only a shadow of its former self, as declining revenues forced its doors shut last spring. Graduate students in Duke's Business School began the bar in 1974 as a business experiment and it quickly became a favorite among students. Each year students bought shares in the bar, leased space from the university and then sold their stock to the next generation of eager undergraduates.

But the administration felt the bar had become too popular when the number of student-owners rose to 66 in 1998. "We thought this was too many people involved with the overall management, and no one seemed to take responsibility for the day-to-day operations," said Sue Wasiolek, Duke assistant vice president for student affairs. "We loaned the business \$650,000 to buy out the owners with the arrangement that the number would be reduced to a maximum of 10 owners who would then repay the university." Last year the students combined to pay \$57,214 for their shares and \$1,030 per month for rent. A campaign targeting underage drinking reduced profits and the bar regained only 60 percent of what students put in at the beginning of the year. The owners met with the administra-

tion on several occasions in an attempt to stretch out the repayment of the debt, but the university refused to compromise. "I don't think the university should be viewed as an entity that is going to bail out student business ventures that don't work," Wasiolek said. When the lease ran out on May 31, the owners decided not to recruit a new crop of students. Former owner Scott Eichel blames the financial crisis on the 1998 restructuring. "Under my reign, investors were making a 25-percent annual return," he said. "Once you put the school in charge of anything concerning fun, they're going to mess it up." Wasiolek said he doubts the bar's disappearance will have an effect on the social life of the campus. "From what

they've indicated, their business has been so minimal that one wonders if there's going to be any impact," she said. Duke senior Ilana Simon said she disagreed. "Once again, drinking will be forced off campus, and the issue of drinking and driving cannot be ignored," Simon said. "Without safe rides to pick students up at off-campus parties, more students will be intoxicated behind the wheel. The university should consider that a tremendous impact." Unless new owners appear before the fall semester, the bar's fate will forever be sealed — administrators are already focusing on other undisclosed uses for the Hideaway's West Union space. Emily Canaday can be reached at sundancr1@msn.com.



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Project Uplift student volunteers perform TLC's "Lets Talk About Sex" at a show Thursday night in the Carolina Union auditorium.

Fare-free Busing Factors Into Town Budget

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The Chapel Hill Town Council cleared the way for fare-free busing Monday as part of the town's \$57.3 million budget. The budget also combines the Transportation Fund tax rate with the General Fund tax rate to form a total tax rate of 50.4 cents for the 2001-2002 fiscal year, which is 7.4 cents lower than the current rate of 57.8 cents. But these numbers can be deceiving. This year the county assessor determined that Chapel Hill homes increased an average of 25 to 30 percent in value. So, even though the tax rates are lower than in previous years, residents will pay 2.2 percent more per \$100 valuation in property taxes because their homes are worth more.

This additional revenue will raise the salaries of town employees, allow for the addition of 22 new town personnel including police officers, firefighters and public works crews and help provide for free Chapel Hill Transit service. Seventy percent of student-tuition supported a tuition increase in a February referendum to subsidize the implementation of fare-free busing. Instead of paying over \$200 for a bus pass, students now will



Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf says UNC's aid encouraged the Town to accept fare-free busing.

only have to fork over a mere \$17. "The students really wanted this," Council member Kevin Foy said. "The University said it really wanted it and was willing to put up the money. It'll help them deal with the loss of parking spaces on campus in the next two years as growth goes on." Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for auxiliary services said the University will experience parking deficits as the bond-financed construction and renovation program unfolds over the next few years. "We will sacrifice 500 spaces in the fall and in four years lose up to 2,700 spaces during the height of construction," Elfland said. "We're not looking at temporary solutions, we're looking at permanent demand." The 75-cent-per-ride fare will cease

beginning Jan. 1, 2002 and the hours of four routes, the C express, the S, the F, and the North-South Express will be extended until 8 p.m. starting this fall. A new route including Meadowmont and Southern Village will be added to prepare for Chapel Hill's annexation of the large neighborhoods. Two other added routes will include a new park and ride lot off Jones Ferry Road and an express shuttle to the Friday Center and the Hendrick building, two UNC facilities off N.C. 54. "The University's willingness to put money on the table swayed our opinion," said Mayor Rosemary Waldorf. "Its payments will help local governments maximize a good investment." Emily Canaday can be reached at sundancr1@msn.com.

REZONING

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UNC from the current 14 million-square-foot floor area limit. But the University will now drop its request for some areas not slated for development under the Master Plan. The compromise seemed to please most

residents at the meeting. "I'm delighted the University recognized near-to-campus neighborhood needs by making the changes they did," resident Joe Capowski said. "But the true test is still ahead, which is the development plan." If the Town Council approves the rezoning at its July 2 meeting, the University will follow by submitting its

10-year development plan the next day. The development plan will clearly lay out what the University will do and when they plan to do it. The plan will have to be approved by the council before the University can proceed. The town council is slated to vote on the development plan after 90 days of review, on Oct. 1. "We've committed to make the schedule and we will continue to do that," said Mayor Rosemary Waldorf. But some residents said they are still uneasy about University growth. "I had hoped it would be a more thoughtful process," said Diana Steele, a Mason Farm Road resident. "Growth does not

necessarily mean quality." Regardless of trepidation from some residents, University and town officials alike seemed relieved after the meeting. "I think it was a productive meeting," Moeser said. "Maybe the most successful we've had with the town so far." Waldorf echoed Moeser's statements. "I appreciate the University's efforts to compromise," Waldorf said. "I think we're going to resolve this next Monday."

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UPLIFT

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ponents of the program. Project Uplift on-campus coordinator Shayla Higginbotham, a senior from West Virginia, said the program's student volunteers give it energy and focus. "Adults don't exactly understand what we go through every day," Higginbotham said. "We try to interact with them in a way that they feel at home." According to statistics, about half of all minority students admitted to UNC in 2000 enrolled. Houston said probably about half of the Project Uplift participants will apply to and enroll at UNC. Many of those students return to the program as volunteers.

"Project Uplift is a great program," said sophomore Norledia Moody of Gaston, who participated two years ago. "It got me to go to school here." Terrunda Taylor, a rising high school senior from Tyner, said attending Project Uplift led her to consider applying to UNC. "I saw for myself that it was a good school," she said. Another participant, Anthony Lee of Charlotte, also said he is interested in applying to UNC as a result of Project Uplift. "Before, I thought it was only the elite," Lee said. "Now I feel like I have a chance of getting in here." Emily Drum can be reached at edrum@email.unc.edu.

BUDGET

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House's plan would cut 455 non-teaching jobs across the 16-campus UNC system, saving \$3.1 million. "That's a serious problem," Hackney said. "It's a big cut, but since we don't have the votes to raise the revenue, we'll have to do the best we can." The House and Senate proposals both include a 5 percent tuition increase for UNC system students, which will come in addition to the 4 percent tuition increase approved by the UNC Board of Governors in February. Students will face increases ranging from \$41 to \$93 starting in the fall 2001 semester. But the House has amended some of the severe cuts to the Department of Health and Human Services. The Senate's plan would close the

Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Hospital in January 2003, while the House budget keeps the hospital open. The House plan would also keep the Whitaker School, an institution for deeply troubled adolescents, at its Butner location. But the House budget includes no tax increases, instead relying on tactics like accelerating tax payments by businesses and utilities. House budget writers also looked in several places where money is not traditionally taken from. "It was amazing to me the amount of money in various places that was not working for the people of North Carolina," said Rep. David Redwine, D-Brunswick. "We were able to identify lots of money that was not used for good and noble purposes." House budget writers are confident with the budget they've put together and still think it will be well-received. "We have been able to present a balanced budget and we've been able to do it without raising taxes," Redwine said. "We actually think the Senate will like it a lot." The full House will continue to debate the budget and their version should pass either today or Friday. "Overall, it's a good budget," said Verla Insko, D-Orange. "It could be better. It could be a lot worse." Matt Viser can be reached at viser@email.unc.edu.

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