

Pretzel Store Readies to Open Doors

By CHRIS BLOW
Staff Writer

A new pretzel shop is opening on Franklin Street this weekend, and the owner says he hopes to attract the area's college crowd.

Katie's Soft Pretzels, to be located at 125 E. Franklin St. next to the Varsity Theatre, will be taking the place of Maui Smoothies. "Mostly we're keeping it as it was," said owner Christopher Stott. "We'll be keeping the smoothies, but the main feature will be pretzels."

The store is part of a chain started by two Carrboro entrepreneurs 10 years ago. Stott, who lives in Carrboro, already

owns two pretzel shops in Durham. He has been affiliated with the pretzel chain for eight years.

The store will feature at least nine different types of pretzels and seven different dipping sauces, he said.

Stott also said the stores are popular for their drinks, featuring freshly squeezed fruit ades and iced tea.

He said nearby businesses are excited about the new store and have been asking about the opening date. "I'm very pleased there's some anticipation - it's ready-made business," Stott said.

Because it is a locally operated chain, many people in the Triangle are familiar with the idea of a pretzel shop, Stott

said. "We've had some following from the sororities and fraternities as far as catering goes for rush," he said.

Stott says many of the pretzel eaters are just looking for a cheap meal. The pretzels will cost about \$2 or less.

Stott said he is especially excited about the opening his third store because of its position near the college.

"We have been trying to get a spot on Franklin Street for some time," he said as he took a break from remodeling the store.

Robert Humphreys, Chapel Hill Downtown Commission Executive director, said Stott's excitement is understandable but warned that the location is no guarantee for success. "There are a

lot of factors that work against businesses on Franklin Street - not the least of which is high rent."

Humphreys estimated that rent can cost a business \$4,000 to \$8,000 a month, not including additional utility costs.

Stott said he thinks the size of the store will not be a problem because preparing the food in the front window makes for an eye-catching sight.

He said, "People see us rolling the dough and hand-squeezing the juices. ... There's a holistic quality to the store that brings people in."

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The University and Towns IN BRIEF

Candlelight Christmas Set for Hillsborough

The 15th annual Christmas Candlelight Tour in Hillsborough will focus on the Civil War experience of the holidays. "Christmas 1863" re-enactments will take place at the Burwell School Historic site.

Tours are from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2.

For more information contact the Chapel Hill-Carrboro County Chamber of Commerce at 732-8156.

N.C. Arts Gallery Plans To Host Pottery Show

The N.C. Arts Gallery is hosting a group show that will include fiber, paintings, pottery and Christmas ornaments.

The show will be held in the gallery from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 942-4048.

Former Chancellor To Share View of State

Former UNC Chancellor Paul

Campus Calendar

Today

8 p.m. - Psalm 100 presents its Fall Concert, "Sellin' Out," which also runs at 8 p.m. on Saturday in 111 Carroll Hall. Tickets are \$3 in the Pit or at the door.

8 p.m. - Singer/songwriter Christine Kane will be performing at the Presbyterian Student Center at 110 Henderson St. Tickets are \$5 for students with a UNC ONE Card and \$8 for the public. The event is being held by the Presbyterian Campus Ministry.

Saturday

8 p.m. - Sangam proudly presents "Saathiyon Ka Safar," a travel with friends. Come experience South Asia through a music in Memorial Hall. Tickets are \$6 and are available in the Pit or at the box office.

Hardin will deliver a speech on state issues today at 11:45 a.m. at the Chapel Hill Country Club.

Hardin, chancellor of UNC from 1988 to 1995, will speak about "A Personal Perspective on Current Issues: North Carolina politics, Higher Education, Athletics, Etc."

The Chapel Hill Newcomers Club is sponsoring the event at 103 Lancaster Dr. Carolina Speakers at UNC, a statewide outreach program, organized the talk.

Admission is \$9.50.

Call Marty or Bruce Kirchner at 968-0503 for more information.

Novelist Tessa Bridal To Give Master Class

Award-winning novelist Tessa Bridal will give a master class to undergraduate students this afternoon.

Bridal's novel *The Tree of Red Stars* won her the Milkweed Press National Fiction Prize in 1997.

The master class, which is co-sponsored by Wordshed Productions and the James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence, is limited to undergraduate majors in English, communication studies, dramatic art and Latin American studies.

It will start at 3 p.m. in the Kresge Commons Room in 39 Graham Memorial.

Wordshed Productions will then present an adaptation of Bridal's novel at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at Studio 6 in Swain Hall.

Bridal will attend the production.

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$8 for seniors and \$10 for others.

9 a.m. - Arts Carolina will host a seminar on Public Art. The public is invited. The registration fee is \$15 and includes lunch. Seminars will be held in 39 Graham Memorial.

For the Record

The Nov. 14 story "11 Positions to Be Cut Due to Tight Budget," incorrectly reported that the N.C. General Assembly made a 2.7 percent cut to the UNC-system operating budget.

The cut was ordered by Gov. Mike Easley.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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FBI Investigating Students' Records

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International students studying at American colleges and universities might be placed under stricter scrutiny as federal authorities begin to closely monitor foreign students.

A survey by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers released last week reported 220 colleges had been contacted at least once since Sept. 11 by federal authorities about the academic standing of foreign students, mostly from Middle Eastern countries.

Jason Foster, a spokesman for San Diego State University, said officials there have been contacted twice by federal agents about some of the 1,400 international students who attend the university.

"In the week following the attacks, the FBI was on campus asking to review student records," he said.

Foster said that before last week, the last time the Immigration and Naturalization Service had asked to view students' records was during an overhaul of the INS during the mid 1980s.

Foster added that before international students can enroll at SDSU or any other U.S. institution, they sign a waiver allowing the INS to check their personal academic records any time it chooses.

Under the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act, federal author-

ities cannot view the academic records of students who are U.S. citizens unless they have a court order or subpoena.

But recently approved terrorism legislation might make access to these records easier for federal agents to obtain.

The new law - titled the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act - was signed into law by President Bush on Oct. 26.

The new law allows authorities to get a court order to view students' academic records if the information is pertinent to a criminal investigation.

UNC counsel Mary Sechriest said that in addition to using the power granted them by the legislation, federal authorities will also likely exercise many of the rights they had prior to the act's passage to investigate the status of foreigners.

Sechriest said that prior to Sept. 11, the last time a federal agency asked to view the academic records of an international student at UNC was after the U.S. bombed Lybia in 1986. Since Sept. 11, federal authorities have not asked to view the records of international students at UNC, Registrar David Lanier said.

Lanier said if someone were to inquire about a student, he can provide only basic directory information.

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UNC Officials: Students Spared Federal Record Checks So Far

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The FBI might soon be coming to UNC to investigate students from Middle Eastern countries who are studying here.

While the FBI has not yet targeted any students at UNC, it has been to other university campuses across the nation to question and investigate students from the Middle East, and officials here say they anticipate a possible visit.

Part of the reason that the FBI has not yet come to UNC might be because there is a small Middle Eastern population here, said Jean Hughes, associate director of the International Center. She said UNC only has about 22 Middle Eastern students.

According to a Nov. 12 New York Times article, the FBI has been seeking various types of information about Middle Eastern college students, from where they are living to whether they are performing well in their classes. Some of the schools the FBI has contacted so far include the University of Colorado at Denver, Columbia University, Tufts University and San Diego State University.

Associate University Counsel Mary Sechriest attributed the high interest of the FBI in college students to the relative ease of foreigners obtaining a student visa as opposed to full immigration.

"It's possible that someone who wasn't intending to be a real college student

might get in," she said.

It is not entirely clear which UNC department the FBI would contact if it were to come to UNC. Both Hughes and University Registrar David Lanier said that if contacted by the FBI, their offices would first approach the University counsel for legal purposes.

"If (the FBI contacts) us, we will go to the University counsel and ask for direction before releasing any information on an individual or group of individuals," Hughes said.

Lanier said his office refers those requesting private information to the legal counsel. "No one in my office would give out that information without requiring further proof," he said.

Sechriest said that if anyone came to campus to investigate, they would have a court order.

But the FBI can legally delve fairly far in their investigation, Sechriest said. "I think they have pretty broad powers. It's not a run-of-the-mill thing."

Hughes said she understands that the FBI's actions might make Middle Eastern students nervous.

"They must feel somewhat uncomfortable already, and it would be difficult if they're questioned," she said.

"I think (Middle Eastern) students would be concerned, and rightly so."

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