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Alanis' glee tough to swallow

BY JENNIFER SAMUELS
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Alanis Morissette wouldn't go down on you in a theater — at least, not anymore.

Her fifth album, *So-Called Chaos*, beats home the message that the Canadian singer finally has found something resembling love and, despite occasional doubts, is content where she is.

It's a nice bookend to the angst of 1995's *Jagged Little Pill*, which featured that anthem to scorned women everywhere, "You Oughta Know."

Chaos serves as a fine showcase for Morissette's voice, which always has been her strength.

But despite its best efforts, the new LP is missing one key element — substantial lyrics.

Morissette's ability to use vocal

dips and unique enunciation disguises undeniably cheesy lyrics.

It's especially apparent on "Knees of My Bees," in which she compares the love of her life to numerous luminaries, including a sage, a wordsmith and God.

The chorus is beyond understanding. "You make the knees of my bees weak," Morissette warbles, again and again.

Add in the strains of misplaced sitar that graces the track, sit back and ponder what the song is trying to say.

She has bees?

Fortunately, the rest of the songs fare better. Morissette authored the 10 tracks herself, and their confessional nature will appeal to fans of the female singer/songwriter genre.

During her musical journey,

MUSICREVIEW

ALANIS MORISSETTE
SO-CALLED CHAOS

★★★

Morissette apparently also picked up a penchant for self-deprecation.

In "Eight Easy Steps," she lays bare her flaws and pessimistically describes herself as the most qualified person to teach lessons such as "how to lie to yourself and thereby to everyone else," and "how to feel worthless unless you're serving or helping someone."

Ouch.

With the release of this album, numerous critics have chosen to hold it up against the latest release from another neighbor to the north, Avril Lavigne.

General consensus states that

while Avril is still embracing her edge, Morissette has lost hers.

The masses are probably right — nothing on this record will shock America the way Morissette's blatant sexual references once did.

But anger — or nudity — can only fuel creativity for so long. The key to understanding a more mature Morissette is to recognize what makes her tick.

Chaos, like Morissette's previous efforts, is driven by her passions. In this case, she applies her introspectiveness to relationships and self-improvement, two of her favorite topics.

It isn't quite ironic, but it'll do. Don't you think?

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A NEW SHADE



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Memorial Day saw many area activities, including the Peace Parasol Project's event at Carrboro Town Commons where Gwendolyn Anderson of Garner (right) and Bill Gural of Durham decorated umbrellas with their personal thoughts about casualties in the Iraqi war.

CAMPUS Y

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able in '98 that is available now."

This philosophy led the trustees to re-examine several options for the building, including using the building for other purposes. Several trustees proposed the idea of relocating the group farther south — to a location closer to the center of campus.

But Virginia Carson, director of the Campus Y, refuted claims that

the building is in an inconvenient location for students.

"What we find, students are very involved in public work in between classes," she said, explaining that the Campus Y is busy in afternoons.

Depending on the subcommittee's findings, UNC could reallocate funding from a number of sources, Runberg said. "There are a couple of projects that we can tap into."

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BASEBALL

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The next day, the Tar Heels came up with three late runs to tie FSU and would have scored more if not for two sensational plays in center field by tournament MVP Shane Robinson.

After three one-run games, the Tar Heels will be battle-tested for the regional.

By going to Columbia, the Tar Heels will be entering familiar territory. South Carolina, the No. 2 team in the nation, has eliminated UNC each of the last two years.

"I know everybody on the team despises South Carolina," Bakker said. "They knock us out every year when we think we have a chance."

But the Tar Heels like their chances this year after finally finding a strong offense to compliment its starting rotation.

"We have a chance to win as long as we pitch and play defense," Hewitt said. "Our bats came around in the ACC Tournament — I think if we swing our bats like we did there, then we should be all right."

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SCHOOL SITE

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doing so would be within the rules of the third high school agreement.

"I don't know why there was a feeling from any of the commissioners that they weren't following the agreement," she said. "I think that we should do that assuming they're not asking us to go into debt."

Scroggs said as much, noting that several misconceptions are prevalent among the commissioners.

"The county commissioners think we're asking for far more money to do this — we're not," he said. "We're borrowing no more

money and incurring no more interest or debt."

Still, Gordon contested the notion that the cost was unforeseen.

"Everyone I think knew that they weren't going to get it for \$1.7 million if the owner thinks it's worth \$3 million," she said. "You couldn't look in your crystal ball and tell what the amount was going to be but I think they knew it was going to be more."

Scroggs said the deficit is a cause to come together, not apart. "Everyone just needs to cooperate to get this done, that's the bottom line."

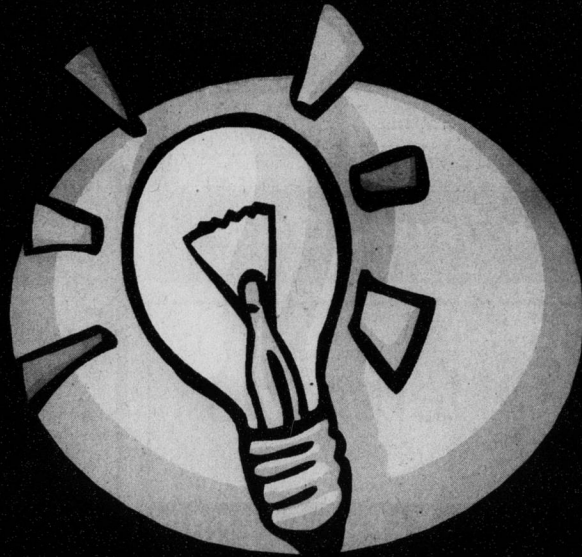
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AIRPORT

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its current proposal calls for breaking ground on land now occupied by the airport.

Such a scenario long has been recognized by local officials, and it has proven to be a point of town-gown contention.

But now, with the situation coming to a head, both town and University officials say they want to reach a solution — even if they don't entirely see eye-to-eye.

"Hopefully, we can take advantage of the time we have now," said Mark Kleinschmidt, a member of the Chapel Hill Town Council.

At a meeting in April, the council passed a resolution stating that it would refrain from further consideration of Carolina North until the airport's fate was clear.

And at another meeting two weeks later, council members grilled Tony Waldrop, UNC's vice chancellor for research and economic development, on the same issue.

In an interview Tuesday, Waldrop said the University's plans to get around the airport, which involve altering the order in which it would build the satellite campus' seven phases, are feasible.

"As I said in the presentation to the Town Council ... certainly we believe in the plan that we have for Carolina North," he said.

Waldrop added that changes to the Carolina North blueprint, including phasing changes, are likely to go before the University's Board of Trustees later this month for approval.

But Kleinschmidt said he's unsure as to how UNC will proceed. "It doesn't seem that the functions that the University is looking to have occur on that site would actually be workable."

The House's budget, which will contain Insko's airport provision, is likely to hit the floor Monday or Tuesday and be passed next week.