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# Village rivals Milwaukee in beer consumption



Staff photo by Gary Lobraco

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Let schoolmasters puzzle their brain. With grammar, and nonsense, and learning Good liquor, I stoutly maintain. Gives genius a better discerning. —Oliver Goldsmith

Unfortunately, in North Carolina, where Baptists rule with a pious hand over a conservative legislature, liquor by the drink is still prohibited.

However, there is always beer. So much beer, in fact, that in the mid '60's Playboy magazine estimated that Chapel Hillians consume more beer per undergraduate than any other college town in America.

With that reputation to uphold, students must go at once, without delay, to the pub of their choice. And since many students are new in town, we've devised this brief guide to the local bars to help them on their way.

Now an institution in the village, the Shack has inebriated students and townspeople alike ever since Jeff opened his Franklin Street confectionary and sold moon-pies for a nickel.

For the good old boys at the Shack, a place where khakis and topsiders dominate, Bud is still the king of beers and beach music reigns supreme.

Located just down from the police station on West Rosemary Street, the Shack, in its

traditional state of decrepitude, looks as if it might crumble into ruins at any moment. But don't worry, there are enough hefty beer drinkers there on weekends to hold the roof up even if the walls collapsed.

If you like the sound of the Shack but your phobia of falling rafters gets the best of you, you might try Kirkpatrick's next door.

A one-room, sparsely decorated new bar opened this summer by a former Carolina football star, Kirkpatrick's offers a wide selection of beach tunes on the juke box; along with plenty of bar space, scattered bar tables and some of the newest pinball machines in town.

Another new bar in town is RW's, previously the Scoreboard and the Tar Heel Sandwich Shop. New owner Raymond Williams has transformed what once was a dilapidated eyecore into possibly the classiest bar in town. Divided into two separate facilities, one housing the deli, the other the bar, the entire interior is decorated in what could best be described as "hip church."

Complete with authentic pews salvaged from the Lemon Springs Baptist Church, stained glass windows and high vaulted ceilings, RW's is probably the brightest new addition to the Chapel Hill bar scene.

Draught beer is a quarter a glass during the Soap Opera Special from twelve to one p.m., and all the kosher sandwiches are

moderately priced.

Harrison's, located below Town and Campus cloisters on the main block of Franklin Street, is another new bar that adds a touch of class to downtown Chapel Hill.

Featuring a wide selection of fine imported beers and wines, and an extensive choice of sandwiches, salads, desserts and soups, Harrison's lets you eat and drink in style, for a price.

Their salads range in price from \$1.75 to \$2.50, with sandwiches from \$1 to \$1.95. Food service stops at nine, but cheese and wine are available till closing.

The last of the new pubs uptown is the Village Squire. Formerly PJ's, an over-priced, teen-infested automat with food second only to Servomation in its indigestibility, new owner Bruce Hill promises to change all that.

Decorated in rustic brick and timber, the Squire's specialty is the Squireburger, a generously garnished quarter pounder on a sesame seed bun (No, I can't sing it).

They also offer a luncheon special daily, priced from \$1.50 to \$1.80.

If ever there was a bar in the mold of the English pub, the Endangered Species is it. Hosting darts, backgammon, bridge and chess tournaments regularly, the Endangered Species is the quiet place to escape to when the other bars are overcrowded and deafening. Local celebrity

John Santa will be there Aug. 30, and his ditties are always a delight.

If you're a supporter of athletics, or if you wear an athletic supporter, McCauley's is the bar for you. Situated in downtown Carrboro, McCauley's caters to jocks and the women who chase them.

Crowded on weekends without fail, McCauley's is rustically decorated in a combination of European brothel and modern NFL. Former superstar, now Baltimore Colt halfback, Don McCauley appears periodically during the off-season. Otherwise, Tom Kennedy (no relation) provides cold beer and conversation to a packed house nightly except Sunday.

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The deli here is above average, if you don't mind eating your corned beef on rye in the presence of cockroaches and rats.

Rock bands provide entertainment nightly except Sunday, and the cover charge ranges from 50 cents to \$2.

Uptown on West Rosemary Street, down the alley by Tijuana Fats is the Cat's Cradle. A little hard to find for newcomers, it's well worth the search if bluegrass, blues and folk music appeal to you.

The cover charge is rarely over \$2 and the atmosphere there is hospitable despite the dreary, non-descript interior. On a good night the entertainment is impossible to beat in Chapel Hill.

The town's only private membership club is the Electric Company, located on East Franklin Street in Eastgate Shopping Center. It is also Chapel Hill's only gay bar, and one of the largest in the southeast.

Traditionally one of the most popular freshman meeting places, the Bacchae Room, under the Zoom Zoom restaurant on Franklin Street, offers the most expensive seating arrangement in town.

Given to accommodating entire fraternities, sororities or dormitory floors at times, the Bacchae is always crowded, usually rowdy, and the juke box blares beach music all night long.

The Bacchae also harbors the largest collection of pinball, foosball and space age game machines in the area.

While the weather stays mild, one of the nicest spots to just sit and sip beer with friends is the Village Green. A two-story stucco structure across Rosemary Street from the Shack, the Village Green offers the average drinker three options.

A wide assortment of game machines line the walls of All The Time downstairs, while the second story, He's Not Here, accommodates those who would rather sit

quietly and avoid the chaos.

But the real attraction is the courtyard. Secluded from hustle and bustle of downtown traffic by a ten foot adobe wall, many a leisurely hour can be spent lounging on the grass there, oblivious to the outside world.

The Tavern, down the hill on Franklin Street, is one of the most popular bars in town, catering mostly to fraternities and sororities. The beer there is the coldest in town, the juke box is laden with vintage beach music, and, aside from the shortage of parking space, it's a nice place.

More popular with the older set than with students, Tiffany's Lounge is the only bar in town with a brown-bagging license for people who prefer the hard stuff.

A plush, candle-lit club, complete with barmaids in bunny suits, Tiffany's would be the perfect place to step out in style if the entertainment wasn't so second-rate.

Clarence's, located just down from the bus station on West Franklin Street, is strictly a beer drinker's bar. Old friends gather there to shoot the bull, and that's about it.

In a similar mold of neighborhood pubs is

The Pub, nestled between the laundromat and the dry cleaners in the Town and Country shopping center. Not the place to go if you're looking for excitement, but the beer is beer and the people are friendly.

If you prefer beer over books, but your folks want you to study, just tell them you're going to the Library. Located on West Franklin Street, the Library offers billiards and cold beer as well as an airtight alibi.

Tucked away between the Library and the Bus Station lies the Hideaway, one of the coziest places in town to drink a quiet beer and whisper sweet nothings into the ear of your choosing.

Similarly tucked away beneath the Wildflower Kitchen on Franklin Street is the Cave. Decorated to suit its name, the Cave hosts local bluegrass, blues and folk artists for a minimal cover charge.

Billiards, darts, bridge, and other pastimes also make the Cave a pleasant place to visit, if you can find it.

That's it. Not a bad selection for a town of thirty thousand. And for the truly discriminating drinker, there are plenty more in Raleigh and Durham.

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