

Beach Music

'Reminds you of the good times'

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Beach music—hard core rock-and-rollers disdain it, most Northerners have never heard of it and UNC fratty-baggers couldn't do without it.

Beach music is a form of music difficult to describe or define. Most enthusiasts claim it's a Southeastern phenomenon that grew up on Virginia and Carolina beaches in the early 1960s and seems to find its origins in rhythm and blues.

"It was music by black bands which appealed to a white audience," said Patrick Nicholson, an avowed fan.

Most beach songs revolve around several basic themes— young love, romance at the beach, boy meets girl, boy loses girl and boy wants girl back. Simplicity is part of its appeal.

"It doesn't attempt to convey a message other than just enjoying life—it reminds you of good times," senior from Carolina Manley Roberts said. "It's also good to dance to."

Bill Heisal, former social chairman for Chi Psi fraternity, agreed. "People really enjoy dancing to beach music. Not many people around the fraternity listen to it, and quite a few complain about it, but when it's playing at a mixer, most of them are out on the floor dancing." Heisal said the demand for beach music has increased in the last few years.

Robert Brooks, a major organizer of the Jaycees' Third Annual Beach Music Convention in Raleigh last weekend, said beach music is most popular with people like him who went to college in the '60s.

"I haven't bought a record in 10 years that wasn't beach music," Brooks said. "I like it because I can understand the words and the instrumentation, and it's a good sound to dance to. I don't understand the music they play today."

Brooks said he feels the current popularity of beach music on college campuses is a fad that goes along with wearing khakis and Bass Weejuns. He also connected it with the disco craze and the revival of touch dancing. "Disco is really just beach music speeded up, and the shag and hustle are a faster bop with more tunes."

Beach music's popularity is undeniable. More than 8,000 people attended the Raleigh festival, and Carowinds is sponsoring another extravaganza this weekend. Brooks claims the Raleigh Jaycees stimulated the current rash of beach festivals.

"Our convention in 1977 was the first time five or six bands played beach music at one single event—it was the first Woodstock for beach music."



Billy Scott and The Prophets one of the tops in beachmusic



The Drifters, just one of the five groups at Carowinds

Drifters at Carowinds

A special Beach Weekend featuring five top beach music groups will be held at Carowinds theme park this Labor Day weekend.

Concerts will be at 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the 9,000-seat outdoor Paladium amphitheater.

The Chairmen of the Board, The Prophets and The Drifters will perform Saturday. The Embers, The Chairmen of the Board, The Drifters (2 p.m. show only), and Maurice Williams and The Zodiacs will appear Sunday.

Beach music is a distinct Southeastern sound that is especially popular on college campuses and at Carolina beaches.

Tunes such as the Drifters' "Up On The Roof" and "Under The Boardwalk" and The Embers' current chart hit "I Love Beach Music" are typical of the beach music sound.

Other beach music favorites that will be heard this weekend are "Give Me Just A Little More Time" and "You've Got Me Dangling On A String" by The Chairmen of the Board; and "Stay", "May I" and "Do You Believe?" by Maurice Williams and The Zodiacs.

Concert admission will be \$2, in addition to the regular \$7.95 park admission.

Music talent worth credit

The UNC music department still has openings for singers and instrumentalists.

Vocalists can audition for the University Chamber Singers, Men's and Women's Glee Clubs, Carolina Choir and the University Chorus, a training ensemble for those interested in improving their musical skills.

The University Chorus' search for tenors is especially desperate. All male vocalists are in great demand for the various choirs this year, however.

Rehearsals for the University Chorus will be 2-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday, with a possible concert at the end of the

semester. Chorus members receive one hour of credit.

Interested persons should sign up for audition times as soon as possible in 106 Person Hall. Call conductor Robert Porco at 933-1093 or John Whitt at 933-1093 for more information.

Bassoonists are needed for both the University Symphony Orchestra (contact director David Serrins at 966-1330) and the University Wind Ensemble (David Reed, conductor). Reed also is recruiting saxophone and string bass players and asks that interested players call him at 933-2270 immediately.

Theatre auditions

The UNC department of dramatic art's Laboratory Theatre will be holding auditions for its first play of the season 2-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. today in 06 Graham Memorial.

The play, *The Servant of Two Masters* by Carlo Goldoni, calls for a cast of six men and three women and will be performed Sept. 20-22 in the Lab theatre.

The drama department's new professor, Dan Scuro, who supervises the lab theatre program, will direct the play. No prepared audition piece will be necessary.

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Campus Calendar

Public service announcements must be turned in at the box outside the DTH Offices in the Carolina Union by 1 p.m. if they are to run the next day. Each item will be run at least twice.

ACTIVITIES TODAY

Vote registration will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. today and Saturday at the Chapel Hill Public Library, and from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. today at the Chapel Hill Municipal Bldg. and the Carboro Town Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. John's MCC will worship at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Community United Church of Christ, Dixie Trail and Wade Ave., Raleigh. MCC is a fellowship of gay Christians and friends. All are welcome. For more information, call 928-8843 or 967-9626.

The Central Committee of the Black Student Movement will meet at 8 p.m. Monday in Upendo Lounge. Central Committee meetings are open to all general body members. Cashback from the APO Book Co-op will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday in Rooms 202 and 204 Carolina Union. Blue slips are necessary to claim money or unpaid books.

The Crew Club will hold its first organization meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in 207 Carolina Union. All those interested in rowing are invited to attend.

FOCUS, the Graduate Christian Fellowship, invites all interested persons to be our guests at a picnic at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Forest Theater. Call Jay Farrell at 967-9979 for more information.

The Student Consumer Action Union is providing an opportunity for undergraduates to work with law students in uncovering consumer rights for a booklet to be distributed to students. Come to the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the South Gallery meeting room, Carolina Union.

The Recreation Society's first meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in 205 Carolina Union. All recreation majors are invited to attend. The activities for the year will be discussed. There will be a varsity lacrosse meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday in 305 Woolden Gym. All those interested in coming out for the lacrosse team are welcome.

The Carolina Indian Circle will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday upstairs in the Campus Y. Come and be a part of our organization. There will be an Outing Club meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Check the Carolina Union desk for a meeting place.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The DAT (Dental Aptitude Test) will be held Oct. 6. Applications and \$20 fees must be received in Chicago, Ill. by Sept. 10. Pick up applications in 311 South Bldg., 101 Nash Hall or Brauer. Sample questions are on reserve in the House Library, Counseling Center Library and PreDent/PreMed Advising Office, 311 South Bldg.

There will be no Chapel Hill or Carboro bus service on Monday.

"The harvest is plentiful, the workers are few." The Lord has

Library closed

Wilson Library will be closed Monday for the Labor Day Holiday. The Undergraduate library will be open 8 a.m.-midnight Monday, however.

Wilson will resume its regular schedule on Tuesday.

raised up a prison ministry through the Cornerstone Coffeehouse. Those persons interested in going out to the Orange County Prison should contact Austin Spruill at 933-6957. Our next visit will be Sept. 15.

The Chapel Hill Libertarian Society Advocates of Civil Liberties and Economic Freedom will meet every second and fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Mad Hatter Restaurant on Franklin St. The next meeting will be held Sept. 11.

NCHM volunteer registration is open to all UNC students interested in service to others or health career exploration. Register from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. today in the Volunteer Services office on the first floor of the hospital or call 966-4793.

The Central Committee of the Black Student Movement announces vacancies for the following positions: parliamentarian, off-campus coordinator, membership chairperson, special projects chairperson and Granville representative. If interested in a position, call William Bynum at 933-9837 or see him at the BSM office in Suite B, Carolina Union.

Wilson Library will be closed Labor Day. University recognition of all extracurricular organizations will expire Sept. 15. Only officially recognized organizations are allowed to use University facilities. All organizations seeking either renewal or initial recognition should contact the office of Student Affairs, O1 Steele Building for an application for the 1979-80 academic year.

The Carolina Union Social Committee is regrouping now and needs some new members. If you enjoy parties and have some spare time, this might be for you. If interested, fill out an application at the Carolina Union desk or drop by the activities board office.

Hunger and malnutrition are problems you can help solve both here and abroad. Get involved by joining the Hunger Action Committee of the Campus Y. Stop by the Y office and sign up, or call Dan at 933-4416.

Applicants for Elections Board Chairman should make an appointment for an interview this week in Suite C, Carolina Union, or call at 933-5201.

Recipients of North Carolina Prospective Teacher's Scholarships should see Paula Abramson in the Student Aid Office to receive funds. Be prepared to present your class registration schedule.

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