

Bars increase checks of IDs in alcohol sales

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It's a well-known fact that alcohol and minors don't mix—especially when the legal drinking age is 18 in a college town such as Chapel Hill.

Teen-agers who live in Chapel Hill are confronted with many temptations designed for their elder college counterparts, such as drinking beer.

Due to an increased number of assaults and a marked increase in DUI arrests, the Chapel Hill police have stepped up their efforts to control the illegal sales of alcohol to minors.

Local bar owners and police met Aug. 14 to discuss the recurring problem.

"The bar owners were very receptive and offered suggestions about the problem," said Dave Hill, Chapel Hill police administrative officer. "They were very aware and willing to work with us in any way possible."

As a result of the meeting, bar owners and managers have agreed to be more cautious when selling beer or mixed drinks to persons they suspect are not the legal drinking age.

"We are asking the bars to concentrate on driver's licenses as a means of identification," Hill said. He said that policemen will be circulating in plainclothes and uniform around the town's bars. They will be checking the various bars and will ask for IDs. Hill said that a person who cannot show an ID to an officer may be prosecuted.

At least one arrest has been reported in connection with a drunken driving citation. On Aug. 17, an 18-year-old male was cited for buying beer for a 17-year-old friend.

"The fine for that charge is pretty much up to the judge," Hill said. "But it could be costs or more." If the underage person was younger than 16, the older person could be charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, Hill said. He said the penalty probably would be stricter for that charge.

Most local bars have begun checking for IDs more often and some will not allow a person without proper identification in the door.

"We check just about everybody we don't know," Sam Schaffer, manager of Troll's Bar, 157 E. Rosemary St., said.

Any bar caught serving beer to a person under 18 could have its license to serve alcohol suspended by the state Alcoholic Beverage Control board.

Police said that an increase in incidents involving teen-agers that had been drinking during the summer caused parents to complain about the bars.

"It's not the bars' fault," said Linda Williams, manager of Linda's, 110 N. Columbia St. "There's not one place for a teen-ager to go here...either you're in college or you aren't."



Checking a patron's driver's license ...carding becoming more frequent

Most bar owners agree that the presence of more policemen will help the situation.

"It's suits me," Schaffer said. "I've noticed more of them (Teen-agers) trying to buy beer."

"When I grew up here, policemen really got to know teen-agers," Williams said. "The town was smaller then, but the police were more aware of what was going on."

Williams said she believed that if teens were more relaxed with policemen, there would not be as many problems.

Schaffer agrees. "The police aren't trying to give us a hard time," he said. "They are just regular guys who happen to be policemen."

John Spencer, bar manager of Four Corner Restaurant, 175 E. Franklin St., said he had not noticed an increase in disturbances there during the summer. "I'd been led to believe that that sort of thing usually happens during the summertime," Spencer said. "When they get back in school they will have more to do."

Williams said she did not mind teen-agers in her bar as long as she could keep an eye on them. "I let them in to play pinball during the day in the summer and I can watch them," she said. "They just don't have anywhere to go."

Williams, Schaffer and Spencer said they did not think that customers should be disturbed by being asked to show identification. "We're just doing our jobs," Spencer said. He said that as long as all bars make a coordinated effort to ask for an ID no one should feel discriminated against.

Delegate says unity is of wrong nature

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President Jimmy Carter will have to take a more liberal stance if he hopes to win the presidential election in November, a North Carolina delegate to the Democratic National Convention said last week.

"We have a choice of voting between three Republicans," said Henry Latane, a Chapel Hill resident who went to the convention as a Kennedy delegate. Latane, a former UNC business professor, retired last year after 30 years of teaching.

He said although the three major presidential candidates represent a conservative shift in American political thought, the situation could be changed before election day; particularly, he added, as voters became aware of Ronald Reagan's conservative extremism.

"(The Democratic Party) is united in a negative way—against Ronald Reagan," he said. He also said he

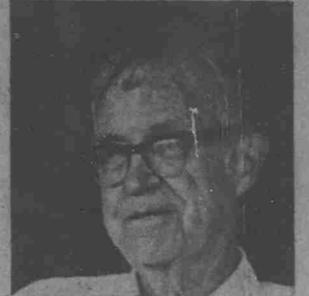
expects the entire campaign to be more personality-oriented, than issue-oriented. "It will be fought on a fairly low-scale basis," he said.

Many observers have said independent candidate John Anderson could play a key role in the election this fall. "He may decide this election," Latane said.

He added that although Anderson should draw more votes away from the president than from Reagan, the independent's candidacy would work to Carter's advantage if the election were thrown into the Democratic-controlled U. S. House of Representatives.

Latane, 73, has never run for public office and had not previously attended a national convention. He also has not voted for a Republican in the 52 years since he cast his first ballot in 1928 for Democratic presidential candidate Al Smith.

Latane takes a traditionally liberal view on both energy and inflation. "They (the oil companies) are not against (The Organization of Petroleum



Henry Latane

Exporting Countries)," he said. "They are against the American consumer." He said he favors full disclosure of oil companies' accounts to protect consumers.

Latane said most of his interest in politics has been to encourage formerly disenfranchised people, like blacks, to vote. He also said college students tend not to exercise their power at the voting booth. "They ought to be active and get out and vote to protect their interests."

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"The next month is going to be it," said Ole Holsti, state chairman for the Anderson campaign. "He will have to pick a vice president and the League of Women Voters will decide whether or not to include him in the presidential debates."

Last week, the League said it would extend the deadline for its decision about Anderson's viability as a candidate until the second week of September. Officials have said he will need a 15 percent popularity rating to be included in the presidential debates.

Before the Republican and Democratic national conventions, Anderson had a 22 percent rating, but it has dipped to anywhere from 13 percent to 19 percent, depending on the poll.

"Given the fact we have no federal funds the debates will be crucial," Holsti said. "He just can't afford that much television time."

Anderson strategists have admitted the independent will not

be strong in the South. Most of his base will be located in the Northeast and Midwest.

"We had no problem getting the 27,000 signatures he needed to get on the ballot last spring, so the support is there. With the return of students in the coming weeks we're hoping to rely on a lot of volunteers."

"This state is not a promising state and we admit he's a long shot, but it is his most likely state in the South," Holsti said.

"States like Texas, Florida, North Carolina and Virginia are becoming less typically Southern. And I'm not convinced Anderson is going to siphon off a lot of Democratic votes."

Holsti said his candidate's strength would come from the Piedmont, although there are a good number of volunteers helping throughout the state.

Holsti said the Anderson people currently are negotiating with University officials, attempting to hold a fund-raising concert in Carmichael Auditorium.

Troubled local nightspot open again

Elliot's Nest, a Chapel Hill nightspot on South Graham Street that was closed down last March, reopened July 22 on Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd and owner-manager S. Tony Gore III says the club is thriving.

Gore's club was closed last March due to complaints by nearby residents that the establishment was causing noise, parking and traffic problems.

"I was a little concerned about the response we'd receive after having been closed for six months. But the crowds have been great," Gore said.

Gore said it is too early to tell how the return of UNC students would affect his

club's business.

The new club is larger than the old and decorated in dark, earthy tones, he

The new Elliot's Nest also will have live entertainment. The Spontanes are scheduled to play at the club Sept. 4, Gore said.

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