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Omnibus

Up front:

6 A group of quiet, unassuming movie stars from such productions as "The Color Purple," "Meet Me in St. Louis," and "Roxanne" reside quite close to Chapel Hill — just a short drive down Highway 86 in Hillsborough. Quiet and unassuming aren't the usual movie star adjectives, but these aren't really stars — they're cars. Staff writer Francine Allen talks to James Freeland, the man behind the antique wheels.

3 Bet you've never seen anything like it before. It's the sixth annual first-year Master of Fine Arts exhibit at the Hanes Art Center. Staff writer Karen Hatton talks to the artists about their individual works. See if you can figure them out.

4 Music is his business. Meet Mike Edwards — folksinger, sound technician, and veteran band performer. Omnibus editor Cathy McHugh talks to the singer about his job at the ArtCenter and his career as a travelin' man.

5 Meet Music Professor and flutist Brooks de Wetter-Smith who went to China to study in a cultural exchange program. But don't worry, he's not talking in circles, he's *breathing* in them.

8 This week Joe Bob shares one of his recent, truly horrific experiences: he was trapped in Hypermart USA for about a week. But, hey, it's not that bad — he got some great bargains. You can never have enough Beanie Weenies. Speaking of weenies, the finest horror movie of the year is on this week's agenda: it's Bill "I'm So Sensitive" Cosby in "Leonard Part 6."

9 "I could really go for an omelet." Okay, so go to Breadmen's. Omnibus editor Cathy McHugh gives her review of a Chapel Hill institution that's just a little off the beaten track, where the atmosphere is sublimely casual and the breakfasts and banana pudding have become legends in their time.

9 Just when you thought it was safe to turn the page: the book review is back (but take heart, Surowiecki is still out with the chicken pox). Taking over his esteemed position, staff writer Jenny Livingston tells about Tom Wolfe's first non-fiction novel, "Bonfire of the Vanities" — a cynical look at the haves and have-nots in New York City.

10 Comedy skits, rowdiness, and foot-stomping music are what they're all about. University desk staff writer Mark Shaver talks to the Chapel Hill-based Shady Grove Band about their upcoming tour of Europe. But before they say bon voyage, you can catch their show at the ArtsCenter Friday night.

10 One potato, two potato, baked potato, stuffed. Harken all you potato lovers, or couch potatoes — whatever fits. In this week's cooking column, Robin Hardy shares her secrets for stuffing those spuds.

11 Baby, it's cold out there. But so what? You have a winter coat, right? If you dragged your body to classes all week (or even if you didn't) you ought to reward yourself and go out. Get some color in those cheeks. Week's Fare will show you the way.

12 This week's graffiti has staff writer Allison Pike delving into the off-the-wall stories behind the names of some local bands like Naugahyde Chihuahuas, Desperate Remedy, The Need and Billy Warden and the Floating Children. Musical fun for everyone.

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