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Discrimination charged in Club dispute

By Jennifer Brett
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The owner of a popular Franklin Street nightclub says his lease will not be renewed because the building's owner disapproves of his clientele, which includes many homosexuals and blacks.

Al Collier, owner of The Club, said he would not be granted a new lease in January because James Chris, the owner of the building, disapproved of the number of homosexual and black patrons who frequent the nightclub. The Club, formerly Club Zen, is located above Four Corners restaurant on West Franklin Street.

Chris, meanwhile, denied the accusations and said he made the decision not to renew the lease for business reasons.

Collier said Chris had approached him several times over the past year

with accusations that The Club was a gay bar, but Chris rarely visited to see for himself.

"Jim's come up here repeatedly, asking what kind of bar I'm running, and that he'd heard it was a gay bar," Collier said. "I've told him again and again, it's just a bar. I've invited him to come up many times, but it seems he's just looking to argue."

Collier claimed Chris said he didn't want homosexual patrons to make up the majority of The Club's business.

On one occasion, Chris approached Collier with the allegation that too many blacks were frequenting The Club on Wednesday nights, Collier said. The Club used to hold "hip-hop" night on Wednesdays, he said.

"He came up here, again asking me what kind of place we were running, and again I told him, 'It's just a bar,'" Collier said. "He said he'd noticed it was getting 'rather dark' up here, mean-

ing there were too many black people."

Chris said Collier's accusations were unfounded. "Whatever clientele he has is no matter to me," Chris said. "I don't care."

Collier said he wrote a letter to Chris in mid-August requesting that The Club be allowed to expand into the space soon to be vacated by Hairlines. Before Collier received a response, club employee Brett Long was informed by Jim Weldon, the owner of Four Corners, that The Club's lease would not be renewed in January, Collier said.

"There was some sort of dispute over parking between Brett and Jim," Collier said. "The quarrel ended with Jim saying he was glad he wouldn't have to be bothered with us much longer — that we weren't going to be here next year. So obviously Four Corners knew about this before we did."

Weldon refused to comment on the matter.

Chris said Wednesday he decided not to renew the lease solely for business reasons. "It's a business decision," he said. "It's personal between Al and me. Mr. Collier knows why, and it has nothing to do with his clientele."

Chris declined to provide specific information about his decision. "I'm not here to tell you why I'm not going to renew the lease," he said. "I've been a businessman here for over 20 years. For somebody to come along and slander my name as an upstanding citizen, that's just not right."

But Collier said he could not think of another reason why Chris would refuse to renew the lease.

"I don't know what else it could possibly be," Collier said. "When I asked why, Mr. Chris only replied that he needed to talk to his attorney. He does not like the clientele."

Collier said Club patrons did not disturb activities on Franklin Street.

Violence is rare, and The Club sells less alcohol than most Chapel Hill bars because people come to dance, not to drink, he said.

"We stay open until 3 (a.m.), whereas other places close at two," he said. "Occasionally, we'll get people coming in who have been drinking, and sometimes violence results. But they didn't get drunk here. We're a safe place."

Chapel Hill police planner Jane Cousins said The Club had caused no more problems than other Franklin Street establishments.

"We do get called to The Club on occasion, but no more frequently than to other places," Cousins said. "We have had to go down after reports of drunken violence were called in, but no more often than any other bar in Chapel Hill."

Collier said since The Club's opening one and one-half years ago, employees have received repeated harass-

ment from Four Corners employees. Four Corners bouncers often are sent up to assess the ratio of men to women and then to report back to Chris, Collier said.

Traditionally, Thursday nights draw a more diverse crowd to The Club, Collier said.

"On Thursday nights, which I like to call liberal night, Four Corners has their guys come up here and check out the crowd," Collier said. "They're saying there's nothing but a bunch of faggots up here, and that we should be shut down."

Four Corners Manager Craig Reed denied there had ever been friction between the two businesses.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Joe Herzenberg, the first openly gay elected official in North Carolina, called the issue "an abomination."

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DTH/Kelly Franklin

Helmet law in action

Anne Shackelford, a Chapel Hill resident, helps her daughter Kelly quench her thirst at the Old Well Wednesday morning.

Shackelford took her daughter and son, David, out for a bicycle ride around the campus.

Tuition hike fails to lift budget crisis off UNC

By Ashley Fogle
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Revenue generated from tuition increases will not completely offset money lost by the University because of budget cuts, administrators said Wednesday.

Ken Grogan, UNC system associate vice president for finance, said the increase will provide \$6.3 million for academic affairs and \$1.4 million for health affairs at UNC-CH.

The increase, passed this summer by the N.C. General Assembly, raised tuition by 20 percent for in-state students and 25 percent for out-of-state students.

Wayne Jones, UNC-CH associate vice chancellor for finance, said the University's appropriations from the General Assembly were \$20 million less this year than they were last year. These cuts were greater than the money raised by the tuition increase, he said.

"The University benefited from the tuition increase on the assumption that the cuts would have been greater without it," Jones said.

Grogan said the combination of bud-



Ben Tuchi

get cuts and tuition increases made it difficult to tell how much UNC-CH would gain.

"We're in a situation where we went

through the budget hearings and had some budget reductions," he said. "And then there were tuition increases and enrollment changes."

"It's a combination of pluses and minuses, but obviously we're not as well off as we would have been if we were not in a period of economic downturn."

Ben Tuchi, UNC-CH vice chancellor for business and finance, said the University would gain from the increase.

"We benefit from the tuition increase because of the increase in the amount of financial aid and new money for existing programs," he said. "The net effect is that if we didn't have tuition increases, our decline in funding would have been greater."

The legislature will dictate how some of the revenue must be spent, Tuchi said.

"The legislature, in mandating reductions, mandated cuts in several dozen areas, and they were quite specific," he said. "That injects a new uncertainty."

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Phoenix laser printer will be available to students for fee

By Marty Minchin
Staff Writer

Students soon will be able to use The Phoenix Student Newsweekly staff's laser printer for half the price charged per page by Kinko's and Copytron.

The executive branch of student government and the Phoenix staff worked together to provide the service, said Josh Siegel, executive branch treasurer.

Students will be able to use the laser printer at the Phoenix office in the Student Union beginning Sept. 20. The service will be available from 8 a.m. to noon Friday mornings for 50 cents per page. The last day to use the Phoenix's printer will be Dec. 6.

"At the student government retreat,

one problem we saw facing the student body was the lack of free laser printing on campus," Siegel said. "The executive branch thought it would be a good idea to do something about it."

The campus microcomputing labs aren't offering free laser printing to students and staff this year because of the high cost of maintenance and supplies for the printers.

Students must bring in their finished work on a disk because Phoenix computers will not be available for use, Siegel said.

Christy Cochran, executive branch chief of staff, said, "We tried to find a printer on campus where we could work out a deal and the Phoenix people were glad to help out."

The executive branch will pay for the paper, toner and wages of a lab assistant from their discretionary fund, she said. The lab assistant will monitor use of the laser printer in the Phoenix office.

Siegel said the 50 cents will offset some of the costs, but the executive branch will lose money on the project.

Kinko's charges 90 cents per copy for the first 10 copies, 50 cents per print for 11 to 25 copies and 25 cents per print for every additional copy. Copytron charges \$1 per page for the first 25 copies and 25 cents for each additional copy.

Cochran said the printer will only be open to students four hours each week

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Residents concerned about planning despite South Loop defeat

By Amber Nimocks
Staff Writer

South Loop road may have been defeated by the Chapel Hill Town Council Tuesday night, but residents in the areas adjacent to Mason Farm Road said they still are concerned about the future of their neighborhood.

"I'm pleased with the council's decision," said mayoral candidate Ken Broun, who is a resident of Whitehead Circle near Mason Farm Road. "But I think (residents) need to sit down with the town and find out what the University is going to do.... We can do better in communicating about different problems."

Broun said he thought the town and the University should address the issue of traffic patterns and the prospects of keeping the Mason Farm neighborhood and Odum Village intact. Odum Village is UNC's student family housing.

University planners want South Loop, which would realign Manning Drive further away from UNC Hospitals, built to handle increased traffic and to provide better access to the medical complex on South Campus.

Controversy has surrounded the road because it would destroy half of Odum Village.

The council voted 5-3 Tuesday night not to include the controversial road on the town's thoroughfare plan. Includ-

ing the road on the thoroughfare plan would have enabled the University to fund its construction with Department of Transportation money.

Council member Roosevelt Wilkerson reversed his earlier position in favor of the road's inclusion and voted Tuesday to defeat the resolution.

Wilkerson said he changed his mind after considering the lack of communication between the town and the University. After the new council is elected in November, it will need to address the communication problems in the community, he said.

Richard Wolfenden, a resident of Mason Farm Road, said he would like to see the University and the town get

together and minimize development in the area.

Ben Tuchi, UNC vice chancellor for business and finance, said Wednesday he could not predict how the University would proceed with funding the project until after the next meeting of the Facilities Planning Committee. The meeting has not yet been scheduled, he said.

"We have not taken it to a discussion with the staff," Tuchi said. "It's impact would be so far in the future. We are disappointed because we are not going to be able to approach (campus development) in a way we wanted."

University officials said in the past they would seek capital funding for South Loop if the council did not rec-

ommend it for DOT funding. Odum Village resident Steve Wallace, who led community opposition to the road, said he did not think UNC would give up on South Loop.

"Now it will go into the legislative arena," Wallace said. "UNC will now be competing with other campuses for the capital money.... It would be very difficult for them to obtain that money."

After elections in November, council rules state that the new council could take up the South Loop issue again when the thoroughfare plan is discussed.

Mayoral candidate Rosemary Waldorf said she made it clear in July she would not support putting South Loop on the town's thoroughfare plan

unless the University agreed to support the town's road funding priorities.

"I don't want South Loop to eclipse the town's more important priorities," Waldorf said. "I'm glad it was defeated because the University didn't seem interested in working with the town. If the University obtains capital money, there would be no way the town could obstruct the construction of South Loop."

Waldorf said the town and the University should cooperate more on development issues. She also said the University should initiate the next attempt at communication.

Tommy Gardner, another candidate for mayor, declined to comment on the issue.

A lady is one who never shows her underwear intentionally. — Lillian Day