

Homecoming boosts stores' sales

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As UNC's 1992 Homecoming season came to an end, many local businesses found themselves overwhelmed by the increased number of customers. Local restaurants and specialty stores were swamped by parents, students and die-hard UNC football fans. Many merchants said they believed Homecoming coupled with Parents Weekend helped business tremendously. Shelton Henderson, the owner of the Shrunken Head Boutique on East Franklin Street, said he thought the increased patronage partly was due to the time of the football game. The Homecoming football game began at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, instead of beginning around 1 p.m. as originally scheduled. Game time was moved so ABC could televise the game against Georgia Tech, which UNC won, 26-14.

Homecoming

Adam Beck, co-director of Homecoming, said the selection process was changed this year to include three parts — an interview, an application and service project submission, and a general body vote. The new process puts more

"Our business was wonderful," Henderson said. "It did increase some because of the time of the game, which was a big help. The winning also had a tremendous impact."

Ascher Mikow, the manager of Johnny T-Shirt, agreed with Henderson that the increased flow of business was due to the time of the game and the combination of Parents Weekend and Homecoming.

"This weekend was one of our biggest of the year, right after Thanksgiving and Christmas," Mikow said.

According to Ned Dirlek, an employee at Barr-ee Station, the increased influx of parents caused most of the crowds.

"We saw a lot more parents than usual," Dirlek said. "Overall, business was pretty steady. You know, business brings money, and money is good."

While retail stores did an increased but manageable business, employees at local restaurants said they were over-

whelmed. Lines and 45-minute waiting lists were common at many restaurants.

According to Jack McKinney, the assistant kitchen manager at Spanky's, business was more hectic than usual.

"Well, we're always busy on football weekends," McKinney said. "This weekend we were a lot busier than usual. In fact, we were swamped."

Mike Hubbard, manager of Landlubber's Seafood Restaurant on N.C. 54, said he thought this particular football weekend brought more people into town than usual.

"Most Carolina football games are around 12 or 1," Hubbard said. "After it's over, most fans just go home."

"But this week, since the game ended so late, the fans hung around for dinner, and we did a fantastic business," Hubbard added.

Henderson said that although the busy weekend brought more people to the stores on Franklin Street, he did not think that an increase in crowds caused any problems.

"We love a crowd," Henderson said. "We never have anything harmful to say about a crowd. The one thing I do have to say is, thank God they're here."

Fire

Greer said he attributed the fire to normal cooking procedures and added that it was only an accident.

The evacuation was orderly because the bar was fairly empty. "There were only 10 of us," Greer said. "We're all friends and employees. We did what we could and got out."

Greer said the bar and restaurant would reopen today.

"We have to get everything reinspected before the kitchen reopens," Greer said. "The bar will open as soon

'Chamber Music' shows women's pain

Rahul Mehta

Theatre

Arthur Kopit's "Chamber Music" mixes humor and seriousness to create a powerful feminist message that left audience members truly intrigued at Lab! Theatre's preview performance Saturday night.

But the humor is just the anesthetic — the nitrous oxide that keeps you laughing even while the shot is being administered. The message is too painful to be taken any other way.

With a cast of characters that ranges from Gertrude Stein and Amelia Earhart to Susan B. Anthony and Joan of Arc, "Chamber Music" brings together eight of history's most intriguing female figures. The setting is the meeting room of Wing Five, the women's section of what seems to be a mental institution for the dead.

Just on the other side of the wall, the side the audience never sees, is the men's ward. The idea is that the men's ward is going to attack the women's ward, and the women are meeting to figure out what to do about it.

There is little in the play that is outwardly serious. The seriousness comes in the insane way that everything is so absurd.

Joan of Arc whines about the way

her armored pants are rusting and chants lines like "Gertrude Stein can't write a line/Gertrude Stein is a swine." Amelia Earhart passes around cigarettes, but no one has matches, so they sit around the table puffing until someone finally says, "Smoking just isn't the same without smoke."

The world of "Chamber Music" is so absurd because it is an extreme representation of reality, in many cases a representation more pure and less obscured than reality itself. One of the greatest representations occurs when the women finally decide to frighten the men into not attacking by killing one of their own and sending her body over to the men's ward with all their signatures attached. Sometimes it seems the only way to survive is by destroying the very people with whom you should be uniting.

This play contains many memorable things. Memorable lines like "The right to sleep is never given to women" and "One birth should be enough for any-

one." Memorable scenes like Miss Mozart throwing open a window and lip-synching to one of her husband's operas or Susan B. Anthony struggling Amelia Earhart. But the really memorable thing is the cast.

"Chamber Music" presents nine of the best performances Lab! Theatre has seen. Sophomore Sharon Wall's sadistic Gertrude Stein is incredible, macabre as an Edward Gorey character. Senior Wendy Bounds is believably antagonistic as Earhart. And now, whenever audience members hear the name Joan of Arc, they will forever picture a pouting sophomore Shannon Drysdale, long-haired and whining. "The main thing with armor is, it's very hard to tip-toe around in."

Still, after all the humor, after all the craziness, after all the laughter, the audience is left with the final image of the man in white reminding them, "Ladies, you must keep the window closed." But even through a closed window a cry for help can be heard, if the cry is loud enough.

The play runs at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. today and at 5 p.m. Tuesday. Lab! Theatre is in the basement of Graham Memorial. Admission is free.

Council

them with big-city techniques."

Several applicants said they wished they had been given more time to prepare for the forum.

Roland said that the selection procedure could have been better organized but that she had "no qualms" with the process. She said she thought the council had done the best they could.

But Tripodi was less satisfied. "They should've decided in the beginning not to have an application process but an electoral process," he said. "I don't have any problems with an open forum, but I think they should have a number of open forums in front of the various citizen groups, like the NAACP and environmental groups, so the people will really know what we think."

Applicants Pat Evans and Ed Devany were unable to attend the meeting, but planned to submit their answers in writing.

Council members said they realized the process was rushed but added that they thought the empty seat needed to

be filled as soon as possible.

Chapel Hill Mayor Ken Broun said, "We need a ninth person, and we need to get back to normality."

Tripodi said he thought the council had decided in the beginning to pick an African American for the seat. He said he wanted evidence that Roosevelt Wilkerson had served the black community better than he could.

Tripodi added that because of his knowledge of business, he thought he would be able to bring black businesses, which are sorely needed, to the area.

Campus Calendar

MONDAY
NOON: TARP will start Recycling Week in the Pit.

12:30 p.m. SEAC will have buses leaving from Morehead Planetarium to go see Bill Clinton and Al Gore at NCCU in Durham.

2:30 p.m. University Career Services will offer basic information on how to use the UCS office for seniors and graduate students in 209 Hanes.

3:15 p.m. UCS will offer the basics for constructing a professional resume in 209 Hanes.

4 p.m. UCS will have a two-year career opportunities panel in 210 Hanes.

5 p.m. Orientation Office will have a meeting for students interested in an Orientation Leader position in 208 Union.

6:30 p.m. The Order of the Bell Tower will have an information session for the Extern Program in Upstate Lounge in Chase.

UCS will sponsor a presentation by Andersen Consulting in the UNC Ballroom, Carolina Inn.

7 p.m. UCS will sponsor a presentation by Signet Bank in the Carolina Inn.

The Writing Center will offer a workshop on "How to Write an Effective Application Essay for Graduate & Professional Schools" in 222 Greenlaw.

Rape Action Project will have a mandatory training session for all new members in 210 Union.

TARP will have an open house for all those interested in recycling issues in 517 Hamilton.

ITEMS OF INTEREST
Youth United has applications available at the Campus Y, the BCC and the Union Desk.

CUAB Social Committee has applications available for men and women interested in participating in the UNC Dating Game at the Union Desk.

UPCOMING
Presbyterian Campus Ministry and Institute for Development Training will hold a presentation and discussion for World Population Awareness Week at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at University Presbyterian Church.

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