# Carrboro's Roulette Vintage closes its doors

### Owners will continue retail website

#### **BY BLAIR BROWN** STAFF WRITE

After more than four years with the business, owners closed a vintage clothing store in Carrboro popular for both its products and its staff on Sunday.

Roulette Vintage closed after sales dwindled in the months that followed the recession, owners Kara LaFleur and Rebecca Moore said.

Specializing in clothing made between the 1930s and 1980s, the store found business from UNC students and residents of Carrboro, the pair said.

For the past two years, LaFleur and Moore said they offered major discounts on their expansive collection to draw in more sales in the failing economy.

They have also been operating the store without employees since they took it over four years ago. "We had no problems before the

economy collapsed," LaFleur said. "The close is mainly attributed to the economy."

Jessica Potter, a regular customer and friend of the owners, said Roulette Vintage was her favorite

store at least once a week," Potter tage clothing market has helped said. "But what kept me coming back were Kara and Rebecca."

several local designers, many of whom still want to maintain their business experience have helped business and personal relationships with LaFleur and Moore.

of Riverbasin Outfitters and fre- country, but employee and UNC quent local contributor to Roulette /intage, said in an e-mail she was interested in conducting homebased sales with LaFleur and Moore.

"I'm hoping we will do some home sales together, trunk-show style," Takada-Capel said.

Two other vintage stores in Chapel Hill - The Clothing Warehouse and Time After Time Vintage Thrift – have also been affected by the poor economy, but "I would say that I shopped at the serving a different niche in the vinthem stay afloat.

Time After Time co-owner The owners purchased authentic Steven Schrenzel said in an e-mail pieces from estate sales and from that prices 25 to 50 percent lower than competitors' and 27 years of them to stay open.

The Clothing Warehouse oper-River Takada-Capel, owner ates a chain of stores across the

student Ryan Hill said the local store has experienced a drop in sales like most other retailers.

"Our vintage shops maintain operations in different ways," Hill said. "It's just that no one wants to buy anything in this economy."

In an effort to adapt to the business climate, LaFleur and Moore are exploring other venues for their vintage products, such as online through their website and at private events.

The owners are also looking into buying or renting a space that they could rent for events where they would sell their clothing.

"We're ready to do something different," LaFleur said. "We don't do this for the money. "We do this because we love it."

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Catlin Hettell and Joanna Welborn look at items at Roulette Vintage at city@dailytarheel.com. last week. The store closed after losing business in the recession.

# Struggling Wake Forest squad next for Tar Heels

#### **BY MARK THOMPSON** SENIOR WRITER

North Carolina's men's basketball team has no four-year starters. Only two players in its nine-man rotation has played in the NCAA Tournament in blue and white.

But coach Roy Williams knows his team is experienced enough to treat its next opponent like any other.

"My team is a very immature team in a lot of ways, but I think that they will have some respect for Wake," Williams said. "I don't think that they'll take them lightly. I think they'll come to practice (Monday) and work really hard to try to get prepared to play."

The Demon Deacons (8-17, 1-9 ACC) have struggled this season to say the least. Wake Forest is one of two teams in the ACC that averages fewer points than its opponents. The other is Virginia.

But Wake's margin is by far the largest. The Demon Deacons are outscored by an average of 8.1 points per game, whereas the Tar Heels (18-6, 8-2) have outscored their opponents by an average of 10.3 points per game.

But Wake Forest isn't devoid of talent, and it has a number of players from whom it can expect scoring. The Demon Deacons are the only team in the ACC to have



The Tar Heels need to improve their 3-point shooting as the conference

## season continues. Leslie McDonald is 20 percent in his last five games.

## THE LOWDOWN ON TONIGHT'S GAME

## Big Star brings encore show

#### **BY KATHERINE PROCTOR** STAFF WRITER

A softer side of rock will come to the stage of Playmakers Theatre tonight.

Following sold-out performances at Carrboro's Cat's Cradle in December, the band Big Star will present an acoustic encore performance of their album 'Third/Sister Lovers" at the theater.

The concert will feature local musicians such as Greg Humphreys, Mandolin Orange and members of Lost in the Trees, Birds and Arrows and the North Carolina Symphony.

Chris Stamey, organizer of both the Cat's Cradle performances and the acoustic encore, said that the show tonight will be more about the details.

"At this show, we're looking for people to hear the beautiful acoustic sounds of the strings," he said. "It's very moving to hear the nuances of the arrangements.

John Heitzenrater, a member of local band Hindugrass, will also be playing in tonight's show.

The encore show will be a more quiet affair than its predecessor, he said.

"It's not going to be the sort of



"It's sort of a listening room. It's the perfect size...and it's got a nice vibe."

LISA BEAVERS, EVENTS MANAGER AT THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF THE AMERICAN SOUTH, ON THE HISTORIC PLAYMAKERS THEATRE

"There are such amazing textures in just the orchestration parts."

Heitzenrater said that the performance will feature close to 30 artists at one time.

Lisa Beavers, events manager for the Center for the Study of the American South and concert organizer, said Playmakers Theatre is an ideal venue for the show.

"It's sort of a listening room," she said. "It's the perfect size, the seats are comfortable and it's got a nice vibe to it."

Heitzenrater said that he hopes the on-campus location of the concert will draw in more of the University population.

"The theater is so gorgeous, and it sounds amazing in there," he It's like a totally different world." said.

Originally from Memphis, Tenn., pounding drums that you heard at Big Star is known for its "American



power pop" sound.

The band has said that its sound is influenced by British invasion groups like The Beatles and The Kinks.

At the Grammy Awards on Sunday night, Big Star's anthology-like box set, "Keep an Eye on the Sky," won an award for its liner notes.

The award-winning notes were written by Robert Gordon.

Before the show, Mary Lindsay Dickinson - wife of Big Star's late producer Jim Dickinson - will speak about her husband's legacy at Wilson Library.

Heitzenrater said that people who attended the Cat's Cradle show shouldn't write off the encore.

"Hopefully people won't think they've already heard it, because it's a totally different experience," he said.

"It's a lot more lush and warm.

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five players averaging 10 or more points per game.

That's something Williams said his team can't afford to overlook tonight.

"If there's five averaging double figures there's not one that you should focus on, because all five of them can hurt you," Williams said.

"I've always felt that it is a difficult team to prepare for .... What it boils down to is everybody individually has to do a great job of guarding their man without having to have too much help."

And on offense, the Tar Heels have plenty to work on, particularly beyond the 3-point line.

In each of the Tar Heels' last two games, they shot 14 percent from the 3-point line. But in the two games before that, the Tar Heels shot 40 and 52 percent from long range.

"I'm surprised by the lack of consistency, because we make a lot of shots in practice," Williams said. "I think Duke and Clemson both did a nice job of challenging those 3-point shots."

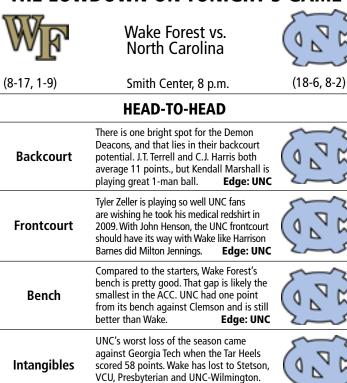
Williams said the difference could just be taking smarter shots.

"Against Florida State we had two 3-point shots that were blocked, which means we shouldn't have been shooting them in the first place," Williams said. "It takes special players to make guarded threes.

Despite shooting a poor 3-point percentage against Clemson, the Tar Heels were able to make crucial plays down the stretch to grab the win – one of many things that has improved over the course of the season.

But the Tar Heels have made tons of improvements. Since starting the season 5-3, the Tar Heels have won 14 of their last 17 games, and UNC is 11-2 in its last 13

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ırt	There is one bright spot for the Demon Deacons, and that lies in their backcourt potential. J.T. Terrell and C.J. Harris both average 11 points., but Kendall Marshall is playing great 1-man ball. <b>Edge: UNC</b>	
urt	Tyler Zeller is playing so well UNC fans are wishing he took his medical redshirt in 2009. With John Henson, the UNC frontcourt should have its way with Wake like Harrison Barnes did Milton Jennings. <b>Edge: UNC</b>	( <u>2</u> 5
I	Compared to the starters, Wake Forest's bench is pretty good. That gap is likely the smallest in the ACC. UNC had one point from its bench against Clemson and is still better than Wake. <b>Edge: UNC</b>	
les	UNC's worst loss of the season came against Georgia Tech when the Tar Heels scored 58 points. Wake has lost to Stetson,	No. N

#### Oh, and N.C. State. Edge: UNC The Bottom Line — North Carolina 90, Wake Forest 63

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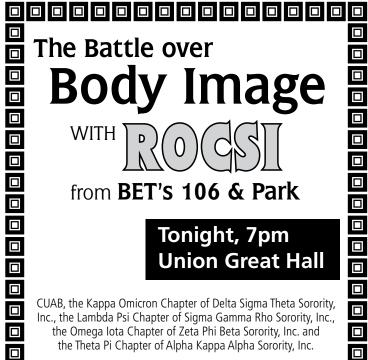
and Duke.

But it was after that 20-point beatdown by the Yellow Jackets a steady process for us, and I've felt that UNC seemed to really pick that this team would be that way, it up, and Williams hopes the Tar and so far they have been." Heels continue to improve.

"I thought this team would get better and better as the season went

games with losses to Georgia Tech along and I really believed that,' Williams said. "And, for the most part, our guys are improving .... It's

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the Cradle," Heitzenrater said.