Get lost in the sound at Cat's Cradle

he night of my high school graduation in Greenville, N.C., Jenny Lewis was playing at Cat's Cradle.

It seemed that I had two options. Two hours of watching my peers receive worthless pieces of paper or going to see one of my favorite artists at a cool venue? To me, the choice was clear. I begged my parents to let me skip the ceremony, but they wouldn't budge.

"Once you're in Chapel Hill, you can go to Cat's Cradle whenever you want," my mom told me

1819 Fordham Blv

(1 MI south of I-40 #270)

Chapel Hill

Little did she know how frequently I would want to — and would — go to Cat's Cradle.

My freshman year, I walked 15 minutes to Cat's Cradle from my Granville dorm a few times a month. I saw bands that I had only dreamed of seeing when I lived in Greenville.

DULT DVD MOVIES FOR RENT/SALE EXOTIC SMOKESHOP BEST PRICES IN THE TRIANGLE That year, all of my almost-hipster dreams came true: I snagged a Blind Pilot setlist, I danced in the chaos of Dan Deacon, and I was in the front row for Beach House.

At Cat's Cradle, I was introduced to my favorite band, St. Vincent. That same night I was

Get a piece...

nwood Ave

close enough to touch Andrew Bird's rainbow-colored socks.

I've found, though, that going to Cat's Cradle is more than getting to see some of the best indie bands in the country.

Cat's Cradle is an important part of our community, and a community in and of itself. I have plenty of friends who claim not to be "music people," and many of them have wanted to come along with me to a concert just so they can say that they've been.

There's something about the energy of the place; it's infectious. There is always this moment right before a show starts when the lights dim and the audience goes nuts. When that moment arrives on any given night at Cat's Cradle, I can't help but think, "This is where I live. I am a part of this."

The space also features plenty of local bands and supports local causes. This past year, they hosted Mipso Trio, a band that includes UNC students. And they've been the site of a concert by GirlsRock N.C., a camp that turns little girls into rock stars over the course of a week.

I've gone to shows by myself at Cat's Cradle. Attending a concert alone is probably out of most people's comfort zones, but it 士 @ 士

Clarke Tugwell
Editorial board member

doesn't bother me. You'll meet new people, make new friends or just have a great time dancing alone in the crowd.

And I've found in my experience that there will always be familiar faces, and more importantly, I'll be surrounded by people who love the music, people like me who want to get lost in the sound

For two hours, these strangers will be my family. That's the magic of a great concert, and Cat's Cradle knows how to host

Maybe you're a music lover who knows the names of every band coming to Cat's Cradle this year. Or maybe you're just looking for a good night out. I promise you the venue doesn't disappoint.

So grab a friend or just take yourself to one of the many shows that are sure to play this year. I promise you a night you will not soon forget.

919-928-0499 OPEN LATE 365 DAYS A YEAR! WWW.cherrypieonline.com Not valid with other offers. 18 to enter. Proper ID required.

Welcome to

No car? No problem!

With so many FREE ways to get around, you're good to go.

- Live off campus? Join UNC's **Commuter Alternatives Program** (CAP) and ride all DATA and Triangle Transit buses free. The Chapel Hill Transit buses are always free.
- Need to plan a trip? Check out gotriangle.org for our trip planner and maps from all area transit agencies. You can also use google.com/transit to get directions.
- Have a bike? Register with the Department of Public Safety to deter thieves. Be sure to check out the UNC Campus Bike Map to find bike lanes, paved off-road paths and wide outside lanes.
- Have friends at the other **blue school**? Take the Robertson Scholar Express bus from UNC to Duke for free. It runs every 30 minutes on weekdays.
- Are you a **sports fan?** Team up with friends to carpool or take the Tarheel Express bus to the Dean Dome.

- Flying home over break? Get to RDU for only \$2! From campus take Triangle Transit's 800 to the Regional Transit Center. From there grab the 100 to RDU.
- Want to keep it green on game day or on your way to class? Join Zimride to find a friend and share the ride. The UNC Chapel Hill private Zimride community allows you to find friends, classmates and co-workers going the same way you are.
- Going to **Southpoint Mall**? It really is this easy. From the stop on South Rd at Fetzer Gym take Triangle Transit's 800 and it'll drop you off near the mall's movie theater.
- Take the guess work out of your commute!

 Download the GoLive app on your smartphone for real-time bus arrival updates and see your bus as it approaches your stop. No smartphone? Signs are posted at each stop with directions on how to receive text updates.

ASG to reform amidst criticism

The association works to represent the interests of UNC-system students.

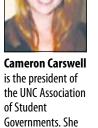
By Vinayak Balasubramanian State & National Editor

At a time of financial and budgetary difficulties, both among students seeking to pay for college and governments seeking to fund colleges, students can count on their interests being represented.

Created in the 1970s, the
UNC Association of Student
Governments represents the
220,000 public university students
across the state in speaking before
state legislators, the UNC system
and other state and federal officials.

The association meets monthly at a different UNC campus to discuss issues affecting students, such as tuition increases

increases.
Each university sends four delegates, two of which must include the student body



was elected in April.

president body
president and vice president.
UNC-CH's additional two
delegates include the speaker of
Student Congress and someone
who is chosen by the speaker,

president.

The president of the association, elected every two years by the association, serves as a mem-

student body president and vice

ber of the Board of Governors.

Atul Bhula, former association president, said the association was founded in the 1970s to provide a venue for discussion amidst the civil rights movement and the formation of the modern-day

UNC system.

Bhula, who presided from 2010 through 2012, said some of the major projects conducted by the association under his leadership included initiatives for collaboration with international students and negotiations with UNC-system officials on budget cuts.

The association's efficiency has been scrutinized from members of the UNC-CH Student Congress, and a referendum was held at UNC-CH to decide if the university should withdraw from it. While students voted to remain in the association, a committee was set up by the UNC-CH Student Congress to review it.

Cameron Carswell, president of the association, said she looks forward to working to improve the effectiveness of the organization.

"I will ensure from the first meeting that delegates are passionate, timely and focused," she said. "It is unfair for students to be misrepresented by apathetic delegates."

Contact the State and National Editor at state@dailytarheel.com.

Where's the bus? Get real-time arrival information 4 ways:



- -TransLoc app (for Android, iPhone and Blackberry users)
- -Online at live.gotriangle.org
- -Text message
- -Your mobile browser

