

Sutton's: A Franklin Street institution

Chamber of Commerce honors owner John Woodard

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The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce will induct seven business leaders into its Hall of Fame on Nov. 5. The Daily Tar Heel will feature each of these inductees. John Woodard, owner of Sutton's Drug Store, will be among those inducted.

A place full of character and charm, Sutton's Drug Store feels like home for Chapel Hill residents and students.

Woodard began his career working in a pharmacy. The UNC graduate never thought he would own a store on Franklin Street until he got the opportunity in 1977.

"In the pharmacy world, it's like hitting a home run, so to speak," Woodard said. "Just the thought of it, whether it worked out or not, was so exciting."

Woodard will be awarded with one of the 2015 Business Hall of Fame awards by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce.

"I was obviously very pleased, and it made my wife and I feel very good that we were thought of enough to be recognized for what we feel like all our hard work was for," Woodard said. "This was like a benefit on the side because our main focus has been to serve the people of Chapel Hill."

Woodard began the tradition of hanging photos around the store of customers enjoying their meals.

"That's part of the legacy he's left; to be on the wall you have to be with John in a way, so he's a big part of



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Owner John Woodard stands outside Sutton's Drug Store. He will be inducted into the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce Business Hall of Fame.

the history around here," said Clay Pinney, a worker at Sutton's for 11 years.

Pinney spoke highly of Woodard and said he was like family.

"He deserves it, there's no question about that," Pinney said. "In the mornings people wait for him to come in to work, so now that he's retired he has to have like five breakfasts."

Sutton's history and its long tradition both contribute to the uniqueness of the Franklin Street establishment.

"What's special about it is you can have one family with four gen-

erations that have all eaten here before," Pinney said. "Some people can't have a game day without coming here first because it would break their tradition."

When asked what makes Sutton's unique, UNC men's basketball player Kennedy Meeks said, "It feels like home, which might be cliché, but it's personal and they always welcome you here."

Women's basketball player Erika Johnson said she doesn't even have to order because they have her order memorized.

"It feels like a family, not to be cheesy, but it really does because everyone knows everyone and the staff has been here for so long," Johnson said.

Sutton's has been on Franklin Street for 92 years, making it one of the oldest establishments on the street, and customers say they are confident it will remain.

"I think it's been here for so long because of the traditional setup of the diner," Johnson said. "They seem to always be renovating and updating to suit the needs of their customers."

Employee Clint Goodwin said when customers come in once, they always come back.

"There's not much of this kind of personality anywhere else, you come in here and if you don't necessarily know who you're talking to, it still seems like a friend," Goodwin said.

Woodard said Sutton's means a lot to him and the award is a big honor.

"It's been my life for the last 38 years and it will always be a part of me," Woodard said.

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New foods debut at state fair

The N.C. State Fair will see fried foods and a new mascot this year.

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The N.C. State Fair — historically a bucket list item for students at UNC — returns Thursday boasting homegrown music acts, peanut butter and jelly chicken wings and a new mascot.

Presenters at the media preview Monday said they have high expectations for 2015. Assistant Fair Manager James Romer went so far as to describe the fair as one of the premier state fairs in the country.

Steve Troxler, North Carolina's agriculture commissioner, said USA Today readers polled North Carolina's fair in the top 10 state fairs nationwide.

Local music takes over

Every concert and show at the fair this year originates from or currently lives in North Carolina, said Hannah Parker, assistant event director at Deep South Entertainment, which orchestrated the musical acts for 2015.

"We have so many wonderful musicians in North Carolina, so why would we outsource it to other artists in other states for a ton of money?" she said.

During the fair's two-week run, more than 80 acts from multiple genres will perform.

The Dorton Arena will host bigger acts, and local bands will perform at the Waterfall Stage. Smaller names and bluegrass bands will make up most of the Heritage Circle Bluegrass Stage's repertoire.

Deep-fried menu grows

Perhaps most famous for its culinary creations, this year's state fair also includes 24 food vendors.

The list of deep-fried snacks has lengthened with the addition of deep-fried peanut butter pickles, deep-fried bacon-wrapped Tootsie Rolls and deep-fried pimento cheese.

But vendors have also branched out — one stand will boast peanut butter and jelly chicken wings, and another is set to serve "pig in a jar."

Jennifer Kendrick, spokesperson for the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, said a few healthy options will be available as well.

Rides provide extra thrills

Powers Great American Midways is celebrating its 10th year as a ride provider for the fair and wants to ensure their rides are entertaining, said Marc Janas, spokesperson for the company.

"We are already planning ahead for the next 10 years," Janas said.



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This year, the company will provide almost a dozen new attractions, including a large roller coaster named the Super Cyclone and a mid-sized Ferris wheel.

Three of the new additions are "thrills," Janas said — the new roller coaster, the spaceship-like Centrifuge and the Sizzler, which presents Carolinians with a modern twist on a classic scrambler-ride.

New mascots welcomed

Fairgoers are likely run into new mascots, such as Casey Cardinal and Captain Powers.

Casey Cardinal was created at the 1968 state fair, when the bird was chosen from 2,000 entries in a contest the fair held to create a new mascot. Casey appears as a giant red bird — a caricature of the state bird.

Captain Powers, created by the midway company, has been a big hit so far, Janas said.

"It's something (the company had) been wanting to do for years, and each year we're going to add a new (mascot)," he said. "We're going to create a whole family of superheroes."

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Layoff jobs aren't new, HR says

UNC has two open positions for orientation/layoff coordinators.

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When geography professor Altha Cravey heard the University is looking for two full-time "orientation/layoff coordinators," she was shocked.

"I couldn't quite believe my ears," Cravey said. She tweeted the link to notify others of the positions. Cravey said she has worried about the University's mentality toward its employees for a while now, and the two open positions increased her concerns.

Shannon Brien, Student Action with Workers co-chairperson, said UNC employees have had concerns similar to Cravey's for a couple of decades. She said their worries include job stability and not feeling valued by the University.

The most recent example of those concerns, Brien said, is the possibility of UNC Student Stores being privatized. Three months ago, Follett, a company that owns more than a thousand student stores nationwide, submitted a proposal to lease Student Stores.

Follett, if it leases the bookstore, says it would pay the University \$3 million annually and attempt to save millions of dollars with cheaper books.

Brien said the University's need to cut back financially often seems to take priority over the value of UNC faculty and staff.

She said the pressure to save money is understandable, since state funding has decreased so drastically in recent years. The North Carolina state legislature cut UNC's academic affairs budget by more than \$22 million from 2014-15 in their final budget deal, released last month.

"There really is this concern that they're doing it just for the sake of the bottom line," Brien said. "And not really looking at the University as an academic institution that needs to support faculty research and a place that sustains an entire community."

Kathy Bryant, spokesperson for human resources at UNC, said the two positions are not new. They both happened to open up at the same time, she said in an email.

One has been vacant since the summer, Bryant said, when a former employee left for a position at another school. The other position is currently filled, but the employee is leaving soon.

Bryant said the specialist, a position that is required by the Office of State Human Resources policy, manages orientation programs for new employees, assists with recruiting and facilitates the layoff process.

Cravey said she hopes to see a change in the way the University sees its employees, starting with the language it uses.

"We're constantly bombarded with this language that's developed in the business world that's all about efficiency," Cravey said. "It begins to shape how we view the world and how we view our social relationships and our community."

"We have a responsibility not to just put everything in those very simple, narrow terms."

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UNC prepares for stifling Wake Forest defense

The Demon Deacons rank 15th in the nation in scoring defense.

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Riding a four-game winning streak, the North Carolina football team faces a true offensive test this weekend.

Wake Forest (3-3) comes into Chapel Hill with the nation's 15th-ranked defense. And after spending its bye preparing for the Demon Deacons, UNC (4-1) knows its in-state rival isn't one to be trifled with.

"We're kind of controlling our own destiny right now," said redshirt senior guard Landon Turner. "We've got to make sure we stay focused and really take this one game at a time."

Before Saturday's 7 p.m. kickoff, here are four things to note about the matchup.

Protect the blitz

Wake Forest's 20th-ranked scoring defense relies on its physical blitzing attack.

With constant movement and exotic pressure schemes, the

Demon Deacons boast one of the most formidable defensive units in the country.

"If we're not physical or if we're hesitant, then it'll cause lapses in protection and zones and gaps," Turner said. "We've got to be mentally focused, especially with as much as they move."

Scoring threat

After posting just 13 points in its season opener, North Carolina has featured one of the nation's most prolific scoring offenses, averaging 45 points in its past four contests.

But against the Wake Forest defense — which shut out Boston College this past Saturday — something has got to give.

"We're gonna run what we wanna run, and we're gonna run it to the best of our ability," Turner said. "It all comes to execution, anyway."

ACC start

If the Tar Heels win this weekend, they will start 2-0 in ACC play for the first time since 1997.

"It's a big deal for us," said junior center Lucas Crowley.



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Elijah Hood (34) carries the ball upfield in a game against Georgia Tech.

"It would put us at the top in the Coastal (Division), and that's one of our goals. Another one of our goals is to be state champs, so it would help us in that area as well."

Flashbacks to 2011

The last time the Tar Heels took down the Demon Deacons was in a 49-24 home win in 2011.

That season was also the last time the Tar Heels started 5-1, a mark the 2015 squad would reach with a win Saturday. But following the Wake Forest game,

the 2011 crew dropped three of its next four games to finish a disappointing 7-6.

For Turner and his fellow fifth-year seniors, a different ending to this season is in their sights.

"This season for us has just been about leaving a legacy," said Turner, a member of the 2011 team. "(It's about) putting in the work to do that and kind of keeping each other accountable and working off of each other and striving to be that. We just want to leave a legacy."

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