

Tim Duncan Café brings the islands to Winston-Salem

Downtown revival will be bolstered by NBA star, alum's restaurant opening

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After two years of planning, construction is scheduled to begin on a restaurant in downtown Winston-Salem named after former Demon Deacon and current forward for the San Antonio Spurs, Tim Duncan, '97.

But the restaurant will play more to Duncan's Caribbean heritage, he hails from the U.S. Virgin Islands, than his basketball expertise. According to Lou Baldwin, a Winston-Salem downtown developer and chairman of the Chamber of Commerce subcommittee on local issues, construction on Tim Duncan's Island Sports Café is scheduled to begin next year. The restaurant is scheduled to open by May 1.

The restaurant will be located in a new building at 1 W. 4th St., directly across from the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company headquarters. This location was chosen because it had many promising aspects. It is a brand new building and is a "good space for a restaurant" said Baldwin.

Also, there is an attached parking garage that is well lit and monitored 24 hours a day by security. Equally significant is the 4th Street setting. "It was

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important to us to be downtown" Baldwin said.

As is suggested by the name, the restaurant has an "island flair" said Jim Lambie, a co-chairperson for downtown development. The décor and the menu will have an island theme. "There is going to be Caribbean cuisine, but that's not all," Baldwin said. "You can have a steak."

"We don't really consider this to be a sports bar," Baldwin said. He emphasized the fact that although it will be an entertainment venue where you can go to watch sports there will be "good, consistent, quality food."

According to Marc Scott, Duncan's business manager, Duncan has been "extremely involved in every stage of planning," Baldwin expanded on Scott's comments in saying that Duncan and his wife, Amy, have approved certain menu items. "He (Duncan) wanted to make sure that everything is going to be great" added Scott.

Early plans presented an idea that



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Tim Duncan's Island Sports Café will soon be gracing the newly renovated 4th Street in downtown Winston-Salem.

allowed the university's men's basketball coach, Skip Prosser, to do his weekly radio show from the restaurant, but those details are not definite said Lambie.

According to Lambie, construction on the project has not yet begun because the final monetary details are being worked out. The 7,000-square-foot restaurant has an approximately \$1.5 million start up cost. Twenty thousand of the needed \$1.5

million came from the city as part of a loan, negotiated by Baldwin.

Sophomore Caroline Boyd said she'd probably eat at Duncan's theme restaurant. "I think that it'd be a fun place to eat" Boyd said. She said that it would be a "contrast to the other restaurants in Winston frequented by Wake students."

The fact that the restaurant is associated with a university alumnus seems to give

some students more incentive to patronize it. Freshman Margaret Ashey said that she "always likes to support alumni" while Boyd said that "The fact that it is owned by a celebrity alumnus would make it an even more fun place to eat."

The original plans were for the restaurant to be located in the Nissen Building, located at 4th and Cherry Streets in downtown Winston-Salem.

These plans were changed because plans for the new restaurant were farther along than those for the Nissen Building, Lambie said.

Kent Smith, manager of the Cat's Corner Café, a restaurant on 4th Street, said that the new restaurant is good and that he is not worried about competition for business. "We're glad it's coming. It should bring more business downtown," he said.

The idea for the restaurant was conceived two years ago by John Elkington, a redevelopment consultant, who presented the idea to Duncan.

Scott said that although owning a restaurant was never a goal of Duncan's, when the idea was presented by Elkington and the other developers Duncan "felt that it was a quality company" and a worthwhile investment. The company that owns the restaurant is a partnership comprised of numerous associates. They include equity investors, the Celebrity Kitchen company, Baldwin, and, of course, Duncan.

Currently there are no scheduled appearances for Duncan to be at the restaurant when it opens, but as the opening date nears appearances will be planned.

Police report low crime rate

By Tom Clark
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While last year's crime statistics may have very little significance to students and faculty, the 2001 Annual Crime Report, recently released by University Police, summarizes the numbers of incidents and investigations on campus.

As noted in the report, University Police are required to prepare this packet and make it available to the community, as required by the Higher Education Act of 1965. But the department also uses the data to help inform students and faculty, as well as make plans to better protect the campus.

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Although most of the categories of crimes, arrests and referrals report very few or no incidents last year, there are a few unusual statistics.

In 2001, there were 97 burglaries reported on campus; up from 45 in 2000, and 32 in 1999.

Sophomore Nick Ewen had his ThinkPad stolen last semester after he left it sitting in the Piccolo Residence Hall lounge while he was in his room. Ewen, although recognizing that he should have been more careful with his computer, was upset with the way

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University Police handled the case.

"It took two and half weeks before they started questioning and investigating," Ewen said. "By the time they started, it was already too late to recover my computer."

With a recent series of small thefts and robberies around campus, some students are worried about protecting their goods. "We certainly hope that this will not be an ongoing problem," Lawson said. "It's hard to predict the trend though, at least until another semester has passed."

University Police urge students and faculty to be careful of leaving valuables unattended and to promptly report any suspicious activities or problems.

As far as investigations go, University Police have a variety of methods to help find perpetrators, including monitoring who had access to certain residence halls and suites through the key card readers. "The information is used as an investigative tool," Lawson said. "But how often, that just depends on the number of

incidents in a specific area."

Operation ID, which encourages students to engrave identifying serial numbers into valuables, is also an effective method. However, few students utilize this option, according to Lawson.

Another notable statistic in the report is that there were no reported forcible sex offenses on campus last year, which is the first time in the past three years.

One of the most prevalent problems remains the number of liquor law referrals, which constitute a majority of incidents on campus. In 2001, University Police issued 113 referrals, while other campus officials, like resident advisers and hall directors, issued 83. Over the past three years, the ratio between the numbers of liquor citations issued by each party has increasingly leaned toward University Police.

"There's more visibility of the situations outside the residence halls," Lawson said, regarding the increase in police citations for alcohol. The Crime Report also gives a list of tips to keep campus crime down and to aid in the investigations of University Police. Students are encouraged to be aware of the crime situations on campus, by way of this report, which was delivered to all students, faculty and staff, as well as the weekly Police Beat in the *Old Gold and Black*.



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Talk about Madness!

Two masked mystery men, wearing "Midnight" and "Madness," have been wreaking havoc across campus in anticipation of Midnight Madness at 11:15 p.m. Oct. 11 in Reynolds Gym.

POLICE BEAT

Chair vandalized, other furniture remains out of harm's way

A female student in Johnson Residence Hall reported that someone entered her locked room and vandalized a chair between 2:30 a.m. and 3:15 a.m. Sept. 30.

Theft

A student's textbook was stolen from a study carrel in Worrell Professional Center between Sept. 27 and Sept. 29.

A university employee's wallet was stolen from the Miller Center between Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 and one of the stolen credit cards was used to make more than \$900 in purchases.

A student's book bag was stolen from Piccolo Residence Hall between Oct. 4 and Oct. 6.

Estimated value of the bag and contents was \$220.

Property Damage

An unidentified person threw beer bottles and damaged chairs and a cinder block in the courtyard outside Potat Residence Hall Oct. 4.

An unidentified driver hit and caused an estimated \$200 in damage to a student's vehicle parked in Lot Z2, on Student Drive, between Oct. 2 and Oct. 4.

Trespass Warnings

University Police issued a trespass warning to a

Winston-Salem woman for failing to comply with the leash law in Reynolda Gardens just before 10 a.m. Oct. 1.

Just after 9 p.m. Oct. 2, University Police issued a trespass warning to a Winston-Salem man after he was terminated from his job with a campus employer.

Miscellaneous

A student in Scales Fine Arts Center Oct. 2 failed to comply with University Police after an officer repeatedly asked him to leave the building after the posted hours.

The building closes at 1 a.m.

Information about the incident was forwarded to Harold Holmes, associate vice president and dean of student services.

A student failed to comply with university policy by displaying an unauthorized parking decal just before 2 p.m. Oct. 2.

Information about the incident was forwarded to the dean's office.

A university employee observed a student driving on Wake Forest Road in a careless and reckless manner around noon Oct. 2 and reported the incident to University Police.

Information about the incident was forwarded to the dean's office.

University Police found a university-owned golf cart just before 8 a.m. Oct. 5 that someone had apparently removed without authorization and abandoned on the Mag Quad. No damage was observed.

University Police responded to 61 calls from Sept. 30 - Oct. 6, including 12 incidents and investigations and 49 service calls.



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The catwalk

Women from different sororities participated in the Panhellenic Council's annual fashion show for breast cancer, held Oct. 3 at the Millennium Center in downtown Winston-Salem.