

Costner and crew wing

Well, we don't have Kevin Costner to watch anymore. At least not for a while.

Without his head touching a pillow, Costner and his co-stars "wrapped" — as they say in the celluloid clique — the movie "JFK" Thursday afternoon and partied in the Warehouse District before flying away on a 3 a.m. flight.

There's talk that Costner will return to do another movie here. And there's hope that he'll return for the Dec. 22 premiere of the movie filmed mostly in New Orleans and now being finished in Washington.



Lagniappe

Betty Guillaud

Costner, carefully guarded by police at the wrap party, showed up wearing jeans and a long-sleeved white shirt beneath an open satiny vest. While he reluctantly left his table to dance with several women, director Oliver Stone, wearing his usual khakis and white shirt with sleeves rolled up, never left the dance

floor. He and his wife danced with their arms circled around while their young son danced inside their circle: Sissy Spacek, cast as Mrs. Jim Garrison to Costner's portrayal of the former district attorney, was on the dance floor briefly with her young daughter between visits with all her relatives from Longview, Texas, who came to town two weeks ago to be extras in the courtroom scenes.

The party was at the New Orleans Entertainment Hall, formerly New Orleans Music Hall, now operated by George Hartman. The crowd of 200 or

away after 'JFK' fling

so, mostly thirtysomething, was kept entertained by music by a zydeco band from Eunice, a DJ from local radio station WWOZ and GiO, the popular striptease artist from Bourbon Burlesque.

There was no mistaking GiO for the giant voodoo doll that hung just inside the entrance to the music hall. Dressed — when she was dressed — in a pink and black dancehall girl outfit with ankle-high boots, net stockings and a pink feather in her hair, she got the stars' attention with her acrobatics. She climbed off the 4-foot-high stage and pranced on the floor around the stars'

table and then returned to the stage for an energetic, non-stop striptease. Yep, she took it all off ... while balancing a bottle of beer on her head.

Everyone loved it. Well, almost everyone. According to one of the police officers posted to keep crashers out, at least one couple walked out. The man, a judge who had a part in the movie (no, it wasn't Jim Garrison) and his wife left during the performance "because the judge's wife felt the performance was not to her taste."

Party, part II: There was an anniversary celebration in the Fairmont's Sazerac restaurant

last week — but not the usual romantic kind. The festive dinner mixed business and pleasure as Angela Hill and the staff of her WWL-TV talkfest got together to toast two years on the air.

It was the Sazerac where the "Angela" show concept was launched 26 months earlier with a much smaller staff.

Instead of reminiscing, Robair Hamada, the Sazerac's suave manager, said Angela and her guests talked far more about plans for future programs than memories of those already aired. And what they did say about some of the shows, they wouldn't want aired.