

# news

## ARA Service

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specialists to train the Pine Room staff, including a dietitian and an executive chef from Atlanta, a head baker from Elon College and a food service trainer. They will stay at UNC for three weeks or more, until they feel the staff is trained according to ARA standards.

The atmosphere and decor are new in the Pine Room. Checkered yellow cloths adorn the dark pine tables and leafy green plants top counters in the serving area. "We feel these new additions help soften the look of the Pine Room," said Ramage. "The look was very sterile. We have several other ideas we'd like to try."

Pine Room customers were affected pleasantly on Monday by the change to ARA management with its new look, food and serving style.

"Customers say they like the new look," said Deborah Campbell, a Pine Room cashier. "And they love the fresh doughnuts made each day by the baker."

Several English professors commended the shiny white coffee mugs which replaced the old styrofoam cups. The said the coffee even tastes better under the new system.

"The food's not that bad—surprise! surprise!" Student Body president Bob Saunders said. A library staffer agreed. "What I got was less expensive and it tastes good." James Cansler, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, said "I like what I see and taste."

The ARA staff have plans to change food services at UNC even more, and say they are eager for student input and suggestions for change.

"We want students to feel they have an influence on their dining situation," said Camp. Camp, a UNC graduate was hired by ARA to act as a liaison between the students and the food service. "If anybody has suggestions for us now, they should come by our temporary office on third floor Steele building."

"After we get settled in we'll probably have a table set up once a week to hear complaints and

get suggestions, instead of a suggestion box," she said. "We want to hear all comments."

Decor changes planned include a tiffany theme in the Pine Room. "We want to take out some of the pine spindles and put in stained glass inserts," said Ramage. "We hope to take some pine out of the Pine Room look."

"We'd like to have tiffany type lamps too—but that's further downstream," he added.

ARA has plans for innovating meal times. "Something different for dinner—that's our theme," said Ramage.

"We plan to have specials throughout the year like roast beef night, steak night, Mexican night," said Camp. "We'd like to introduce quiche, crepes, and a better salad bar. We want to cater to the health-conscious and vegetarians."

ARA also plans to include catering as part of the dining services they will offer. "We want dorms, frats, sororities, clubs, the general public to know we'll be available for catering receptions or parties," Camp said.

Ramage said that some of the innovations may not appear until fall. "For summer our biggest priority is to set up the entire operation, and to get everyone working as a team," he said. "We want to be sure we're providing quality food with good customer service before we start giving the extras."

ARA Services already provides food services for 19 colleges in North Carolina, including, UNC-Greensboro, Meredith, Wake Forest, Shaw and Brevard. "ARA also services more than 3,000 colleges in the nation," Camp said. "You can see from that they've been pretty successful."

"ARA has done a phenomenal job to come in such a short time and do such a good job by their first day," Cansler said.

But some food service customers say they are keeping their fingers crossed to see how long ARA will keep up their improvements. As one woman said as she finished her lunch, "It's a nice change, but I don't know if it will last."

## Aldermen discuss budget

The proposed public works budget called for the upgrading of various streets in Carrboro. Given funding, Pine, Oak, Cheek, High and West Carr streets would be resurfaced. In addition, sidewalks would be installed along South Weaver Street, East Main Street, and in front of Carr Mill Mall. If the proposed budget is adopted, bike lanes would be constructed along Jones Ferry Road and Greensboro Street by next spring.

The Board is expected to adopt the budget ordinance for Carrboro as a whole in June.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen met with Public Works Director Chris

Patterson Tuesday night to discuss the proposed public works budget for fiscal year 1981.

"The Public Works Department gets the short end of the budget in deference to the police department," said board member Nancy White. However, White said that when a town increases in either area or population, as Carrboro has, then the public works budget should be increased as well. If the rest of the board members agree, then Public Works should get a substantial proportion of Carrboro's 1981 budget money.

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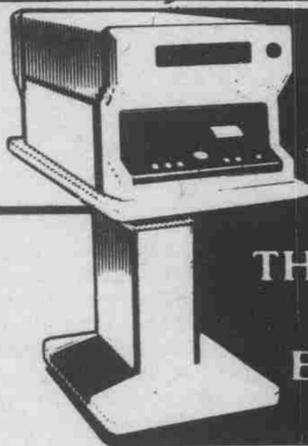
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