

Gelati shop opens downtown

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Gelato D'Oro, which opened July 4 next to the Varsity Theatre on Franklin Street, offers an extraordinary alternative to the usual international desserts that can be found around town. Gelato D'Oro's Italian gelati are surprisingly light and refreshing treats for these sweltering days.

Why Italian ice cream when Chapel Hill already has a wealth of above-average sweet shops? Jim Steele, owner of Gelato D'Oro, said that he saw in this "cosmopolitan" village a market for superb ices like the sorbetti and gelati he had sampled in Italy. Although Gelato D'Oro has not yet been advertised locally, it has certainly caught on and business is quite good, thanks to recommendations by pleased customers, Steele said.

Steele said that his gelato is so

good because all the ingredients and the equipment used to make it are imported. He brings in flavoring and fresh fruits in season from abroad and uses a base especially rich in cream and eggs that come from a Western North Carolina dairy. The Italian equipment produces the unique gelato flavor by mixing and freezing the ingredients so far below freezing that fine crystals form and pierce the butterfat of the base. Unlike other frozen desserts, the creamy texture of gelato is secondary to the outstanding flavor.

At Gelato D'Oro, 19 flavors, all created in the store, are rotated daily. Chocolate hazelnut has been the most popular so far, along with the raspberry ice. Of the 19, some are gelati, some are sorbetti and some are ices. Gelati is the creamiest; sorbetti is like sherbet, made with some cream; the ices are made with fresh

extracts from France, and sugars and water. The owner recommends the lemon creme gelato, and the raspberry ice is also quite good, especially on hot days.

The interior of Gelato D'Oro is currently rather sparse, but Steele said he is expecting a neon sculpture with the store's logo and some overhead spotlights soon. In September he will start selling New York cheesecake, which should be particularly good with the espresso and cappuccino offered at Gelato D'Oro.

A scoop of gelato is \$1.25 with or without the Italian pisselle cone, which is made freshly for each customer. Two scoops are \$2.25 and three are \$3. The macaroons, made by the owner and his wife, are 25 cents, 35 cents and 50 cents. The Italian pignola macaroon, made with pecans, is 50 cents. Handpacked pints are also available.

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but I can say that her outstanding record and her high sense of commitment to the future of the School of the Arts makes her appointment impelling."

Milley told the Board, "It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I accept the appointment."

"I am making a commitment to the continued excellence of the school," she said.

Milley is currently dean of the School of Fine Arts of California State University at Long Beach. She has a Bachelor of Music degree from Boston University, a Master of Arts degree in music from Columbia University and a PhD in Higher/Postsecondary Education — Administration from Syracuse University.

Milley will assume her position as chancellor of the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem Sept. 1. She replaces Robert Suderburg, whose resignation will be effective Aug. 31.

Milley will be the fourth person to head the 19-year-old School but the first to have a degree in administration.

In other action, the BOG approved eight new degree programs at six of the system's schools. None of the new programs are at Chapel Hill.

Board member F.P. Bodenheimer Jr. said this will bring to 19 the number of new programs called for in the desegregation consent decree between UNC and the federal government. The decree required that 29 new degree programs be started by 1986, he said.

The Board also approved operating and capital improvement budgets for the system and passed a resolution authorizing Friday to direct the operation of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics while a committee develops recommendations to the N.C. General Assembly on how the school should be administered through the BOG.

The 1984 N.C. General Assembly turned over the operation of the school to the BOG as of July 1. The school had been operated through the administrative staff of the governor.

Carson will replace John R. Jordan Jr., who held two terms as chairman, the most allowed.

Carson is a 1963 UNC graduate and a graduate of the UNC School of Law. He was elected to a six-year term on the BOG in 1973.



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