

Alternatives to dorm cooking abound in the town

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When campus food service begins to grow dull and your palate demands more sensitive treatment, don't panic. Chapel Hill and Carrboro are veritable gardens of gastronomic delight.

The usual chains abound; Burger King, McDonald's, Arby's and Kentucky Fried Chicken, but adventurers unafraid of leaving the security of the fast food giants have numerous alternatives.

Hector's offers Greek sandwiches for under \$3 and is open until 2 a.m. for the late-night munchies. Time Out is open 24 hours a day and is locally famous for its fried chicken. Time Out also serves square biscuits all day, and they also deliver.

For breakfast and lunch Ye Olde Waffle Shop is a favorite of Franklin Street. Students are advised to arrive early on weekend mornings to avoid the inevitable lines.

Breadman's serves breakfast from 7 a.m. until midnight, and is a favorite of Chapel Hillians who crave a bloody mary with their breakfast. Breadman's also offers lunch entrees at reasonable prices.

If you miss Mom's home cooking, Dip's Country Kitchen specializes in home-cooked southern-style fare. Dip's offers large portions and its vast nightly selection of indigenous vegetables (you choose two) will help keep you as healthy as the food at home. A night at Dip's is a must for students from north of the Mason-Dixon line.

Students who enjoy a cocktail before dinner should try two Chapel Hill hotspots. Spanky's serves burgers and more complex fare. Fish and chicken entree specials are offered daily for around \$7. Spanky's full bar is crowded with a loyal late-night crowd after diners have left. Four Corners specializes in sandwiches and burgers named for Carolina sports personalities like the Jordan and the Woodyburger. The basketball theme bar is a favorite spot to watch Carolina games on the wide-screen television and is also very active after 10 p.m.

A new addition to the area restaurant scene is the Spring Garden Bar and Grill in Carrboro. They serve a wide selection of beer, huge (half-pound) burgers and homemade "Buffalo Chips."

The Hardback Cafe is a new and offbeat addition to Chapel Hill. They serve moderately priced sandwiches and double as a bookstore.

The Looking Glass Cafe offers sandwiches, salads and beer. Their carrot cake is delicious.

Sadlack's has subs and sandwiches beginning at \$2.20 for the "Super Sprout." Subway also serves, well, you guessed it, subs.

The Rathskeller is a Chapel Hill tradition. The atmosphere is dark and friendly. It features spaghetti

(within any student's budget), pizza (the reported first in the Triangle if not the state), roast beef and the cheeziest lasagna anywhere.

International cuisine is abundant in the area. For Mexican food Tijuana Fat's is a good choice, with dinner prices starting at \$4.95. The margaritas are the best.

Papagayo's offers gourmet Mexican. Everything on the menu is excellent, but if undecided, try the Quesadilla. An average meal will run from \$6 to \$10, although one should include a pitcher of their homemade sangria.

Chinese food seems to be a favorite of Chapel Hillians. Golden Dragon and 4-5-6 have cafeteria-style fast food. A lunch will cost around \$3.75. The Dragon's Garden and Lotus Inn are very good in a more formal setting. Jade Palace is excellent and

servings are huge. Dinners there begin at \$6 but they often feature lunch specials.

Vegetarians will be delighted by Pyewacket and the Sunshine Cafe. Pyewacket offers delicious seafood (for non-purists) and an excellent veggie lasagna. The Sunshine Cafe is less formal and also serves seafood, lasagna and salads. The Sunshine Cafe offers the only whole wheat pizza in the area. Prices range from \$6 to \$12 at Pyewacket and \$5 to \$11 at Sunshine.

An outstanding, if not well known, ethnic restaurant is Marathon in Carrboro. Marathon delivers pizza, beginning at \$6 for a large, and the best steak and cheese sandwich in the Triangle. The Greek grilled cheese and Athenian chicken are also recommended.

For formal occasions Slug's at the

Pines and Jordan's serve fine steaks. Restaurant La Residence is an award-winning French restaurant. Dinner there is excellent, but with dinner costing \$50 to \$60 be sure you don't have to pick up the bill.

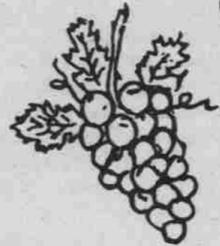
The place to go for dessert is Tripodi's. They have cases loaded with the most exquisite cakes, pies

and cheesecakes imaginable. Most items cost \$2 to \$3, but bring extra cash, because you'll want to take some home.

This is only a partial list, and students only have to travel beyond Chapel Hill to encounter more great restaurants. If only these places accepted meal cards...

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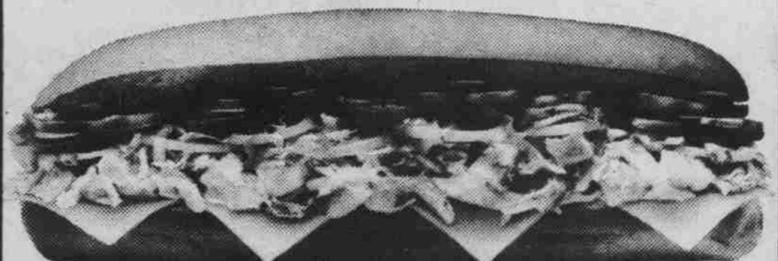
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