

'White Trash' cookbook expected to bring in big bucks

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Amidst Moon Pies and Nehi grape sodas, author Ernest Matthew Mickler was right at home Friday in the Bull's Head Bookshop in the UNC Student Stores.

Mickler's book, "White Trash Cooking" (Ten Speed Press \$12.95) is predicted to become a paperback bestseller.

Mickler, who autographed about 75 books at the bookshop, said it took 12 years for him to compile the

cookbook. "I got some of my recipes from my mother, grandmother, uncles, aunts and nieces," he said. "I went from Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida." He added that "white trash" is an

affectionate term for rural southerners. White trash, Mickler said, "is the food of southerners and it was a catchy title."

"The book is selling phenomenally well," said George Sheer, a representative of Ten Speed Press, the

publishing company that bought rights to the book from Jargon Society in July.

Sheer said Ten Speed Press now plans to sponsor a nationwide tour for the author.

Mickler's recipes include ingredients such as fatback, molasses and cornmeal and boast names such as Cooter Pie, Dana Pullen's Chicken Feet and Rice and Grand Canyon Cake.

Some doubt Mickler's seriousness, but the native of Key West, Fla. said his culinary concoctions are no joke. "If you had been at my grandma's table when I was a little boy, you would have seen how serious I am."

Mickler will conclude his book-signing tour, "Southern Safari," tomorrow. The tour began Aug. 13 and included stops in North and

South Carolina and Georgia.

Although the cookbook may appeal especially to southerners, even those from "up north" enjoy Mickler's style. "I liked reading the colloquial recipes," said Joseph DeGeorge, who recently moved from New York to Chapel Hill. "I'm sure I'll set my wife to fix up a couple."

Jeff Beam of Chapel Hill said his favorite "white trash" dish was Grand Canyon Cake. The fluffy cake contains food coloring and malted milk balls. Almonds represent the canyon's boulders and cliffs and rum sauce represents the Colorado River flowing through.

Mickler said he already has plans to write a follow-up to his cookbook. "Why stop now when I have such a good thing going?"

Mandatory meal-plan evaders to pay fee

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Although unsure of the exact number, Marriott officials say some on-campus students, who are required to buy \$100 meal plans, have not done so.

This year's plan is the same as last year's, with one major change. Although the minimum purchase for Marriott's meal plan is the same, students can reclaim unused money exceeding the \$100 minimum at the academic year's end for a \$10

processing charge. Refunds must be applied for in writing or in person at Lenoir Hall before the first summer session begins.

Money in a student's account will transfer from fall to spring semesters if at least \$100 has been spent by the end of the fall term.

Carolina Dining Service cards also can be used in campus snack stores to buy food and sundry items. The prices of these groceries may be a few cents higher than what can be found in a supermarket, but Bill

Dux, Marriott's on-campus director, said the money saved in transportation and convenience makes the prices nearly equivalent.

Prices of food in Lenoir and Chase Halls are lower than ARA's prices on some items, and higher on others, but according to Dux and Charles C. Antle, Associate Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance, the Marriott Corporation prides itself on high food quality. That's the main reason UNC accepted Marriott's bid instead of lower offers from other

companies, Antle said.

Dux said Marriott's menus and prices were not finalized, since Marriott has been in fall semester operation for only a few days. He said prices and menus were likely to change, and considering what Dux called a good University-food service relationship, business should prove successful once off the ground. The meal plan is necessary to provide start-up money for the campus food service, Antle said.

Those students considering meal card evasion should think again. Antle said that during the first or second week of September, the University will compare its resident student list with Marriott's list to identify students without meal cards. Resident students who have not paid their minimum fee will be billed on their student accounts.

Dux added that off-campus students could establish an account by depositing any amount of money greater than \$25 with Carolina Dining Service. Any unused money is refundable.

Dux said the food service system here at UNC is ideal compared to other schools'. "I have worked with six other university food services, and students lost money in most of them," he said. At Tulane University, for example, resident students must choose between 14- and 19-meal-a-week plans. Dux said most students ate roughly 75 percent of the meals.

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"They'd say, 'Can we do this?' And you just say, 'Sure, anything's possible,'" he said.

OCs also talked about helping freshmen adjust to college social life.

Sophomore Laura Reis of Morganton said the freshmen in her orientation group had never been to a fraternity party before.

"One of them went to the DKE (Delta Kappa Epsilon) party and had an experience with a guy, and she kind of had to run away from him," she said. "She thought it was kind of funny."

Other OCs said they answered questions about the drinking policy and how it would affect campus social events.

"My group asked so many ifs, ands, and buts about the drinking policy," said Ann Holland, a senior from Middlesex. "Finally I just had to tell them they were underage and they wouldn't be able to drink on campus," she said.

Freshmen weren't the only ones making mistakes during orientation this year. Scott Bain, a freshman from Jacksonville, Fla., got directions from his OC that sent him on a wild goose chase to his adviser's meeting.

"I was going to meet my adviser and it was in the Public Health Building, so I asked my OC where it was so he could show me on the map," Bain said. "He showed me the Student Health Service Building, not Public Health."

"I went all the way to Student Health and I saw nothing there that looked like an adviser's meeting, so

I asked and they told me I was in the entirely wrong place," he said. "I actually think I knew more about the campus than any OC did."

Some OCs said getting freshmen out of their rooms and keeping them from being homesick was difficult.

"Dealing with homesickness was a big problem," said sophomore Mary Dillon of Sparta. "Just getting them out and motivating them to leave their rooms — I had to assure them they wouldn't be just a number if they'd just get out," she said.

At least one OC didn't have any homesick people in his group. "None of them were homesick," said Bob Eaves, a sophomore from Atlanta, Georgia.

"I just let them know where I was, in case they needed anything," he said. "As far as going out to dinner with me every night, they went out on their own too, which was fine."

Marc Turner, a sophomore from Charlotte, said the freshmen this

year were enthusiastic and willing to participate in orientation activities.

"We were supposed to wear Carolina blue to the pep rally," he said. "So my guys wore bathrobes and towels, because they didn't have anything else that was Carolina blue."

"The freshmen this year have a lot of spirit," he said. "It gives you a pretty good feeling when they start to make friends by themselves, knowing that you introduced them to each other."

Several OCs said they would still keep in touch with the freshmen in their orientation groups, although their jobs are officially over.

"That's the main thing," said Littlejohn. "It's not being an OC for a week, it's being a friend for a year."

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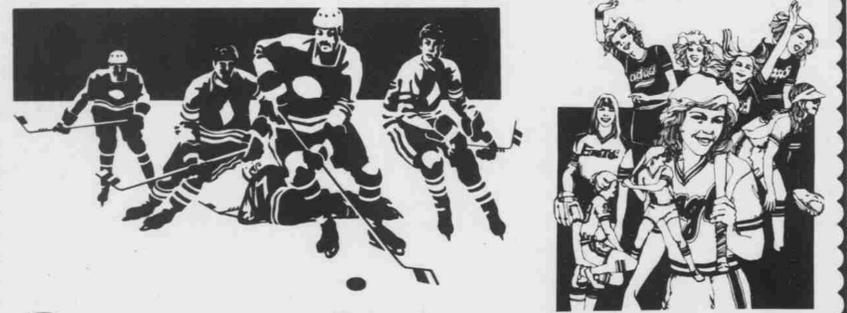
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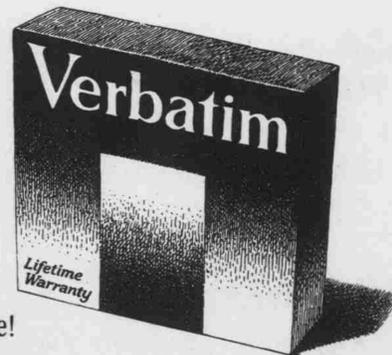
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