

Have your folks pick up the tab at someplace nice

The parental units have decided to visit their little darling now residing in Chapel Hill. This can strike fear in the hearts of the most stalwart of Tar Heels. The visit poses a number of dilemmas: how can you keep them out of your room, away from its stacks of empty beer cans, old pizza boxes and rock-like uneaten Time Out biscuits; where are you going to find a shirt that's not so dirty it stands

by itself; and, most importantly, where can you get Mom and Dad to take you and 25 of your new friends out to dinner?

Chapel Hill has a number of restaurants that can be saved for that parental visit or even for a special date.

One restaurant within walking distance is **The Carolina Coffee Shop**, located at 138 E. Franklin St.

Since 1922, many generations of Tar Heels have been enjoying this quaint restaurant, popular for its Saturday and Sunday morning brunches.

The food is excellent and is a nice break from cafeteria food or apartment cooking. There are a variety of entrees, such as roast beef au jus, omelets, London broil, lasagna and fried clams. Also available are lighter sandwiches and salads.

Many customers return for the Coffee Shop's most popular dessert — black walnut apple pie a la mode, which is said to be a 40-year-old tradition.

Prices range from about \$4 for a sandwich to \$10 for London broil. Prompt and courteous service, as well as soothing background music, make the meal even better.

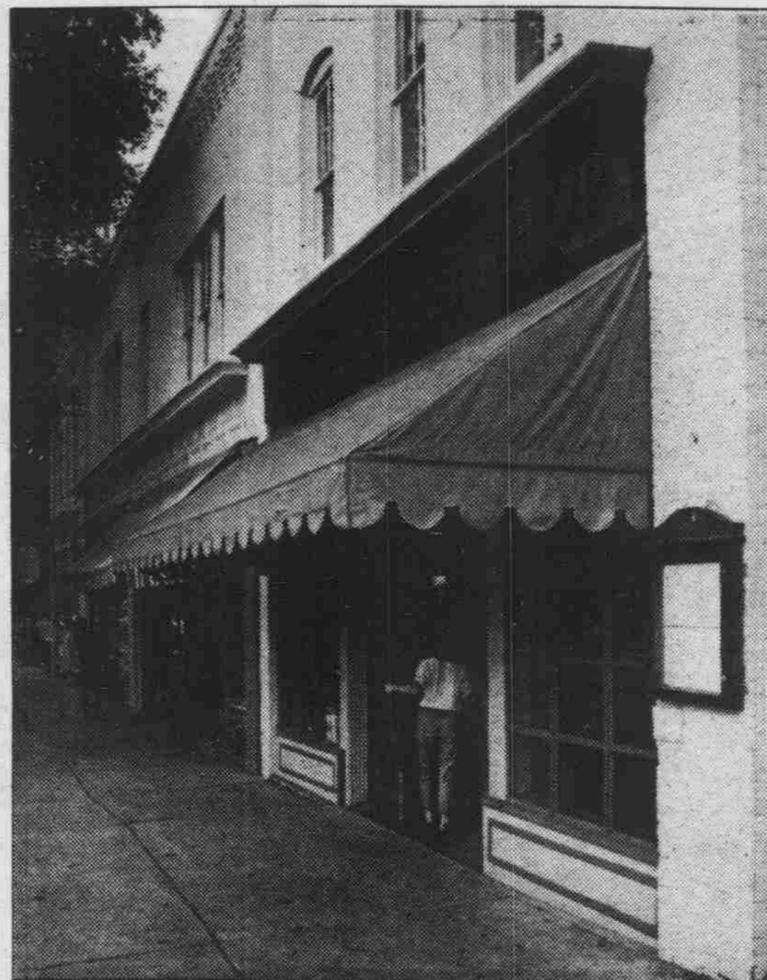
Crook's Corner, at 610 W. Franklin St., is a bit out of the way for students without cars, but this restaurant, which has been favorably written up in "The New York Times" on several occasions, may well be worth the walk.

A diner-like appearance and a pink pig statue rising above the restaurant give the establishment some of its character, although wall hangings inside are something out of a fisherman's nightmare.

Crook's Corner offers both indoor and outdoor dining. The menu is varied; entrees range from Cajun steak and fish to the more usual barbecue and hamburgers. Southern-style food is Crook's specialty, and many of the dishes are served with hush puppies or grits. Prices run a few dollars higher than comparable restaurants, with the average entree costing about \$13.

Jordan Le Charolais Steak House, at 157 E. Rosemary St., might be just the perfect place to impress a date.

Jordan's provides an atmosphere that is both comfortable and private with eating areas indoors and in a glass greenhouse-like area.



Carolina Coffee Shop

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Standout features are the service, which is prompt and friendly, and the food itself. Food selections include steaks, seafood and the house specialty, a prime rib buffet.

Entrees range in price from about \$6 to \$14, but since the portions are large a trip to Jordan's may be well worth the money.

With prices that start at \$12, **Last Resort** is out of most students' budget ranges, but for a nice meal it doesn't

finish last at all.

Located next to Jordan's, **Last Resort** specializes in steak and potatoes, but with a different twist. Instead of serving longhorn or Brahman cow as their main source of beef, Last Resort boasts nothing but the tender and expensive Angus cow, which should please true steak lovers.

The salad bar and appetizers are also quite good and the atmosphere is relaxing and comforting.

Colonel Chutney's, at 300 W. Rosemary St., balances an unimpressive outside appearance with an indoor atmosphere that brings to mind an Italian vineyard. Ferns adorn the windows, and natural-colored lattice work stands out on a background of deep green walls and booths.

Bellowing rock music, however, quickly diminishes any possibility of being in Italy, as does a television placed above the bar and the raucous chatter of college students.

Its specialties are its large, juicy hamburgers. Other dishes include a 10-ounce ribeye, oysters, flounder, roast beef, a prime rib sandwich, Teriyaki chicken and a range of sandwiches, including the club and the ham and cheese. Appetizers, such as nachos with a variety of cheeses and sauces and side dishes such as baked potatoes are also offered.

The food is very tasty, seasoned perfectly and presented in a picture-perfect fashion.

Prices range from \$3.95 for the sandwiches up to \$10 or \$12 for the ribeye and some of the seafoods. The prices are reasonable considering the amount and quality of the food served.

If Mom and Dad have become health-conscious with the encroachment of old age, one choice might be **Pyewacket Restaurant and Bar**, at 431 W. Franklin St. In the bar

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