

Writer's talent lost on 'Lost'

"The bullet entered his head slightly above and behind his left ear, and the air pocketed with the report. The shot jarred him off balance, and his tense face hurried sideways, blurred like a swiftly unwinding bobbin of thread. His name was Sherman Abbot; he was twelve years old."

Thus begins the first novel by Gary Devon, "Lost," a chillingly unrealistic horror book. Witness to Sherman's gun showmanship is his younger sister Mamie; she exclaims, "Oh, Sherman, I wish you wouldn't do things like this to me."

Sherman's body recovers from the wound but his mind does not. He loves Mamie and resents his parents and brother Toddy. He tries to kill the rest of the family by blowing the house up. "Mrs. Abbot [tore] at the smoky upstairs window that

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wouldn't open — her soundless, wild face smeared against the glass as her white fists went on pounding against it more and more feebly until she was engulfed in smoke."

What ensues is what nightmares are made of. Mamie survives and is kidnapped from the hospital by a loving, confused woman named Leona. Sherman, of course, survives and begins to track them down, wreaking havoc and leaving a trail of blood behind him.

Really now, Sherman is a mere boy who has just tried to blow his own head off, yet he walks halfway

across Pennsylvania chasing Mamie, Leona and the other two kids that Leona found along the way. Sherman's only companion is a big ugly dog named the Chinaman. This dog is so big that people won't give Sherman rides. Sherman winds up killing even his own dog in the end.

Devon is a good writer — almost too good for the sensationalist junk he's dealing with in "Lost." His descriptions are beautiful, his characters are unique and compelling, but his plot is as dull as old dishwater. A boy knifing a poor drunk woman is not what good writers want to concentrate on. Even though she deserves it, Devon pushes her death on the readers too suddenly for them to appreciate it. Sherman has no motive for murder except for the bullet hole in his head, but he still acts too reasonable the rest of the time. His actions just don't flow very logically.

The ending is a textbook horror. Brother finds sister; brother tries to kill kidnapper, and tables turn; brother dies. What will happen to Mamie? The way Sherman died is enough to screw up a 40-year-old, let alone an impressionable eight-year-old.

At the end, Mamie becomes as unrealistic as Sherman was throughout; she figures out that Sherman was wrong, she totally accepts her kidnapper, and she does not even cry herself to sleep after watching her brother die. She must be an amazing child.

Maybe Devon will write a better book next time, like a decent mystery. His talent for writing is obvious, but his choice of plot was too bloody and boring.

Rosemary

"In the lower courts, it's my opinion that judges hardly ever try to overturn legislative acts, which is what we were trying to do with our case," he said. "They know it's going to be taken to a higher court no matter what the decision, so they usually hold off on taking action against the act unless it's very obvious it needs to be overturned."

Mayor Wallace echoed the comments made by Graham, saying he anticipated the ruling by Lee to be

one in which no firm decision on the suit was made.

"No lower court judge is going to go out on a limb making a yes or no decision on a legislative act," Wallace said.

"It's a decision that in my opinion clearly needs to be made by an appellate court judge," he said. "That's an opinion I've always held on this matter — it's just a question now of at what appellate level the decision will be made, and a question of how long it will take for the case to reach that final level."

Rosemary Square was approved in 1984 despite often vehement opposition from Chapel Hill residents.

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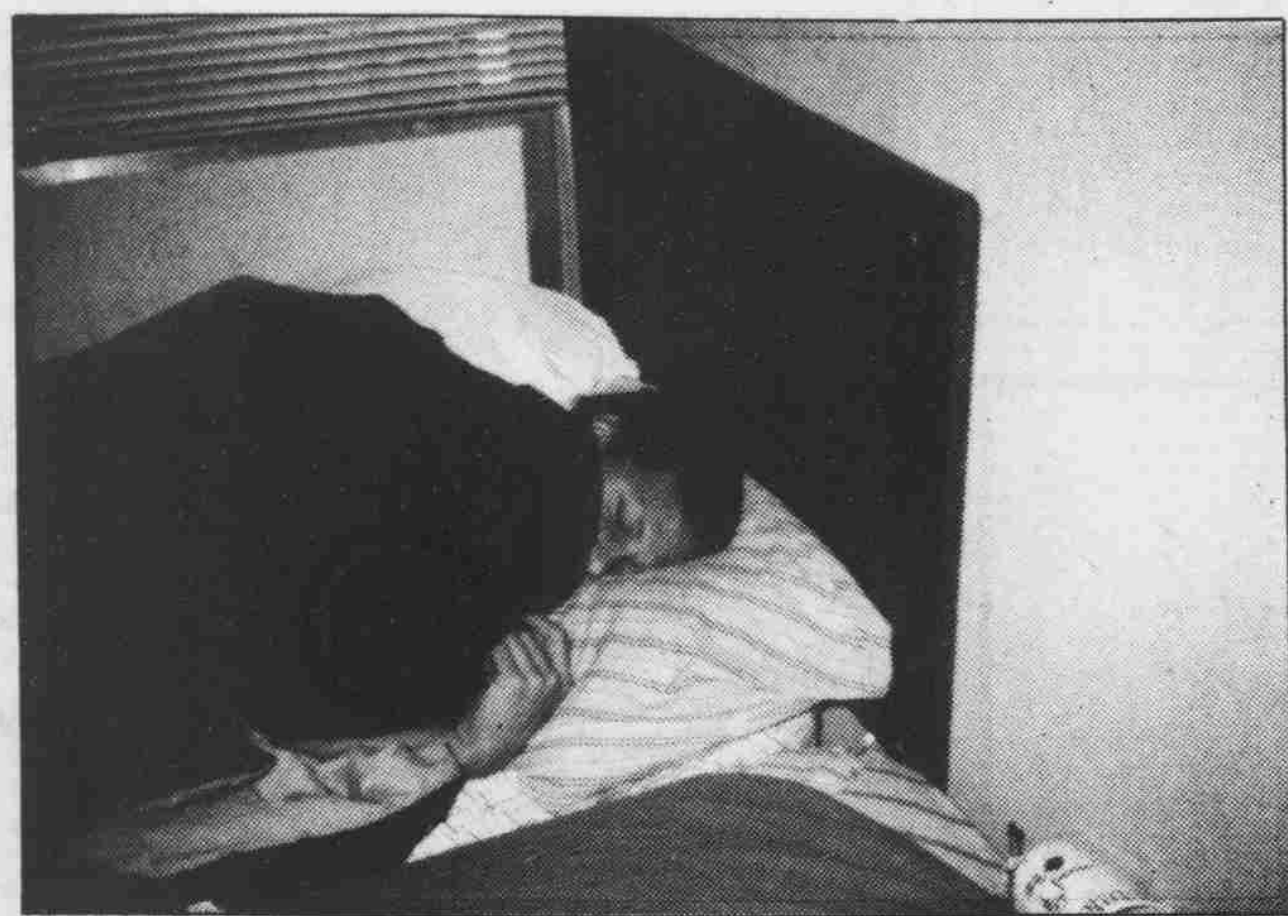
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Non-pizza takeouts take hold

By ROBBY WILDERMANN
Staff Writer

Your stomach says "Feed me," but at the same time, it says "Not pizza!"

You are not alone. Lots of students are looking at other types of foods when they get those late-night munchies.

Mark Emery, a senior from Charlotte, said "I think the pizza places are going downhill because they know they have a guaranteed market. But the other places have to be competitive."

Probably the most-ordered "non-pizza" food is chicken, according to many takeout business owners in the local area.

Roman Wings has delivered chicken from its West Franklin Street store since 1982, and subs since 1984. Bob Hill, manager of Roman Wings, said his restaurant does "a heck of a lot of business."

He said that on a good night Roman Wings may deliver well over 100 orders.

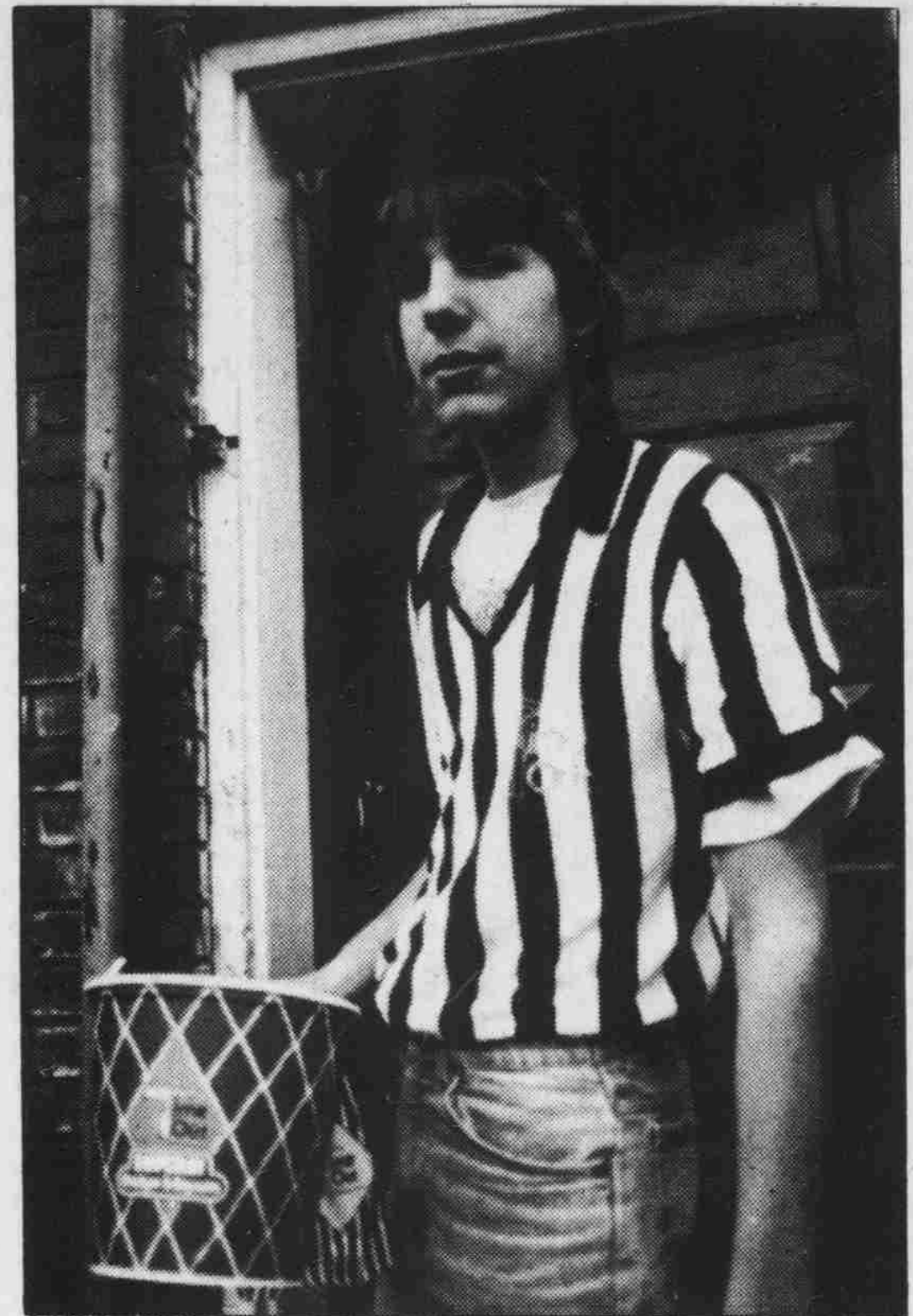
Another business taking advantage of the takeout demand is Time Out, Inc., located in University Square. Eddie Williams, president of the small corporation, said his drivers deliver about 40 to 50 orders a night.

"We opened up a (second) store specifically for delivery demand because too much to handle in the original Time Out," Williams said.

Business has become so good, in fact, that Time Out has leased land on Chapel Hill Boulevard in Durham to open yet another delivery and drive-through restaurant.

Williams attributed the success of Time Out to the fact that they offer around-the-clock delivery and that "people just want an alternative to pizza."

Marathon, located on West



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Tony Jenzano leaves Time Out on a delivery run

Rosemary Street, is a restaurant specializing in subs, Greek dishes and (dare we say it) pizza. Pam Reynolds, spokeswoman for Marathon, said that she couldn't give an estimate of how well her delivery business did, but characterized it as "fair." Marathon has been delivering to hungry Chapel Hillians for about four years.

Tea Time Deli on Graham Street offers a Southern-style menu. It only began delivery recently and is doing about 10 to

15 orders a night.

Mary Norwood, the manager of Tea Time, said they were currently in the process of reorganization, after which they hope to do more deliveries.

For those who want to order something more unusual, Jade Palace Chinese and Seafood Delivery on Main Street in Carrboro, might be the way to go. Manager Long Chau said his employees made 10 to 25 deliveries a night.

Campus Calendar

The DTH Campus Calendar appears daily. Announcements must be placed in the box outside The Daily Tar Heel office, 104 Union, by noon one day before — weekend announcements by noon Wednesday. The DTH will print announcements from University-recognized campus organizations only.

Tuesday

12:30 p.m. International Health Forum presents "Health Care in El Salvador and Nicaragua" with Dr. Aurora Velazquez, Dr. Herbert Betancourt, and Dr. Ernesto Selva Sutter in 105 Berryhill.

3:30 p.m. Career Planning and Placement Services will hold an orientation workshop in 210 Hanes.

4:15 p.m. Career Planning and Placement Services will have a resume-writing workshop in 210 Hanes.

5:45 p.m. Anglican Student Fellowship will have a Thanksgiving Dinner at Chapel of the Cross for \$2.

7 p.m. Russia and East Europe Area Studies will have a free public lecture, "Poland Today," in 355 Hamilton.

8 p.m. The College Republicans will hold their last meeting of the semester in 209 Manning. UNC Young Democrats present David Price as guest speaker at a meeting tonight in 224 Union.

Items of Interest

Alpha Chi Sigma is selling carnations for \$1 each. Orders will be taken in the Pit Nov. 25, and Dec. 1-2. The flowers will be delivered exam week.

North Carolina State will sponsor a free concert in Stewart Theater by the N.C. State University Concert Orchestra and the University Choir at 8 p.m. Milton Bliss and Jonathan Kramer will lead "Last Words of Daniel," by Randall Thompson, and "Gloria," by Mozart.

Thanksgiving holiday library schedule

Wednesday 11/26..... 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.
Thursday 11/27..... closed for Thanksgiving Day
Friday 11/28..... 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.
Saturday 11/29..... 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.
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