

Dining service plans fall improvements

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In its second year at UNC, Carolina Dining Services is planning a new schedule and improved services — along with a new effort to build a better relationship with the student body.

"If we're not listening to the students, then we're not doing our job," said Bill Dux, director of Carolina Dining Services.

According to Dux, CDS has hired graduate student Jessica Johnson as a student liaison to seek out students' opinions on the dining service and what can be improved upon. There are also plans for CDS restaurant managers to attend dormitory meetings, so that they can interact with the students and get comments, suggestions or complaints first hand.

Dux said he also encouraged students to fill out the comment cards provided in the dining halls and to give their suggestions directly to the managers on duty, or even to himself in his office in Lenoir Hall.

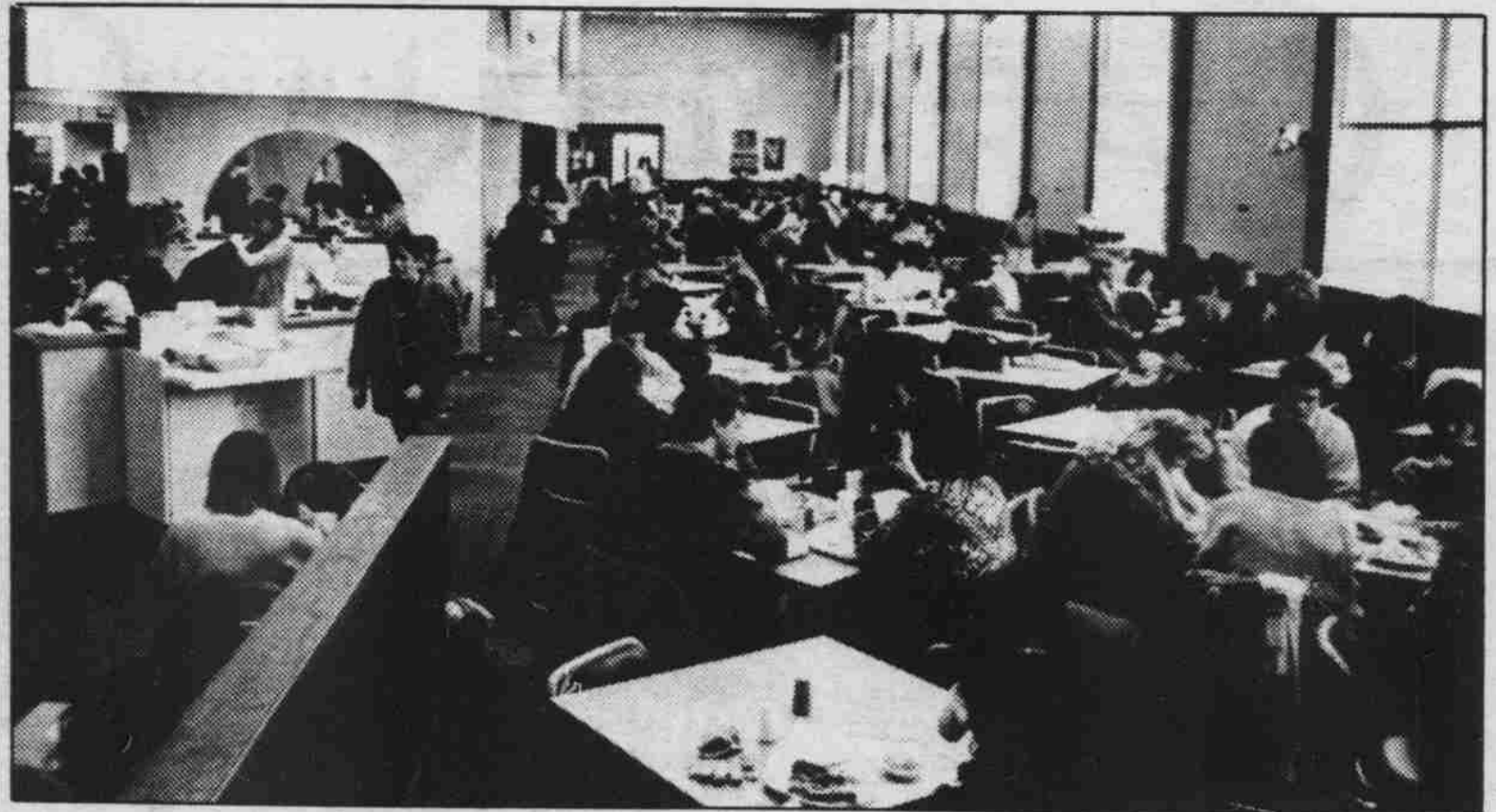
CDS's plans for the fall include

rearrangements in Lenoir Hall — from restructuring the serving line at the deli in order to speed up service to installing new, easy-to-read price boards above the serving lines in order to eliminate confusion at the cash register, Dux said.

Marriott Corp., which operates the dining service, is also conducting a price comparison study of pizza services, fast food, and other restaurants within the Chapel Hill area — and the prices this fall will reflect the corporation's goal of staying competitive with its local rivals for the patronage and cash of the Carolina student body, Dux said.

Other CDS plans include an extension of hours at The Wild Pizza in the Commons and the possibility of a new pizza delivery service in Chase Hall, the south campus dining hall.

This fall, Dux said, CDS may close its convenience store in Craige Residence Hall, because of a lack of patronage by the hall's residents. The store is one of four located within the high-rise dor-



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The Lenoir Hall lunch rush — a good time for cramming food and class notes

mitories on south campus.

CDS will continue its nutrition program, which involves stocking the dining halls with free pamphlets on such subjects such as vegetarian diets, calorie counting, calcium deficiency and the dangers of excessive caffeine use.

And students who live in the residence halls will receive regular newsletters listing upcoming theme nights, cookouts and other

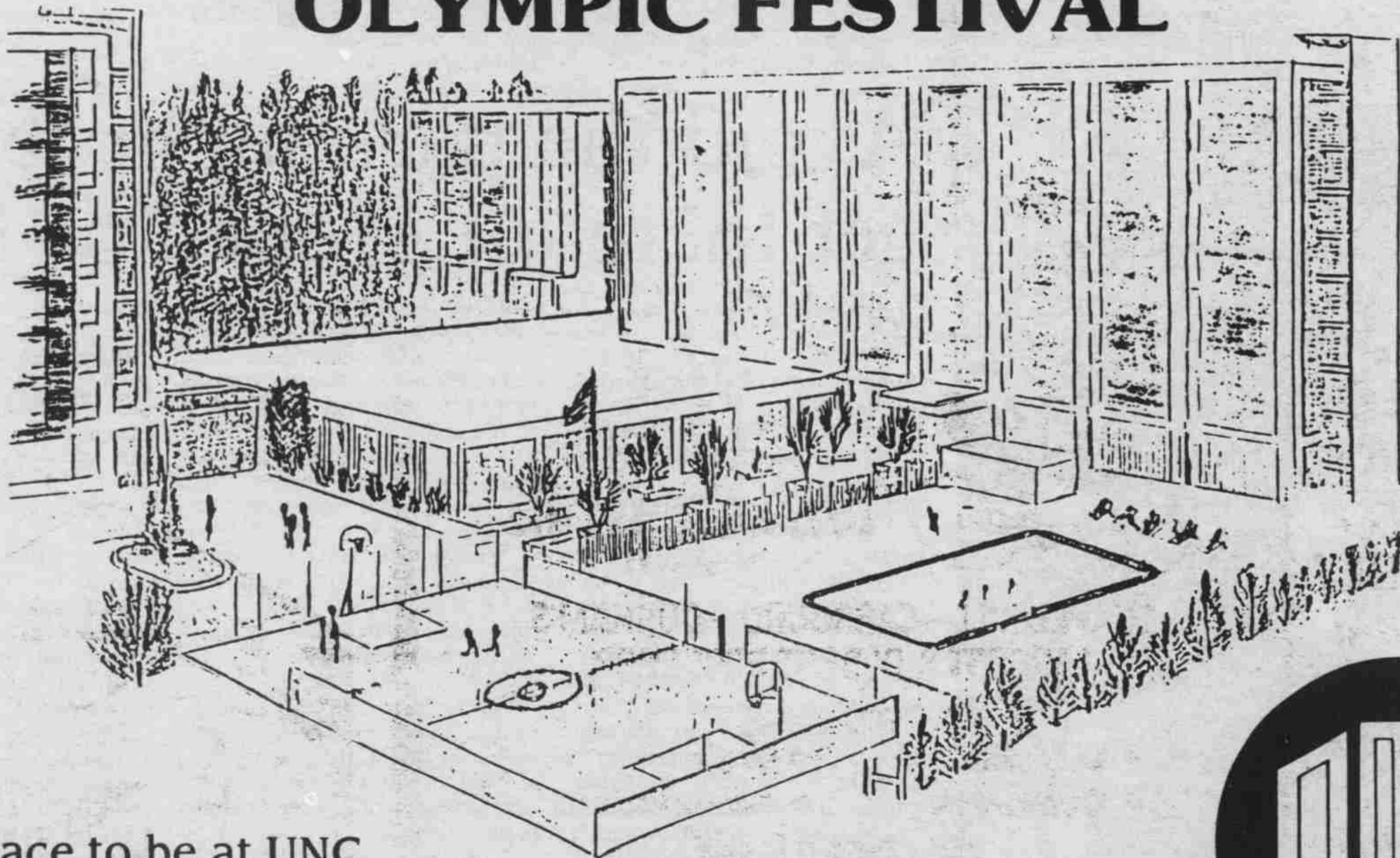
special events sponsored by the dining service.

Marriott has already sent out brochures to students explaining the computerized meal card policy. All students who live in residence halls are required to buy a \$100 meal plan each semester; Marriott offers bonus dollars for larger meal plan amounts. At the end of the fall semester, any unused money on the card over

the \$100 minimum is automatically carried over into the spring.

The meal card brochure includes a mail-in meal card application. Carolina Dining Services urges students to apply for their meal cards early to avoid the long lines at registration. Once they arrive on campus in the fall, students can pick up their meal cards in the Commons, the lower level of Lenoir Hall.

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