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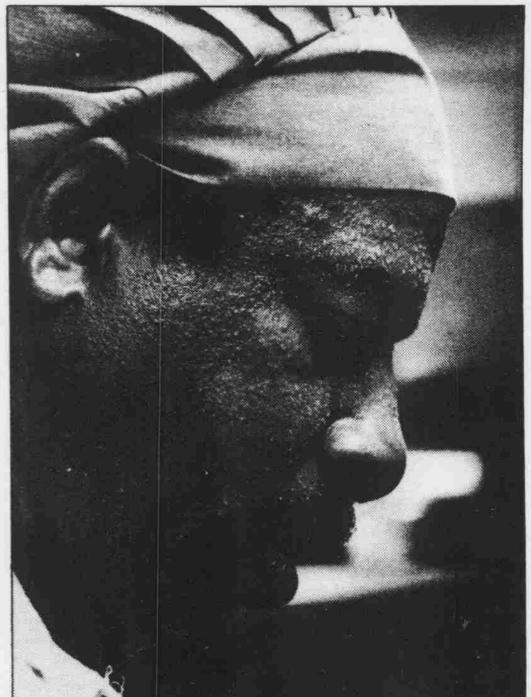
Memories of yesteryear, including autographed footballs and autographed basketballs, also add to the atmosphere, not to mention the tradition. Pictures of former UNC superstars give way to reflections about past seasons and numerous championships.

Other than the main dining room, there are four "special" rooms scattered about the place, each with its own unique personality.

The "Circus Room" is a good spot for the kids. Mirrors are everywhere, and brightly painted animals cover the walls. The "Train Room" is the home of The Rat's most popular table, which gives a clear view of the Franklin Street sidewalk above. Next comes the "Lautrec Room" (as in Toulouse), which was painted in imitations of the artist's famous murals. Finally, there comes "The Cave," which looks exactly like it sounds. In this room you feel as if you are several thousand feet underground. Each brings a feeling of comfort to its occupants.

Another important room to The Rat is the bar, located to the immediate right as you walk in the door. Smith said The Rat was originally a bar and that food was not served until the mid-50s. A pinball machine and a fish tank help decorate the bar, and a generous supply of liquor and beer rest on the shelves.

Pitchers of beer, very popular on football weekends, are \$2.95 for the small and \$5.50 for the large. A mug of beer is \$1.10, domestic bottled beer \$1.35 and imported bottled beer \$1.75. Wine and mixed drinks are also available upon request.



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The head chef sweats in his efforts to keep up with orders

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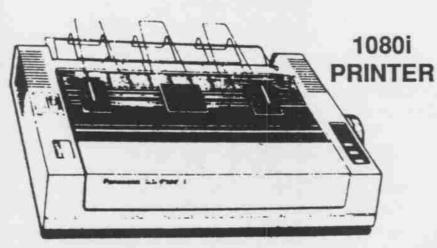
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