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Franklin stores rich in history

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The more stores on Franklin Street change, the more they stay the same.

Stores on Franklin Street change, come and go; however, Sutton's Drug Store, Jeff's Campus Confectionary and Huggins Hardware are three businesses on Franklin Street that have stayed the same for almost 60 years.

Sutton's Drug Store sits on the main block of East Franklin Street. It is a combination drug store and lunch counter and is one such long-lived place, said John Woodard, the store's owner and manager.

"Sutton's has been here since 1923," Woodard said. "James Sutton built it then and died around 1956, and then his wife kept it for 10 years."

Woodard bought the drug store in 1977.

"When I bought it, I had to keep it the same way," he said. "That was part of the deal."

"They (the previous owners) said they'd run me out of town if I changed it."

Woodard said the store hasn't changed because Chapel Hill alumni and residents want to keep it the way they remember it.

"We have people come in that have been coming in for 50 years," Woodard said. "We're the only full service, old-fashioned drug store and soda fountain around."

"We're full-service because our customers are able to go in and get what they want — with our help — without having to do it themselves."

"When someone comes in with a prescription, I take it and help them without giving it to a clerk," added Woodard, who graduated from UNC and has a degree in pharmacy. "Most of our business revolves around the students of the university and people working there — strictly within the walking distance because they are the ones who find it easier to get to us because of the lack of parking spaces."

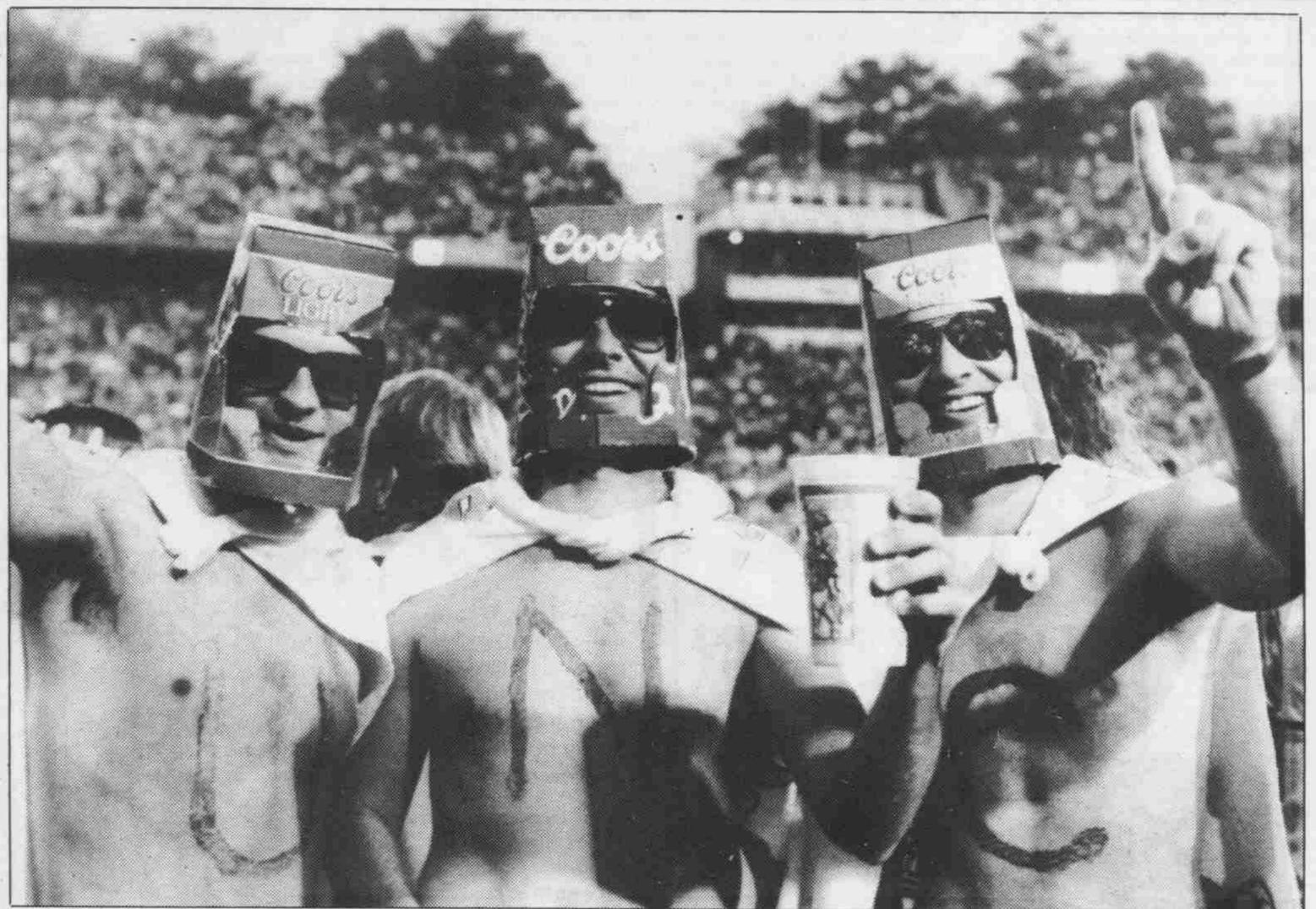
According to Woodard, many students prefer Sutton's to a regular drug store because Sutton's will set up charge accounts where the bills are sent home to the parents.

"We try to be their (students') hometown drug store away from home," he said.

As far as the food goes, Woodard said the soda fountain, old-fashioned lemonade and milkshakes are the biggest drawing points to go with the hamburger and fries.

At the lunch counter, which is located at the back of the store and

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Take us to your leader!

No, Chapel Hill was not recently invaded by aliens from the planet Coors. Rather, these three gentlemen are merely enjoying the festivities of a football Saturday sometime during the 1988 season.

Many students show their support for the football (and basketball) team by dressing up in outrageous Carolina blue-and-white outfits for games.

Chapel Hill eateries satisfy all tastes

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OK, so you've had a few forkfuls of cafeteria food at Lenoir Hall, and you already find your tongue flapping in the wind and your taste buds adrift, awaiting some culinary wind to fill their sails.

You need some REAL food.

Well, have no fear. There are alternatives to cafeteria cuisine.

First, the fast food joints. Just as every dog has its fleas, every town has McDonald's and its ilk. Along Franklin Street, you'll find McDonald's and Hardee's on the west end toward Carrboro, and Burger King and Taco Bell on the main strip. Carrboro has Wendy's and Kentucky Fried Chicken, just to make the list complete.

Now, on to finer fare.

Would you like some breakfast?

First stop, Ye Olde Waffle Shop on Franklin. Despite its doughy biscuits and bitter coffee, this small, narrow restaurant with counter seating and tables is a Chapel Hill institution. On weekends, you'll stand in line.

Another Chapel Hill favorite is Breadmen's on Rosemary Street. It has a roomy dining room and plenty of parking. Try the thick blueberry

pancakes, blueberry crumbcake a mile high or creamy cream cheese omelets, which come with home fries or grits and biscuits or toast (try the sunflower toast). Breadmen's also serves a great lunch and dinner.

The Continental Cafe on Henderson Street serves a good, inexpensive breakfast. You can sit in a booth, tilt your head back and look at the 20 or so panels depicting scenes from Greek mythology on the vaulted ceiling. Ask for their mozzarella cheese omelet.

Bruegger's Bagel Bakery serves fine, chewy bagels for those in a New York state of mind — sesame, pumpkin, whole wheat, cinnamon-raisin, onion, garlic, salt and plain. Try one with honey-walnut cream cheese, and take home a cheap bagful of their day-old bagels for your microwave or toaster. They also serve big bagel sandwiches and two soups daily.

Carolina Coffee Shop has a quiet, elegant and expensive breakfast. You'll feel like a real gentleman or lady while you dine on one of their asparagus omelets and sip espresso.

"Put a little South in your mouth" is the motto of Dip's Country Kitchen, which is next to Tijuana Fat's on Rosemary Street. Dip's serves authentic Southern food at fairly reasonable

prices. Fried chicken, vegetable fritters, chicken and dumplings and even chitlins are on the menu.

The Looking Glass Cafe is a fine little gem, tucked away in the back of University Square. It's light and airy inside, with large windows, hanging plants and ceiling fans. The Cafe's selections range from vegetable and spinach-cheese sandwiches to hamburgers and corned-beef sandwiches.

Spanky's and Four Corners, both across from the University on Franklin Street, offer a wide assortment of sandwiches and entrees, and you can have a drink while you wait. Spanky's is the place to take your parents when they come to visit (or have them take you), especially for Sunday brunch.

At Colonel Chutney's on Rosemary Street, you can sit inside or at a table in their courtyard. Try the tandoori chicken — one-half of a chicken, marinated in lime and garlic, and then grilled.

Crook's Corner, on Franklin Street at the Carrboro line, is a former barbecue hut that went upscale. It now is only open for dinner, and specializes in nouveau Southern cuisine such as the delicious sauteed shrimp over cheese grits (no kidding). The roof outside is decorated with a freakish

assortment of animals made out of driftwood.

North Carolina is famed for having the best barbecue in the United States, but there isn't any place in downtown Chapel Hill to get it. Allen and Son's, five miles down Airport Road, serves a tangy and tasty plate of pig, if you don't mind the drive.

For the vegetarians, and those in sympathy with them, Pyewacket Restaurant and Bar is the place to go. Pyewacket is very popular and has gourmet-type food, with especially good seafood. Inside, it's spacious and relaxing, but pricey.

Onward to other nationalities.

Magdalena's on West Franklin has the best Mexican food around and emphasizes healthful ingredients. A selection of vegetable side dishes and scrumptious soups rounds out filling menu choices such as tostadas, enchiladas, excellent taco salads and other lesser-known Mexican specialties. Be prepared to drink a lot to cool your tongue if you eat the cornbread studded with jalapeno peppers that comes with the sometimes spicy soup choices or the salsa that comes with the chips.

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