

And then there's Franklin Street ...

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If your parents are not among the multitudes of alumni of UNC who are familiar with the traditional places to feed, you can drag them out for a bite at some of the spots that keep our tummies from their grumbings. Most of you probably have your own opinions and favorites about the places around town, but maybe this will answer some questions that parents like to ask.

Colonel Chutney's has a great dimly-lit, casual atmosphere with booths, outdoor seating and good music always pumping out from the bar. Along with soups, salads, sandwiches and huge burgers, you can choose from steak, chicken and seafoods. The salad dressings and soups are made from scratch. Their dinner specials change daily and will probably include some kind of seafood.

Prices vary widely, but a burger and fries can be had for around \$5. Take your parents to one of the late-night Sunday drinking sessions here where it gets so crowded that you can barely lift your arm to sip the beer.

Chutney's is located at 300 W. Rosemary St. and is open from 4:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. daily. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 5:30 to 10 p.m.

Friday and Saturday. They also have an extensive late-night menu from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The Continental Cafe is found on Henderson Street, right across from the post office. Neon Greek art of warriors and gods seems to float around on the high ceilings, and the abundance of mirrors give the illusion that the place is much larger than it really is — sort of makes you feel like "let's get small."

You can munch on traditional Greek foods in booths and on formica tables, or settle for the norm with salads, burgers, steaks, seafood, or even pizza or pasta. The cafe not only has a huge selection of dinner and lunch foods, but breakfast as well. The prices range from \$2.15 for an egg and hash browns to \$1.95 for a burger to \$10.75 for a combination pizza. Wine and beer are available.

The Continentale Cafe is located on 106 Henderson St. and serves breakfast every day of the week from 7:30 to 11 a.m. weekdays, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. They close at 11 p.m.

One of the town classics is Four Corners. With its basketball memorabilia plastered all over the walls and food named after some of the more famous of Chapel Hill's bas-

ketball heroes, it's the original sports bar and restaurant.

If one day with the folks is already enough, it's a great place to hang out to watch the wide-screen televisions while you chow on a "Jordan" (roast beef sandwich) or a "Worthy Burger." A few dinner specials of pasta, chicken and steak are offered for dinner. And it won't kill your beer drinking money, since most of the entrees are in the range of \$4 to \$6.

Four Corners is conveniently located next to the post office at 175 E. Franklin St. Food is served from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and until 10 p.m. on weekends. On Sunday, they open at noon. The bar serves from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. and a late night menu is available.

Ham's has not been around as long as some of the others, but has managed to hold its own with its efficient staff. It is semi-split-level and very open inside, with a choo-choo train running around above the bar (You tell me why). Monday nights here are a real zoo, with highball specials and people standing four deep at the bar. Wall to wall people checking each other out. Or maybe they're just looking for the friend they came with? Probably. There are daily food and drink specials with a basic menu of salads, sandwiches, soups, burgers, chicken, and tasty appetizers.

Ham's regular menu will keep you satisfied from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day. A late-night menu kicks in from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Expect to spend around \$4 to \$5 on most of the goodies. You'll find Ham's next to Fowler's and "Big Bertha" on 301 W. Franklin St.

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The Hardback Cafe is a really laid-back place with lots of wood, funky furnishings, and a real "cafe" feel to it. Large windows look onto Columbia Street. Some unusual folks frequent the place. It's casual and open inside, with friendly waitpeople who say they've got the best coffee in town.

If you're in the mood to just hang

out, this is the place, as there is an interesting bookstore attached to the restaurant. You can catch live music on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights — no cover charge. A really yummy and varied menu awaits, including sandwiches, burgers, nachos, bagels and an assortment of coffees and alcohol. Try the bacon & brie sandwich with chips at \$4.75.

The cafe is open at 11 a.m. every day with a full menu until 10 p.m. They close the place down at midnight on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; 1 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday; and 4 p.m. on Sunday. Special omelets are served up on Sunday. You'll find this outstanding place right next to Spanky's at 110 N. Columbia St.

I think most of us probably know about Hector's from one of those nights when it wasn't the easiest thing to recall exactly how you got home. When you wake up around noon, the cotton mouth clears a bit, the taste buds begin functioning again, and your mouth remembers: you just couldn't resist one of those Greek grilled cheeses. After the long, long line, you sat on the wall across the street (because the few stools were taken) and shovelled it in. There are the familiar drip stains on the trousers from the sauce. No mistaking the signs, you were at Hector's, all right. You might have also tried to fit an Athenian Souvlaki or Gyro in.

If Greek food doesn't appeal, they also have burgers, chicken, fries and seafood.

Hector's is not easy to miss on the corner of Franklin and Henderson Streets, right across from the post office. They are open for business from 11 a.m. until 2:30 a.m. and 3 a.m. on the weekends. All prices include tax and range from 95 cents for a hot dog to \$3.25 for souvlaki and gyros. It is not pronounced jah-roe. Don't forget to grab lots of napkins.

And, of course, there's always the Rat. Officially known as the Ram's Head Rathskeller, this restaurant has been famous since 1948 for serving some odd recipes of familiar favorites. With many entrees under \$5, it could be the most inexpensive spaghetti, lasagna and pizza in town. Other non-Italian orders include hamburgers, barbecued chicken and ribs. The specialty is the "Double Gambler," a tender, sizzling steak served on a skillet at 500 degrees.

All entrees come with a free salad and their version of garlic bread is available upon request. Beer costs \$3.50 for a small pitcher and \$5 for a large one. Bottled beer (domestic and imported), wine and mixed drinks are also available. The Rat also serves sandwiches, but only for lunch.

One can't mention the Rat without commenting on its decor — but what can you say about it? The Rat truly is in the cellar, complete with unusual murals, graffiti on the tables and low ceilings. One goal of frequent diners is to eat in every room at least once before they graduate.

The Rat is located at 157-A E. Franklin St. They are open for lunch



everyday from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and for dinner from 5 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on weekends.

Another casual place to have a sit-down meal is Sadlack's Heroes and Deli. They've got a couple of booths, a few tables and bar stool seating with good music to keep those busy workers going. The food is always good and they'll fix it any way you want it without any sighs or eyeball-rolling. The menu consists of a wide selection of sandwiches and heroes and a good garden salad, plus you can get a brew with your food and free refills on your coffee. Generally you can get a sandwich and a drink for under \$5.

Sadlack's is open seven days a week at 203 E. Franklin St., right next to where Burger King used to be and right next to Hector's. They are open until from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays and until 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

And then there is Spanky's, right smack in the middle of downtown — the restaurant that is always chock-a-block on football weekends. I guess you go there to be seen, come on and admit it. They open early for the football weekends, but won't let you rest your weary legs at a table during peak hours unless you willing to spill some bucks on food.

They offer a huge menu of sandwiches, burgers, quiche, chicken, salads, pastas and steaks. A BLT lunch sandwich will cost you \$2.95, and a London Broil at dinner time goes for \$8.45. There is plenty of seating both upstairs and downstairs, and a wide selection of beer and spirits.

Spanky's is on the corner of Franklin and Columbia streets and is open seven days a week from 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Lunch is served Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. and dinner from 5 to

9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 10 p.m. on Saturday. Spanky's Famous Sunday Brunch is served 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

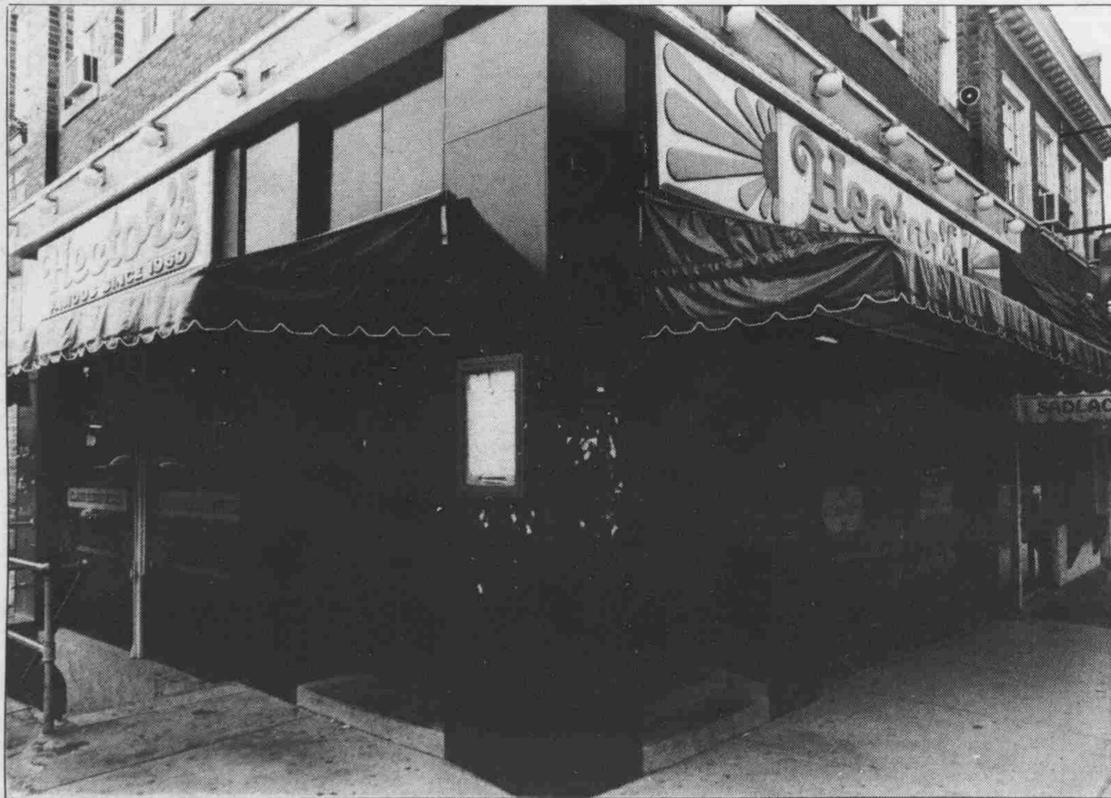
If you don't mind franchised food, then you can find a standard sub shop at Subway. Oh what the hell, you can rack up another punch on your "Sub-Club Card." The menu is run-of-the-mill subs and salads with a few selections of fixings and toppings. A six-inch ham, salami and bologna sub costs \$1.69, or you can splurge on one of their double-meat footlongs for around \$5. They do have some whopper sized soft drinks available.

Subway is located on 132 E. Franklin St. and does have some handy hours for that late night feed. Monday through Friday they are open at 10 a.m. Closing time is 2 a.m., Friday until 3 a.m. Saturday they open at 10:30 a.m. and close at 3 a.m. and Sunday they close at midnight.

Okay, you've managed to con your folks into staying up with you way past their bedtime and after everything else is closed, so take 'em to see Billy at Time-Out. Chances are pretty high that you've been saved before by this establishment at some ridiculous hour of the morning when you had no business being out in the first place. The late-night lines can get discouraging but the ample biscuits will definitely fill the void. Besides, it would give you a chance to show your parents how your friends really behave.

The prices are reasonable at around \$1.50 to \$3, and they've even got good blueberry muffins. The best bargain is the all-you-can-eat spaghetti Monday through Friday from 4 until 8 p.m. Time-Out is located on 133 W. Franklin St. in University Square, and they really are open 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

Ham's in a rare quiet moment (top left), Spanky's front door (top right), and a waiter serving ultra-sweet iced tea at the Rat (below).



'Famous since 1969,' Hector's best serves its fast food fare to the eclectic late-night crowd

