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Deli serves up hummus, hospitality

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Jamil Kadoura's family-owned pita stand used to rove the streets of Jerusalem's West Bank selling fresh falafels.

The Kadouras are still running their business, but things are a bit calmer at Mediterranean Deli, their new location at 418 W. Franklin St. in Chapel Hill.

It all began with a phone call from Kadoura's mother, Ayshi, about a year and a half ago.

Ayshi Kadoura called her son Jamil in Chapel Hill with stories of neighbors who had been terrorized during nearby violence. She no longer felt safe living there, she told him. Was there anything she could do in the United States, anything — just to escape?

After two years as food and beverage director for Omni Europa Hotel, Jamil Kadoura had no experience running a restaurant. But he urged his mother and his 20-year-old sister, Nabila, to join him in Chapel Hill where they could open a Middle Eastern restaurant.

"Running a restaurant is something I never thought we'd do," Jamil Kadoura said. "But when my mom said she was scared, I said 'OK. Let's try it.'"

"We had no clue how to make a lease, or what kind of licenses you needed; I used to call the building inspector four or five times a day with all my questions," he said. "The only thing we

knew was how to make the food." The food, Kadoura proudly claimed, is authentic Middle Eastern cuisine, prepared according to his mother's recipes.

The menu at Mediterranean Deli includes: falafels, pitas filled with fried chick peas; tabouleh, a grain salad garnished with lemon and parsley; gyros; and labneh, a type of yogurt-cheese.

Every morning, Ayshi Kadoura comes into the restaurant to make the day's selections. Some of the dishes that require special preparation are made at home and brought into the restaurant.

Labneh, for example, is made at the Kadouras' home because of the length of time it takes to prepare. First, the milk is boiled, stirred and wrapped in a blanket to cool. Then, it is placed in a cheesecloth where it is set to dry for four days.

When the restaurant opened in May, Kadoura worried whether there was enough of a market in Chapel Hill for Middle Eastern food.

"Some people don't accept this kind of food — they're meat and potato people," he said. "They are people who walk in and then walk out."

But Kadoura is optimistic the Mediterranean Deli will find its clientele. So far, the restaurant has been able to pay its bills and wages without losing money.

"You really have to know this food to come in here," Jamil Kadoura said. "People who are vegetarian or have



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Jamil Kadoura prepares schwarma, a Middle-Eastern specialty at Mediterranean Deli

been exposed to Arab or Jewish culture know this food like they know McDonald's."

Stopping to reflect on the irony of Jews' and Arabs' shared culinary heritage, Jamil Kadoura added: "One thing Americans don't understand is that Jews and Arabs aren't enemies; in fact, they have a lot in common."

Ayshri Kadoura, who is about 60

years old, always asks her son or daughter to translate any news of the Middle East peace talks, Jamil Kadoura said. She follows the news intently, waiting to hear that it's safe enough to go back.

Although Ayshri Kadoura dreams of returning home, Jamil Kadoura plans on staying in the United States.

"Oh, man, I never want to leave here," he said. "I love the freedom I have to

express to people my feelings on the situation at home.

"Because we are on the West Bank, we've never seen freedom before," Jamil Kadoura added. "We've never seen it ... in all the Middle East, Israel is the only democracy."

Jamil Kadoura said he enjoyed the freedom and independence he had in the United States, but missed the rich cultural traditions from home.

Hospitality is a time-honored tradition in the Arab world, Kadoura said.

At the deli, Jamil Kadoura prides himself in serving a generous portion of hospitality along with the hummus.

Everyone who walks in the door is greeted warmly, as if they were a dear friend.

Pictures of Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock adorn the deli's stark white walls. In the background, Arabic music hums softly.

"This is not something you can pretend," he said. "In Arab villages, this is how things are."

Kadoura said he liked Chapel Hill's open-mindedness. "I come from a very cultural country, and I like it when people ask questions," he said.

Although running a restaurant often means long hours of hard, intensive labor, Jamil Kadoura said the rewards were gratifying.

"I used to make a lot more money at my old job," he said. "But now, I go home, and I say 'I saved my family.'"

City Briefs

Police charge man with assault on woman

A Chapel Hill man was arrested and charged with assault early Saturday morning following a report filed by the victim, according to police reports.

Clarence Earl Edwards, of 105-B Creel St., was charged with assaulting a female, reports stated. He was released on \$300 unsecured bond, police reports stated.

The victim, who is also a Chapel Hill resident, reported about 1:30 a.m. that a man hit her with his fist, reports stated.

She had no visible signs of injury and refused medical attention, reports stated.

Waste reduction logo winner to net \$250

The Chapel Hill Solid Waste Reduction Committee will award \$250 for the winning logo used by local businesses in the "Waste Watcher" program.

The "Waste Watcher" program focuses on three aspects: reduction of as much waste as possible through composting and wise purchasing decisions; reuse of products instead of disposal, use of recycled products and use of products that are environmentally safe; and recycling of all products that are currently recyclable in Chapel Hill.

The committee is developing a program to identify area businesses committed to managing their solid waste by reduction, reuse and recycling.

Participating businesses will use the winning logo in store displays and advertising.

The winning design will be selected by the committee, which is a citizens' group appointed by the Chapel Hill Town Council.

Entries must be submitted by Sept. 15 and should be sent to the Chapel Hill Solid Waste Reduction Committee at 1099 Airport Road, Chapel Hill, NC, 27516.

The logo design winner will be announced by Oct. 1.

For more information, call Blair Pollock at 968-2788 or Debi Bird at 932-1401.

Self-defense course offered in Durham

SafeSkills Associates will offer a mini-self-defense course for women from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 22.

Course participants will learn verbal assertiveness and physical defensive techniques.

The course will be held at the new SafeSkills Center located at 3710 Shannon Road in Durham. The cost of the course is \$20.

For more information or to register for the course, call 644-1335.

ARC to hold annual picnic in Carrboro

The Association for Retarded Citizens of Orange County will hold its annual picnic Sept. 13 at Carrboro Community Park.

The picnic will begin at 4 p.m. and end at 8 p.m.

Hot dogs and beverages will be provided, but participants are asked to bring a dessert or dish to share.

The membership will vote on a name change from the Association of Retarded Citizens of the United States to "The Arc."

During the group's national convention in Portland, Oregon, delegates passed the name change, which became effective immediately.

Carrboro Community Park is located on N.C. 54 West.

County rape crisis center seeks volunteers

The Orange County Rape Crisis Center is seeking volunteers to be trained as rape crisis companions, child advocates, pediatric clinic volunteers, community educators and office volunteers.

Training begins Sept. 19 and the center especially needs black women to volunteer to do public speaking. Statistics show that black women are three times more likely than white women to be victims of multiple assaults.

Residents of northern Orange County also are especially needed to volunteer.

Rape crisis companions and child advocates work with survivors of rape, sexual assault and child sexual abuse. They provide emotional support, help victims through medical and legal procedures, information and referrals.

Pediatric clinic volunteers work with victims of child sexual abuse and their families in the Child Medical Evaluation Clinic at UNC Hospitals.

Community educators provide educational programs designed to promote awareness and prevention of rape, sexual assault and child sexual abuse.

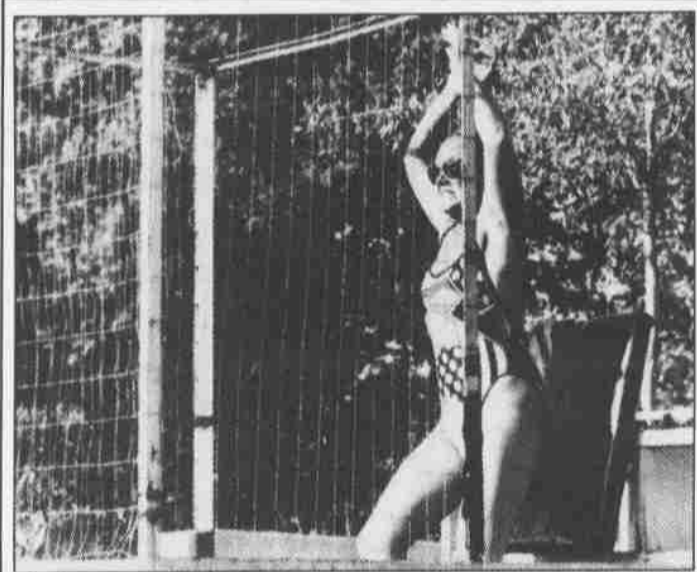
Office volunteers do various administrative tasks at the center.

For more information, call Katie Adams Parrish at 968-4647.

Town council to hold planning session

The Chapel Hill Town Council will hold its quarterly reporting and planning session at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

The session will be held at Chapel Hill Town Hall.



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Chapel Hill resident Terry Lee waits to be dunked at the MDA Festival of Fun

Festival of Fun benefits charity, entertains crowd

By Kelly Ryan
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Local businesses showed the Chapel Hill community that fun and giving go hand in hand with a Sunday carnival to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association, previewing its biggest fund-raiser of the year, the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon.

The MDA Festival of Fun was sponsored by TGIF Outlet, located at the old Fowler's Food building, and The Chapel Hill Newspaper.

TGIF scheduled community officials, musical entertainers and local artists and restaurants to sell their time and their wares to the community.

"It was a good time because Jerry Lewis is doing his event now," TGIF Outlet manager Jody Rook said. "This is MDA's time to shine."

The festival took place between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. outside the Old Fowler's Building. The carnival also was sponsored by Gatorade and Charles Chips, who provided free refreshments during the day, she said.

University student and Gatorade field marketing representative David Hoffmann, a junior industrial relations major from Raleigh, said Gatorade enjoyed participating in charity events to support good causes.

"We're doing summer promotions in the Raleigh-Durham area, which will end next week, so this is a good send-off," Hoffmann said. "It's a hot day for people to drink Gatorade Light."

Rook said the store's goal was to raise \$2,000 because that minimum amount would allow TGIF to present a check to MDA on TV during Jerry Lewis' Labor Day telethon.

The event was targeted toward children, although there were also activities for adults, Rook said.

Scrap Exchange volunteer Cheryl Dickinson said her booth was set up to help children make creative hats with scrap materials free of charge.

"We go to a lot of festivals so there is something for the children to do," she said.

MDA representative Michelle Kime praised TGIF's efforts in planning the event, explaining that her only responsibility was to help with publicity and act as a liaison.

"They contacted all the merchants in the area and did it themselves,"

Kime said. "It's something that can grow every year. This year they're off to a good start."

TGIF scheduled several Apple Chill vendors to sell craft items, including tie-dye shirts and jewelry, and to share their crafts by doing projects with the children, Rook said. Apple Chill, a festival sponsored by the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department, is held downtown each spring.

A finger-painting booth and an Orange County Speedway racing car were at the carnival, Rook said. A 4-H sponsored dunking booth, complete with a George Bush mask for the dunkees to wear, also provided entertainment, she said.

In addition to the craft activities, TGIF invited fictional community comic and safety figures to entertain the visitors, Rook said. Special guests included Buster Ball, a character from Durham's Putt-Putt miniature golf course, the Chapel Hill Police Department's McGruff the Crime Dog, and the Chapel Hill Fire Department's Pluggie robot, an educational toy designed to teach children about fire prevention and safety.

"We wanted to make it a community event," Rook said.

Local businesses contributed more than 1,000 raffle prizes such as a balloon ride for two worth \$500, three two-month memberships to Chapel Hill Tae Kwon Do, TGIF gift certificates and cups, and two \$25 gift certificates each from Durham's Northgate Mall and University Mall, Rook said.

Body Billboard account executive Otis Ku said the store was active in philanthropic community events and actively supported the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Association. Fifty percent of the profits from the day's sales were donated to MDA.

"We do tons of stuff to benefit charity," Ku said.

Student Health Services employee and sculptor Walter Faribault said for the past two years he has attended community events with his artwork. He planned to donate 10 percent of his profits to MDA.

"There are so many reasons to donate your time," he said. "I think people need to contribute to society because

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Panhellenic rush mixes '90s attitudes, traditional parties

Editor's note: This is the conclusion of a two-part series on how fraternities and sororities recruit new members. The first part of the series focused on fraternities.

By Alan Ayers
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Hundreds of enthusiastic, screaming women run out of a sorority house onto the front yard to welcome potential members to their party.

Although this scene may be common around the UNC campus during Panhellenic Council rush this year, it may not exist in the future if proposed changes are made in UNC's women's rush policy.

"Sorority women have traditionally enjoyed entertaining rushees by jumping in the yard and singing to them," said Corean Hamlin, Panhellenic Council president. "Last year, we decided that sororities needed to move on. The image of jumping in the yard did not accurately portray sororities in the 1990s."

Hamlin said the 11 member sororities of the UNC Panhellenic Council would change their rush parties next year to emphasize the leadership and scholarship opportunities available in their respective chapters.

Although traditionally black UNC sororities also start their membership drives in the fall, recruitment in these organizations is a very different process.

Women interested in joining a Panhellenic Council sorority must participate in an organized rush process in the fall, but black fraternities and sororities are unique because they do not conduct a traditional rush, said Charles McNair, president of the Black Greek Council.

"The Greek organizations that are part of the Black Greek Council do not actually have a rush like other fraternities and sororities," he said. "Each individual organization, including the black sororities on campus, plans activities throughout the year to get students interested and initiate new members."

McNair said women and men who were interested in black Greek events were notified through fliers posted across campus and announcements made at Black Student Movement meet-



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Members of Chi Omega Sorority perform a skit for prospective pledges

ings. Interested students also should become acquainted with members of the Greek organizations, he said.

"Students who are interested in being a part of the black Greek system should get to know some people in the individual organizations who will introduce them to the other members," he said.

More than 750 students registered for this year's Panhellenic Council rush, which began Tuesday and will continue through Thursday. Hamlin said council

members had prepared for rush since early spring, when the rush registration drive began.

Before Panhellenic Council rush begins, rushees are matched to one of 64 rush counselors. Rush counselors, who are forbidden to reveal their sorority affiliation during rush, provide guidance and support to rushees.

In the first round of rush, rushees receive a preview of Greek life when

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Psyched about politics: UNC students travel to national party conventions

By Yi-Hsin Chang
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June 20 was an exciting day for Katherine Wilson.

Two weeks earlier, she had been nominated to be an N.C. delegate to the Democratic National Convention. On June 20, it was official. She became the state's youngest delegate and the only college student to represent N.C. Democrats at their national convention.

"I really wanted to go," said Wilson, a senior political science major and president of the UNC Young Democrats. "I had really hoped to go and represent the young people of the state."

Wilson did exactly that July 13-16 in New York City. "I was able to tell the state how much young people are working for the campaign this year and how many young people are voting this year," she said.

"The most exciting thing was being on the floor on Tuesday night, to have my vote count to put Governor (Bill) Clinton over the top. It was good to have my vote counted."

Wilson was not the only UNC student at the Democratic Convention.

First-year law student Mark Bibbs and seniors Ted Teague and Patrick Wooten got passes from the N.C. delegation and drove up together on the Sunday before the convention to be a part of the hoopla.

"Since we had two Southerners on the top of the ticket, the first time that's happened, I thought it would be a great experience," Bibbs said.

Teague agreed, explaining that at first only two of them were going. "I really thought this was very much a young person's convention. Two young persons going up to the convention was what Clinton and (Al) Gore were doing."

Wilson said although she received a lot of press at the convention for being the youngest N.C. delegate, she did not feel out of place at the convention. "Everyone was kind of on the same level, which was hard to believe," she said. "It was kind of a neat feeling."

"I really think that it was great to mesh some of the old ideas, the old people who had been to conventions

before, with the young people with our new ideas."

Wilson got to rub elbows with many well-known politicians and celebrities, including former presidential candidate Jerry Brown, Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey, producer and director Spike Lee and actor Richard Dreyfus.

Bibbs' list of new acquaintances is equally impressive: former Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill, ABC anchorman Sam Donaldson, Democratic Party Chairman Ron Brown and former mayor of Atlanta Andrew Young.

Wooten said, "We had a great time seeing what was going on, seeing the movers and shakers (of the Democratic Party)."

It was a good learning experience, Bibbs said. "I learned things you can't learn in the classroom, things you can't learn in a textbook."

Wooten said the convention sealed his Democratic beliefs. "It made me more enthusiastic for the Clinton ticket. It was more than just media hype. I

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