

Late-Night Franklin Street Offers Music, Food

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Although Franklin Street has its share of bars for the college crowd, families or those seeking a quieter nighttime establishment have several unique options for entertainment.

Franklin Street is a Chapel Hill institution, permitting students and their families a convenient location for shopping, wining and dining.

Many of these establishments are institutions that need no introduction — like the Rathskeller and Pepper's Pizza.

The Rathskeller, or "The Rat," has received business from families for generations. Patrons can dine on everything from ham and cheese sandwiches to bowls of lasagna in different themed rooms.

An old ad for Pepper's read "A Sunny Place for Shady People." Rather than being a restaurant for "Shady People" per se, Peppers is a unique example of Chapel Hill's eclectic atmosphere. In a small, decorated dining area, Pepper's serves speciality pizzas and Italian dishes.

Like the Rat and Pepper's, the Carolina Coffee Shop has carved its own niche on Franklin Street. Established in 1922, Carolina Coffee Shop is the oldest restaurant in the Triangle.

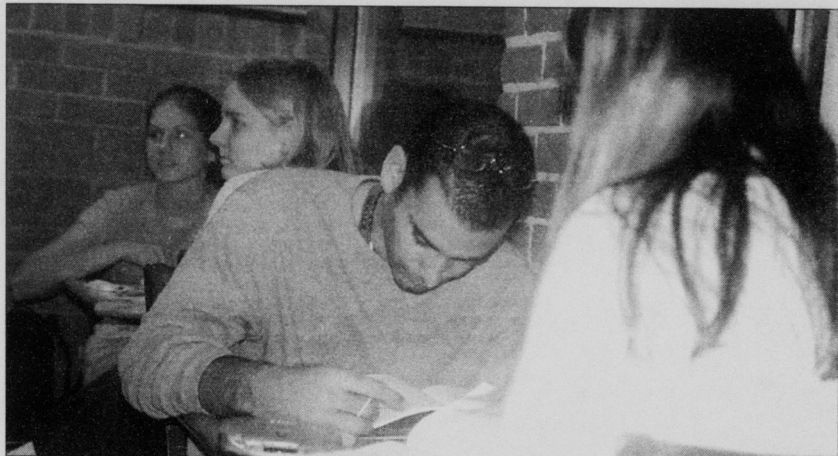
In addition to a full coffee and alcoholic bar, Carolina Coffee Shop's menu ranges from crabmeat and artichoke crepes to bacon and brie omelets. The shop stays open until 2 a.m.

Coffee and treats are also available at Caribou Coffee and the Artist's Escape, as well as Starbucks and Cafe Trio.

For those seeking an atmosphere closer to the Middle East than their child's Old West room, The Silk Road Tea House stays open until midnight during the week and 1 a.m. on weekends.

Kelly Wright, the shop's veteran employee, said Silk Road boasts Turkish specialties ranging from hummus to freshly made deserts.

In addition to its globally minded menu, Silk Road keeps a collection of activities — from chess to international games — and showcases a belly dancer and local bands frequently.



Jonathon Luft, a junior economics major from Montreal, studies among several female customers at Franklin Street's Caribou Coffee on a weeknight.


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