

Franklin Street offers options for dining

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A unique mix of Franklin Street restaurants lend character to the Chapel Hill scene. Whether you're grabbing a bite after a late party or simply sick of on-campus choices, the main stretch of food joints has plenty to offer.

Breakfast

Ye Olde Waffle Shop has been around since 1972. The line can get long on Sunday mornings, but the warm, community feel of the place keeps patrons coming back.

The restaurant is designed in such a way that you can watch your food cooking from many of the booths.

Get there early, though, because

the restaurant closes in the afternoon every day.

The apple cinnamon waffles cost \$5.65.

Lunch

Jack Sprat Cafe offers a wide variety of salads and sandwiches. The cafe has an artsy feel to it — they always play relaxed music and often feature local bands' sets.

It's right across from campus, so students can take advantage of the atmosphere, stopping by to study or have meetings with professors.

You can get a chocolate chip banana muffin for \$1.75 and a toasty turkey sandwich for \$6.75.

Late night

Cosmic Cantina, at 128 E. Franklin

St., is a Mexican food restaurant that's open until 2:30 a.m. You're more likely to see this taqueria more crowded at that time of night than at dinner, as students walk home from their respective parties.

Portions are large, and menu options are basic — from burritos to quesadillas to nachos.

A chicken or steak burrito costs \$6.03.

Sports games

Carolina fans tend to gather in full force to watch the games they can't attend in person. Ham's has 15 TV screens, including a large projector, so it's easy to get a good view.

Get there an hour before the game, or you're out of luck for seating.

On Tuesday nights they also fea-

ture trivia quiz competitions.

The bacon cheese fries cost \$6.99.

For a date

Top of the Hill is on the second story at the intersection of Columbia Street and Franklin Street.

It's the typical date restaurant — you're bound to see several couples in formal dress eating before fraternity cocktails. The restaurant even brews its own beer.

Order the creole chicken sauce piquant for \$14.99.

A quick meal

Franklin Street Pizza and Pasta offers an alternative to fast food. Customers go up to a counter to order pizza by the slice, pasta or

garlic bread knots.

And if the line's too long, I Love NY Pizza, a restaurant in a similar style, is just down the street.

A slice of Sicilian pizza costs \$1.90 at Pizza and Pasta.

Takeout

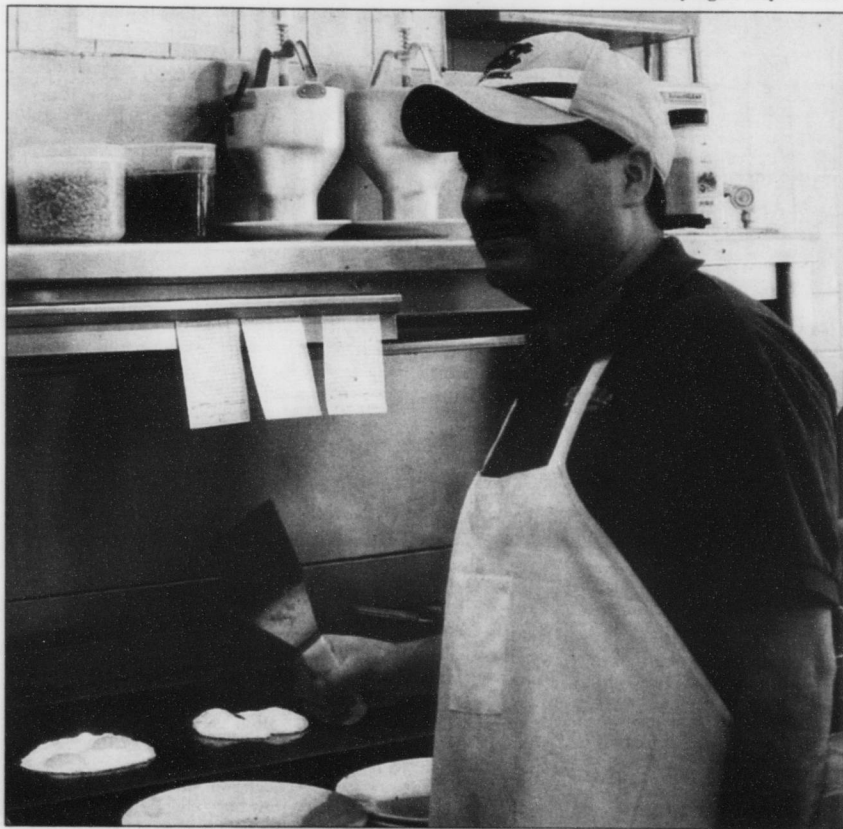
Any takeout food order is bound to take more than 45 minutes to get to your door, just because so many students order at once.

But if you order from local wrap shop [B]ski's, you won't be charged extra for delivery. Many other restaurants use Tarheel Takeout Express, which charges \$5 for deliveries.

[B]ski's calls all their wraps "skis," and you can get sides of fresh fruit for \$1. Most of the classic menu options, such as the Caesar Ski, cost \$6.50.

Franklin favorites

- Ye Olde Waffle Shop**
173 E. Franklin St.
- Jack Sprat Cafe**
161 E. Franklin St.
- Cosmic Cantina**
128 E. Franklin St.
- Ham's**
310 W. Franklin St.
- Top of the Hill**
100 E. Franklin St.
- Franklin Street Pizza and Pasta**
163 E. Franklin St.
- [B]ski's**
147 E. Franklin St.



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Carlos Hernandez, who has been a cook at Ye Olde Waffle Shop for almost 10 years, says his favorite things to make are omelets. Ye Olde, a Franklin Street favorite, celebrated its 35th anniversary earlier this year.

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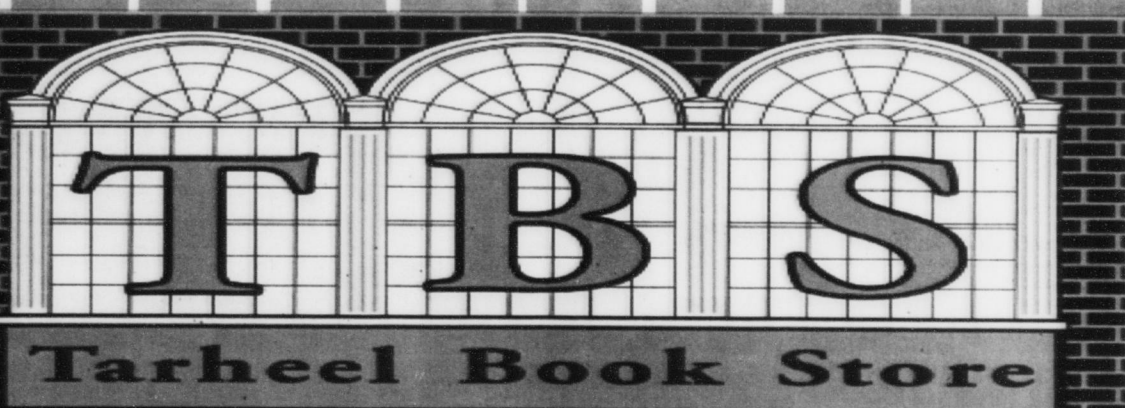
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