

# Area offers meals just like Mother's

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You can take the Tar Heel out of the country, but you can't take the country out of a Tar Heel. There is an entire crop of students who were raised on Southern cooking, and encountering campus food can be the closest thing to trauma as anything they will face.

"What? No collard greens?" was heard from one disappointed freshman in line for another ARA meal.

However, there is hope for those who are looking for a good home-cooked meal but can't afford the ride home three times a day.

The kitchen at home probably doesn't have a Ms. Pac Man machine, and it more than likely isn't smoke-filled. But, for a restaurant that captures the short-order home cooking for which your Mom deserves a medal, **A&J Bar-B-Q** is a good place to start.

Located approximately a block off West Franklin Street at 115 North Graham, A&J has a full menu of spaghetti, chicken and vegetables, along with side orders just like Mom used to whip up out of thin air.

A&J's specialty is barbecue, and it is said to be some of the best in Orange County. You can judge that for yourself and when you do you'll get enough vegetables for a balanced meal that even the most particular mother would appreciate. A&J, which is open until 9 p.m., doesn't take checks, but then neither did Mom. This restaurant is a must-try before you graduate.



Garden fresh vegetables and home-cooked meals are specialties at Dip's Country Kitchen.

For another taste of the next best thing to Mom's, try **Brady's**. Located at 1505 E. Franklin St., Brady's specializes in deep-fried Southern delicacies, such as chicken, fish and hush-puppies. It serves a variety of meats, including pork chops and steaks, and is well-known for its barbecue.

The best thing about Brady's is the price, perhaps one of the main reasons Brady's has been a UNC institution for years.

Did you ever marvel over how Mom managed to make dinner for the whole family with no mixes or prepackaged ingredients?

**Dip's Country Kitchen**, 405 West Rosemary St., can and does boast the same feat. Vegetables are garden-fresh and everything is made from scratch.

Entrees include barbecue, seafood, cornbread, muffins and even chitterlings. Bring a healthy appetite because the portions are home-style, and the price is right.

Last, but not least is a campus tradition Mom and Dad probably recommended when they sent you here—**The Porthole**.

At the Porthole you fill out your own ticket, but from then on, the service is non-stop. Waiters bring generous refills on drinks and The Porthole's famous rolls.

The food is, without a doubt, the best for the price, and The Porthole is within easy walking distance from campus. Located in Old Fraternity Row (near the new Art Building), The Porthole may be just the place you are looking for.

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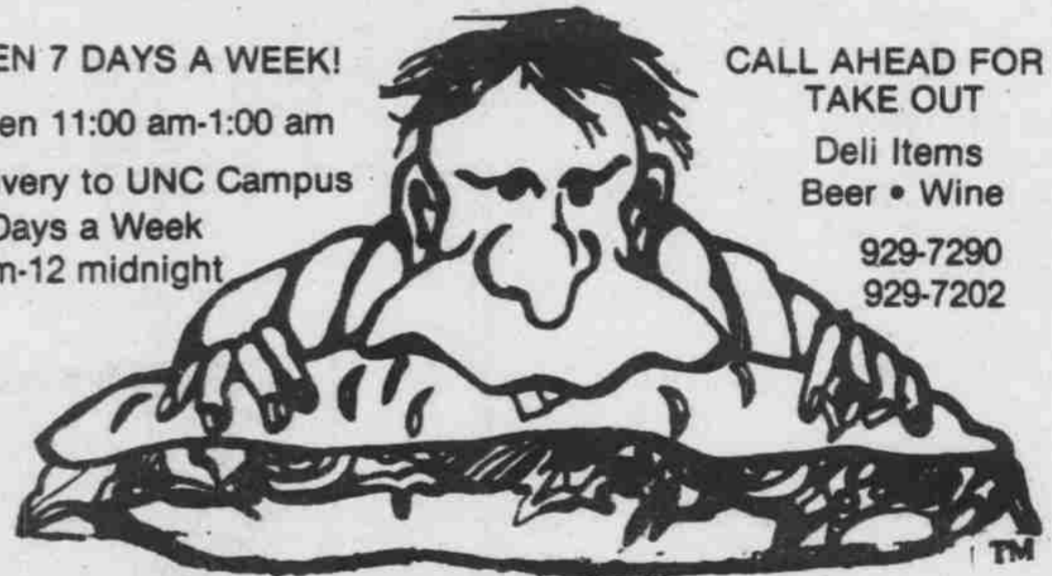
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