

Fordham lauds tradition

You know he supports divestment, disagrees with Student Body President Bryan Hassel's appointments proposal and breakfasts with undergraduates once a month. But did you know that UNC Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham's favorite color is "a light shade of blue," his favorite sport is golf, he reads mystery novels, and his middle name is Columbus? Yes, despite popular opinion, chancellors are people, too.

Fordham received his Certificate in Medicine from UNC-CH in 1949, went on to Harvard Medical School where he received his M.D. and spent the next seven years in residency and in the Air Force before returning to UNC as an instructor of medicine. Prior to his nomination as chancellor, Fordham served as UNC vice chancellor of Health Affairs, dean of the UNC School of Medicine, acting assistant secretary for Health and acting surgeon general of the United States.

He met his wife, Barbara Byrd, in a church in Greensboro during his military service. They now have three daughters and five grandchildren.

His office on the first floor of South Building is scattered with reports, briefs, correspondence and family pictures. "The most exciting thing I've ever done?" he muses as he rubs his chin. Beyond the door of his office, two secretaries type and answer constantly ringing phones. "My job!" he says with a big grin.

"I feel very good about the University. It serves people extremely well, offers education at attainable costs, inspires the pursuit of achievement and adds a sparkle of intellect." Fordham said he sees his role as

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something of a quality control manager. "I'm like the (Chief Executive Officer) of any major institution. I have to make it work effectively and maintain the quality of our product.

"Fortunately, I have an excellent staff who enable me to delegate authority with confidence," he said. But more importantly, Fordham said he believes he can rely on the traditions of the University to make sure things run smoothly.

"The concept of freedom and responsibility of students is an extremely important tradition. I am truly impressed with the quality of this generation of students and their capacity to bring energy to new things."

But life as chancellor isn't always easy. "The University is a complicated organism with multiple constituencies. Society has wrought high expectations, and we have high visibility and a lot of magnetism." On any given day, Fordham must deal with a number of issues all at once, which he finds the most frustrating aspect of his job. "Unfortunately, any one of these issues can become destructive, and often there isn't time enough to reflect."

The chancellor admits that UNC-CH may be the Southern part of heaven, but it isn't absolutely perfect. "We have excellent facilities, a superb faculty and a very modern curricu-

lum," he said. But Fordham said he would like "to improve the environment of the residence halls into more of a learning atmosphere," would welcome "solutions to the difficulties of bureaucracy of drop/add" and would like to make student financial aid "more accountable and more effective."

But overall, Fordham said he is very proud of the University and looks forward to being part of its "upbeat future." His philosophy of life centers around "a commitment to something I believe in and a willingness to give it my most outstanding effort." Being able to combine this philosophy with the University is what he calls a wonderful opportunity.

Darryl's offers tasty tradition

During my freshman year at UNC, I began a family tradition. Every time my parents returned me and my necessary junk to Carolina, I would show gratitude by allowing them to dine with me — and of course pick up the tab — at a restaurant of my choice. After spending the summer away from school, I am always ready for the semester to begin and for the tradition to resume.

Fall break offered just the right excuse to extend this tradition even further. This time I decided on one of my favorite restaurants, Darryl's. Ironically enough, Darryl's boasts, "Since 1890, a tradition." What better place could I have picked for our own tradition?

Located at 4603 Chapel Hill Road (15-501 Chapel Hill/Durham Blvd.), Darryl's also has several other locations around North Carolina. From the outside of this grey and red plantation-style building, the restaurant may look like any other plain, old-timey eatery. But from the inside, it is obviously different from the rest.

Darryl's is a restaurant whose staff pays particular attention to the detail of its decor, atmosphere, service and food. The inside is decorated with memorabilia from the past mixed with gadgetry of the present. The walls are almost completely covered with black and white photos, electric lanterns and those old-fashioned Coca-cola trays with the fancy ladies. The warm, dark colors of the carpet, walls and wooden tables are accented by the soft glow of light from the numerous lanterns, hanging stained-glass mosaic lamps and chandeliers. Fans, exposed rafters and a spiral

Beth Buffington Restaurants

rusted chain staircase finish off the cozy, at-home atmosphere.

Even after numerous visits, Darryl's never seems to be the same restaurant. It is composed of several different levels and sections that are like mini-restaurants with their own waitresses/waiters.

The restaurant also can seem to have a dual atmosphere at times. On a busy night, the sounds from the bar's blenders interrupt the loud pop music. On a quiet afternoon, only the table conversations can be heard.

The one thing that does seem to

remain the same is the menu. It took my parents a while to decide on what they wanted — understandably so, since the menu is 10 pages long and covers everything from appetizers to Sunday brunch. The first page, I think, is the most tempting with its wide variety of "Good Spirits" from Darryl's Tavern. Included are daiquiris, wines, beers and what they call "Traditionals." It also offers special non-alcoholic drinks called "Imposers," as well as sodas, tea, juices and even Perrier.

Appetizers such as nachos, chicken wings, fried cheese, pizza bites and fried mushrooms are available. Their prices range from \$3.25 to \$4.95, so you might want to think twice about

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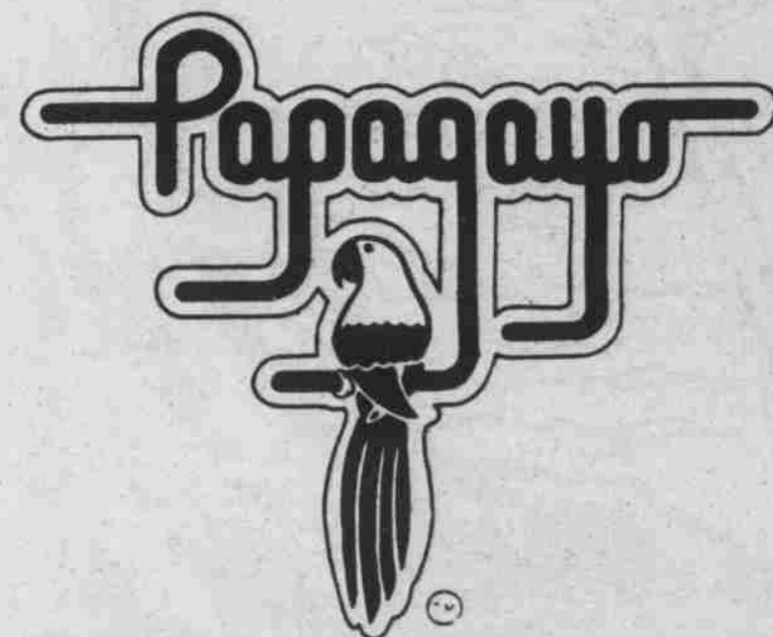
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