

All the ambiance of Paris without the rude waiters

If your parents are in town this weekend, you might want to break away from Lenoir and get some real food. Of course, the beautiful thing about Parents' Weekend is that you can go out to eat on their money. I urge you to take advantage of this once-in-a-semester opportunity. You might want to start by checking out some of Chapel Hill's numerous delis and cafes:

Provisions Gift and Gourmet: Browsing past the bath beads and exotic coffees, you'll find Provision's cafe in the back of the University Mall store. They offer a small lunch menu that includes cold-cut sandwiches, tuna salad and delicious chicken salad. They also have a bakery that serves fresh-baked croissants and cookies. Lunch can generally be bought for less than \$5 and is served from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tripodi's Delicatessen: Located near University Mall, Tripodi's offers Reuben sandwiches, club sandwiches and an interesting concoction known as boboli. It's like pizza, but has some interesting twists to it. Even funkier are their bagel sandwiches, including potato pancakes on a bagel. The desserts are even better, with rich layer cakes, tortes and such. Lunch will probably run you about \$5, and they are open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Carolina Coffee Shop: More than the name implies, this "coffee shop" at 138 E. Franklin St. specializes in seafood, offering crab cakes, salmon and great fettucini dishes. Lunch will run about \$7.50 and dinner will cost about \$12. They are open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to midnight on weekends.

Colonel Chutney's: Prime rib sandwiches plus chicken and seafood dishes that I guarantee will leave you completely satiated are features on the colonel's menu. Sandwiches range from \$4 to \$5, and entrees from \$7 to \$11. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 10 p.m., and they have a late-night menu that is served until 2 a.m. Located at 300 W. Rosemary St., this restaurant sometimes doubles as a reggae room, but they'll probably tone it down while Mom and Dad are in town.

Sunshine Cafe: Formerly where Mark's cafe is on West Franklin Street, now in downtown Carrboro, Sunshine runs about \$10 a person with avocado-sprout sandwiches, catch of the day specials and a selection of wines. For

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hours information call 968-0708.

Back Streets Cafe: I'll bet this is the only place in Chapel Hill that serves a *catfish sandwich* for lunch. You could also choose salads, soups or other sandwiches during lunch hours, which are 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Lunch will run anywhere from \$4 to \$7. They serve generous portions of fresh market fish, shrimp remoulade and tournebief of beef for dinner between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Dinner entrees range from \$7.95 to \$14.95.

Items on their late night menu are served until midnight Monday through Thursday and until 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. On Sundays, brunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cafe also has drink specials, and outdoor dining is available. Reservations are encouraged. Back Streets is at 303 W. Franklin St.

Carrboro Cafe: Health foods dominate the menu at this 101 E. Weaver St. cafe in Weaver Street Market. Popular items include the market veggie sandwich, black bean burrito and a vegetable stir fry dish. The average meal ranges from \$4 to \$6, and they're open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. with brunch served until 1 p.m.

The Hardback Cafe and Bookstore: A varied menu and books to peruse while you wait set this 110 N. Columbia St. eatery apart. The chicken or mushroom crepes served with salad, the Classic Reuben sandwich and Huevos Rancheros are among the best picks on the Hardback menu. They also serve delicious coffee. They're open from 11 a.m. to midnight Sunday through Wednesday, and until 1 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturdays.

Hello Deli: Found at 116 Old Durham Road in Durham, Hello serves burgers, an assortment of deli sandwiches and offers limited dinner plates of steaks, chicken and shrimp. On Saturdays and Sundays they feature a breakfast buffet. The deli is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Henry's Bistro: Homemade pasta dishes, fresh seafood, steak polvie and chicken dishes are Henry's most popular items. Their specialties include ol-

ive bread, pan fried oysters with red chili and sauteed pork chops with tesso ham gravy. Specials offered before 7 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays will only cost ya \$8.75. Regular entrees range from \$9.95 to \$14.95 and are served from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. On weekdays, lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Henry's is at 300-B W. Rosemary St., under Colonel Chutney's and Pizza Transit Authority.

Mark's Cafe: Located on 454 W. Franklin St., seafood pasta and chicken dishes are popular at Mark's. Meals will cost anywhere from \$7.95 to \$15.95. They open at 6 p.m. and will stay until you decide to leave. Brunch is served on Saturdays and Sundays, but nobody comes in on Mondays.

Nothing Could Be Finer Market Cafe: A recent addition to the Chapel Hill restaurant scene, they specialize in Mediterranean cuisine and also offer deli sandwiches. The cafe has a bakery that offers fresh-baked cakes and breads. Nothing Could Be Finer is on the costly side and can be found at 306 W. Franklin St. For hours information call 932-5200.

Second City Grill: Funky decor and cheese fries will compliment any meal you order at Second City, located in Eastgate Plaza. Chicago-style Pizza, burgers and pasta dishes are the favorites. Lunch ranges anywhere from \$4 to \$6, dinner from \$6 to \$8. They're open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and keep serving until 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Miami Subs: On Franklin Street next to Rite-Aid, Miami Subs has become the hotspot for barhoppers after the watering holes close, especially since Hector's is gone and Billy took some time out.

Miami Subs offers a wide variety of items, serving up delicious (all the better if you're wasted) steak and cheese sandwiches, burgers, kaiser chickens, deli sandwiches, meatball heroes and gyros. The average meal runs from \$4 to



Just being weird isn't enough at the Hardback

\$6 and they're open from 9:30 a.m. to 3 a.m. every day.

Lil' Dino's: You'll find steak and cheese along with an assortment of other sandwiches at this 306-A W.

Franklin St. eatery. The average Lil' Dino's meal runs from \$4 to \$6, and the restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 10 p.m. on Sundays.

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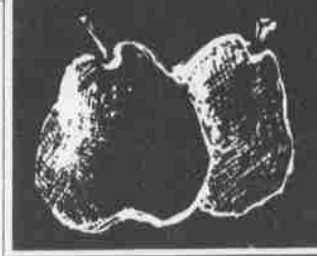
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