Chef-manager puts a new face on P.J. Clarke's

mideastern version of a hot dog; Doc's salad named after Dr. Friedman's hus-

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Surrounded by elegant new restain-rants with liquor licenses and inexpen-sive-but-liquorless hamburger and sandwich shops, P.J. Clarke's in Bir-mingbam is trying to make a name for

Clarke's."

More Davis is the new chef-manager, who has only been there a couple of fighths but says business is increasing by 25 customers a day. He sees as a good-sign the fact that "were not selling as many burgers."

Actually, seelling hamburgers was one of the things Dr. Sonya Friedman, Birrinigham personality and P.J. Clayke's owner, was about when she opened the restaurant and mand it after her favorite New York watering hole and early.

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SHE HAD TAKEN over the Continental Market space after the Paradigm, a natural foods restaurant, vacaded. Dr. Friedman kept some of Pabadigm's vegetarian specialities on the menu but added a big burger, in the style of New York's P.J. Clarke's.

You can still order a Countinental Burger, char-broiled to order, with onto, kaiser, paliar rolls and "our own fries" for \$2.95.

But now that Daw's is there, a new ment is available every month and more descerts have been added.

Davis had gone from Tweeny's in Stirtingham to several other restaurants including Healthy Jones in South-leight before joming P.J. Clarke's at Dr. Friedman's invitation.

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Ethel Simmons

comes, he says, 'Marc, this is the best today,' " said Davis, explaining how he selects the vegetables for the day's spe-cials and monthly menu.

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FRESH VEGGIES, served tempura claimated from the tree of tree of tree of tree of tree of tree.

If you have a big appetite for vegetables, you may finish them, otherwise, you can take a doggie bag.

Because P.J. Clapke's doesn't have a liquor license at present (the restaurant is still hoping), iced tea, lemonade and other fruit drinks are featured. Sangria, made with fresh fruit and no wine, will be on the menu soon.

A blackboard gives a listing of the day's specials. On Tuesday it was cream of tomato soup; an omelette with fresh herbs, Swiss cheese and han; zucchini creole crepes, and must-room and zucchini creole crepes, and must-room and zucchini creole crepes and different omelette, crepes and quicken, fallfill salad, Doc's salad, and half and half swith flaffill and fettuccini. Prices range from \$3.50 to \$5.50 for these lunchoon entrees.

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band includes his favorite combination of cheeses, ham and turkey, and the half and half is the day's pairing of

Menu items can fill the bill for all kinds of diets, and if something isn't on the menu, customers can call ahead or ask Davis to prepare it specially. At lunchtime Tuesday, he was happy to comply with a request for a chicken

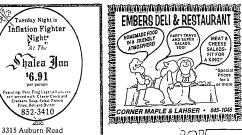
dish prepared without salt.

As chef, Davis may spend most of his time in the kitchen cooking or supervising the meals. He tries to find time to get out among the customers also, and many people recognize and greet the slim, curly haired restaurant manager.

woman he described as "a good groupie" ordered the sandwich called the Best Gfilled Cheese and said after-ward, "It is the best grilled cheese."

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Davis said his theory is that you can offer anything if you use the finest ingredients and prepare it well. A







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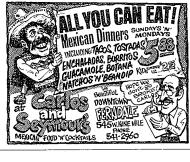
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