

# THE CLARION

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## Food for thought?

by Heather Conrad  
 Assistant Editor

Brevard College offers a meal plan consisting of three meals daily, all-you-can-eat. But can it be eaten? The question may sound facetious, but is raised in earnest. Lately, the cafeteria's food and conditions are leaving several people hungry, dissatisfied, and disgusted.

True, changes in this year's cafeteria management and staff exist, and true, the dishwashing machine has seen more than its share of washloads. But can these reasons justify the culinary antics presently taking place?

Cups and silverware visibly tell of a previous meal or two. The meals served offer many surprises as well. "Boneless" fish with bones, fish fillets fried to a rubber-like texture, "mystery meat" that remains a mystery, egg rolls served as an entree; breakfast biscuits that taste of grease and dinner meats, and other such "delicacies" are often served. Even the salad bar accompanies its otherwise delicious vegetables at times with stale bread and questionable salad dressings.

Once the ordeal of getting a meal is dealt with, a cockroach or other insect is spotted scurrying across the floor, tables, or alongside the salad bar. Needless to say, Oh! Susanna's finds another patron for the night.

Time and time again, such events occur. And time and time again, conditions do not improve.

In some instances the cafeteria food tastes decent, actually enjoyable. But why must diners of Brevard's cafeteria guess which night the food will be digestible? And why must students find meals elsewhere, because college meals previously paid for are intolerable? Reasons may exist for the cafeteria's unsatisfactory conditions, but are not reason enough to deprive students and others decent meals previously paid for. Immediate changes are needed.

But the dining situation is not hopeless. If cafeteria management and personnel could realign the job's basic aims and responsibilities, and work to overcome present weaknesses in the cafeteria, then surely improvement will evolve.

Please make our mouths water, not our eyes.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In response, ARA Food Service Director Jerry Jackson says he is aware of the problems in the cafeteria and welcomes more student feedback.

The recently formed SGA Food Committee will help him greatly, Jackson says. In addition, Jackson requests that students bring him suggestions for favorite foods, menus, and "recipes from home."

## Student opinion . . .

### Library hours - a question of when

by Andrea Henry  
 Editorial Editor

Weekends are a time for festivity, friends, and relaxation... or are they?

Some of us use the sacred two days known as the weekend to sleep and "ketchup."

"Ketchup" time involves sleeping in late — "ketching-up" on the lack of rest from weekdays — and studying, writing papers, or reading books to help "ketchup" on work which somehow managed to pile up during the week. Get the idea of "ketchup-ing?"

Weekend "ketchup" time works great if you happen to have a set of encyclopedias in your dorm room, or you have all the references you need.

You're going to have to have these if you plan to study before 12 noon or after 4 p.m.

on Saturdays or before 3 p.m. on Sundays.

The problem is the library doesn't stay open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekends. Some students stay on campus Saturday and Sunday because they've got extra work and don't have the spare time to go home and do it.

Sure, there isn't going to be a big crowd of students at the library Sunday morning, but for the ten people who might show up, isn't it worth it to them to be able to start their report or whatever else before 3 o'clock in the afternoon?

Suggestions have been made to hire extra weekend help so that the librarians working during the week could get time off. Additionally, this would create more jobs for students on the work study program. The hours wouldn't even have to be from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; they could be extended to say 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday and 12 noon-10 p.m. on Sunday. "Ketchup" time then would be worth getting up early for on weekends.

## Letters to the Editor . . .

Dear Clarion Editor,

We would really like to try and get something done for our dorm. (STAMEY). Here is a list of a few things that other dorms have and we don't:

- Television
- Ashtrays
- Water fountain
- Laundry Facilities
- Cleaning Service for stairs.
- Notice Board
- Vending machines
- Big garbage can

Some of those items help us to keep our lobby clean but when it gets dirty they blame us and take away our visitation. Another concern that we have is our loud music. Well, we don't want to sound childish but at about 2 a.m. on a recent Saturday Beam Dormitory was blasting some rap music which woke the few of us that were up and nothing was done.

Another area that we would like to point out is that Dean Witek wanted to pro-rate our whole dorm \$50 for a hole in the wall, while in the downstairs bathroom of Room No. 1 there is destroyed pipe connection on the shower head. It would seem as if the school is too quick to jump on us when something breaks and they want to drain our money out of our pockets but they won't even fix the things that are already broken. We all feel that our dorm is not getting treated fairly, and want something done.

Pleading for HELP,  
 STAMEY DORMITORY

