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Finally! What we have all been waiting for...

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Are you tired of the same old food boring food the cafeteria serves night and day? The same "hot and healthy" meals that are hardly good, the same hot dogs, French fries, freezer burnt ice cream, and veggies for dinner that are left over from lunch that day? How often do you walk in the Caf and you think to yourself "Do I have enough money to go to Taco Bell or Wendy's?" Well, starting this fall you can start saving your money because finally Methodist College has teamed up with Sodexo to completely renovate the cafeteria for everyone's enjoyment next year.

Starting in May, everything from the buffet counters and the food dishes to the TVs and the window blinds will be removed from the cafeteria. Cooks will "re-learn" to cook, new food

preparation systems will be installed, new tables and chairs will be bought, and the food presentation will be improved. "Everything you see today you will not be able to recognize in August. We are having a complete "makeover" of our dining service," Dean George Blanc said.

Sodexo, the company who runs the cafeteria service, has agreed to provide the \$475,000 that is necessary to completely renovate the cafeteria in exchange for a contract that assures another ten years of service. Last renovated in 1993, the cafeteria is in desperate need of a new, more modern look.

Since the campus is growing as far as residential students and residence halls, the capacity of the new cafeteria will grow too. The capacity will rise from 325 students to 387 students. There will be new bar-style seating to en-

joy, an alcove for semi-private dining for clubs and organizations, as well as new tables and chairs.

Finally, what you all have been waiting for, what is included in this wonderful deal? Well, we will have a new center island for a "Theme Cuisine." Students will be able to enjoy a personalized dinner cooked to order. A new pizza ordering station will be available with personal pan pizzas and pizza by the slice. A new grill will be installed; beverages will be attainable through two new beverage stations. There will be a specialty bar, a new dessert bar, breakfast bar, salad bar, and a new bar for the traditional hot meals.

The cafeteria is taking on a completely different look and atmosphere. The colors will be the wonderful green and gold to

show our pride of course. Renovations will kick off around May 20th and will end sometime at the end of July. During the summer months, the Lions Den will be open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Seating will be available in the Den and out in the common area of the Berns

Center. After over a year of planning, researching, and visits to other schools such as Wingate, Pembroke, and Presbyterian College, what all the students have been waiting for is finally happening. "The cafeteria will take on a more individualized and personalized theme," Blanc said



The Cafeteria as it is now Photo by Ashleigh Radford

The Methodist College Community
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participated in *Show You Care Day!*



Team work on Show You Care Day! Alison Rosiek and Kristen Manzo. MM News Service

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