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## The Bare Facts About Our Food Service

by Forrest Hughes

"The food's better. I like it much better." "The food's the same." "The quality could be alot better." These three views show that there are as many opinions of Epicure's food as there are students at Guilford College.

Certainly there are changes. Any new food service in a new situation would undoubtedly do some things differently.

According to Jim Newlin, business manager for the college, there were several reasons for the switch from Saga to Epicure. For the past few years there had been complaints, through different channels, about the food quality, lack of sensitivity on the part of cafeteria staff, improper sanitation, and other problems.

Saga knew that they had to improve or their contract would not be renewed, and in the space of a year, insufficient improvement were made. Steve Martini, Saga's manger, was "dissatisfied" with his position and had applied to be transferred. These facts combined with the new physical surroundings of Founders; made the time right for the change.

Doug Neill, president of the Student Senate, reports that Guilford was quite anxious to receive the Epicure account. Doug, Jim, and other people visited different college cafeterias in North Carolina last year. By far, the best reports were for Epicure. The group went to Salem Academy and ate unannounced in Ron Short's cafeteria there. They were pleased with both the food and Ron Short himself.

Guilford is Epicure's biggest account and this gives us some "leverage". With no increase in cost to students, the decision was made to go with Epicure.

The president of Epicure, Ted Young, was manager of Guilford's cafeteria in 1970-71. He left this position to start Epicure. Now in their 3rd year of operation, Epicure serves eleven schools in North Carolina. As a regional service, they pride themselves

on their personal service with the schools.

Epicure has made some improvements in serving food to Guilford students. One important change was to allow students to use their meal cards to buy up to \$1.25 worth of food in the grill room during certain hours. According to Jim Newlin, Epicure made this innovation entirely under their own initiative. They were told that there was a problem with students who, for various reasons could not eat meals during the scheduled hours. Therefore, you can now eat in the grill room on your lunch ticket between 12:30 and 2 p.m., and on your dinner ticket between 6 and 7:30 p.m. This is only on week-days.

Jim Newlin was asked about the possibilities of having a boarding plan only, without being forced to buy your meals at the same time. His response was that in a school as small as Guilford it is too expensive to the student to have a set-up like this, or even a modified version. The cafeteria plans with the assumption that a student actually eats only 60-70% of the meals that are served. This is operating in an extremely narrow margin, and any further tightening would restrict the manager even more.

Jim has the responsibility for the physical furnishings of the cafeteria also. According to him, the controversial partitions were recommended by a campus-wide committee. Their purpose is to remove the barren, institutional, Barrack like atmosphere of the old cafeteria. They absorb sound, hide dirty tables from eaters' views, and can be used as display units, although they have yet to be utilized for this purpose.

Their disadvantage is that they cut up the dining room to the extent that it is sometimes impossible to find someone you are looking for. Jim said that much time and planning went into the entire cafeteria arrangement and that it would take "the same input to take them out as to put them in."

Jim expressed several times throughout our conversation: "Raise issues and find answers before we condemn." This is not a large campus and we should be able to solve our problems face to face. There will soon be a Senate Food Committee forming. You can voice your opinion to them and be sure of having someone refer you to the right person, if not do something directly.

## New Accounting Professor Experiences Culture Shock

by Annette Zitver Green

Although Carole Fee, the Urban Center's Assistant Professor of Accounting, has lived in Greensboro for the past seven years, coming to Guilford College is like stepping into a different world for her. The world she is leaving behind is the world of business, in which she has worked for a public accounting firm as a Certified Public Accountant specializing in tax work.

Ms. Fee, who received her B.S. in Business Administration and her M.B.A. from Auburn University, is the only full-time woman teacher at the Urban Center. She feels that opportunities for women in the C.P.A. field are rapidly increasing. "Accounting firms have almost gone overboard promoting women in the last four to five years," she explains. She is glad to note that more people are judging others by the quality of their work, rather than "who they are." She never encountered any unpleasant experiences in the business world on account of her sex. "It has really changed since I was in college and women were always told they couldn't do things," recalls Ms. Fee.

Carole Fee, who is married to a Greensboro businessman, is glad to be working with the Urban Center which she feels "makes a tremendous contribution to the Greensboro



The management may change, but the scramble system never dies.  
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community". She likes that it gives people who missed college when they were younger, the chance to return. She is sorry that the Urban Center and the Main Campus are as separated as they are and is afraid that some people consider the Urban Center to be "on the other side of the tracks." She does however, believe that Urban Center students may not be as well prepared for college, having been away from school longer than most students.

Ms. Fee herself has been away from an academic atmosphere for seven years - long enough to be feeling readjustment pains. She came to Guilford because she "wanted to see what teaching would be like", and she has been surprised. Coming here from the world of business has proven to be somewhat of a culture shock. After becoming accustomed to a fast paced life she finds herself challenged to "slow down and get into the swing of things." She has doubts as to how well she fits in and even worries that her smart, businesswoman's clothing is inappropriate.

She realizes, however, that she has entered a new environment and wants to adjust to it, she does not expect Guilford to change for her. Ms. Fee has a feeling she will like the life here at Guilford. "But first," she explains, "I'll have to learn it."

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## Guilford Community Senate

On Wednesday, September 17, the Guilford Community Senate will hold its bi-weekly meeting in the Senate Meeting Room in Founders Hall at 7:30 p.m. If there is any student who is interested in serving on any of the Senate committees, they should either contact their respective Senators or come to the meeting and be nominated. Senators are:

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