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Sit Down Dinner Looses Favor

by Millie Eubanks

Out of 190 responses, 75.8% of Salem upperclassmen prefer cafeteria style dinners over family style. Out of 112 responses, 71.4% of the freshmen prefer cafeteria style meals. There it is folks, in black and white. Students are weary of sit-down meals. Family style dining has been constantly losing its appeal to the student body over the last several years, and with the help of Dr. Litzenburg, a fact-finding committee was formed to discuss the matter. The committee consisted of Dean Johnson; Dean Shanahan; Gray Morehead, Interdorm Chairman; Melissia Kirk, Sophomore Class President; and Millie Eubanks, SGA President.

The committee met on September 11 to discuss rescheduling/reformatting meals. The student members of the committee relayed the reasons why students no longer prefer sit-down meals, with the biggest factor being that family style dining is inconvenient. Other

factors were that students object to waiting outside, sometimes for as long as ten minutes after appointed meal times. Objections were voiced that the food is often cold or in short supply. It was pointed out that some students skip dinner altogether, wasting a meal they have already purchased.

Dean Shanahan asked the students to point out some positive aspects of family style dining as well. Meal times, in general, are social hours for friends to be together. Tradition is also a factor, but most students view only certain meals as traditional, such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Sophomore-Senior. The best feature mentioned was the opportunity to dine in such a lovely room no matter what style meal is being served.

As of yet, a decision concerning the rescheduling/reformatting of meals has not been reached. Executive Board is expecting results by the end of first semester on this issue.



The Junior class, though represented by a smaller number of students, demonstrated much class spirit at Fall Fest. More comments on Fall Fest found on page 7.

Date Rape Problem Strikes Close To Home

by Amy Washburn

Ninety percent of rape victims on college campuses knew their assailants, according to a survey by the National Institute of Mental Health. College studies show that 50% of college women have been forced into sexual contact, and 12% of these women have actually been forced into intercourse. Date rape on college campuses is a serious problem, one that is rapidly gaining national attention.

Dr. Todd Fay, Professor of Psychology, remarks upon the causes of acquaintance rape. He points out that acquaintance rape is not sexual in some senses, but rather it stands for something else. Three major causes are important: cultural values, or the seeming necessity for men to prove their masculinity; role expectations, both of men and women, which lead people to believe that acquaintance rape is sometimes justifiable; and the inability for

Statistics from last year's Wake Forest SG Survey on Attitudes Toward Rape, involving 181 male students and 165 female:

87% of Wake Forest rapes involved intoxicants.

24% of Wake men surveyed believed forced sexual intercourse is not rape if the woman accompanies the man to his room after a party.

20% of surveyed men believe that forced intercourse is justified if the girl is a steady girlfriend.

33% of WFU date rapes occurred at fraternity or society parties.

41% of these rapes occurred on individual dates.

people to communicate about sexual matters in general.

Statistics from various surveys suggest that women, as well as men,

National statistics concerning date rape:

60% of acquaintance rapes occurred with steady boyfriends or fiancés.

26% of acquaintance rape occurred with occasional dates.

14% of these rapes occurred with blind dates.

69% of college men in a survey listened to a tape of a rape and admitted they would do the same if they thought they would not be caught or punished.

see date rape as acceptable in certain situations. Among the highest ranked answers were: acquaintance rape is justifiable if

he spends money on her, if he can't stop himself, if she has had intercourse with other men, if they are drunk, or if she changes her mind. Among the highest percentages for justification were situations in which the woman leads the man on or gets him excited, and if the couple have been dating for a while.

Dr. Fay points out that efforts are being made to educate college students about the problem of date rape, in hope of reducing these statistics. Discussions and group meeting are becoming more common. For example, Wake Forest University has a rape education and prevention group which is entering its second year. However, Fay points out that societal change will be necessary in the future to make a significant difference, including a redefining of sexual roles and where sex fits in to our society.