

Cafeteria Popular Place With Students

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One of the more popular places on the Chowan College campus for obvious reasons, is the cafeteria, now under the operation of A. L. Mathias Company. The catering company, with home offices in Baltimore, Md., is one of the largest caterers on the East coast.

Mr. Paul Gilbert, manager of the Chowan College Cafeteria, for the Mathias Company, has found many new friends since he began his duties here. The manager, who calls Raleigh his "hometown", came to Chowan from another branch of his company located in Pennsylvania. He and Mrs. Gilbert, who is a Woodland native, and their son, are happy in Murfreesboro, and plan to make this their permanent home.

The Menu

The menu for the meals served the students and faculty of Chowan operates on a five-week cycle. This insures that the same meals are not served twice in the same week. Mr. Gilbert stated that "it is hard to say what is the favorite meal of the students." "They all seem to be fond of our Southern fried chicken and the pork chops. Of course, roast beef is almost always a winner, too," he commented.

The work day at the cafeteria begins long before most students are out of bed, in order that their breakfasts be ready for them at 7 A. M. The various meals are served from two serving lines, for one hour and a half for each meal.

Lots of Food

Food preparation for the students is a big job. Mr. Gilbert stated that over 4,400 meals are prepared and served each day, to the students, faculty, staff and visitors. The staff of the cafeteria consists of 44 employees, and 24 students work part-time under the "self-help" program.

But even with this relatively small force, Mr. Gilbert states that the "cooking chores" are smooth running. Miss Jean Nutter is the assistant manager of the cafeteria, while Mr. Donald Midgett is Chief Cook.

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ON TOP OF THE WORLD

Teacher—Jimmy, you should strive to be a successful man. You should aspire to reach the pinnacle of fame. Do you know what pinnacle means?

Jimmy— Yes, teacher; my father always enjoys a nice quiet game of pinnacle.



CHECKING THE TICKETS—Elmo Turner and Miss Jean Nutter, Assistant Manager, check meal tickets after the students go through the serving line.



COFFEE ANYONE?—Nancy Garner, of Newport, pours a cup of coffee for a student requesting it. All who eat in the cafeteria are served their choice of any two beverages.



IT LOOKS DELICIOUS—Bill Hughes, third from left, has eyes only for food, as he watches Jennie Earley, Joan Knight and Patsy Edwards prepare the plates. Looking on from the rear is Allen Seager. These students work part time in the cafeteria under the self-help program.



CAFETERIA MANAGER—Mr. Paul A. Gilbert finds plenty of paper work to be done in the operation of the cafeteria, but his foremost concern is the "serving of well-prepared, nourishing food."



IT'S COUNTRY HAM TONIGHT—Donald Midgett, Chief Cook, checks the hams being cooked for an evening meal.



THAT'S A LOT OF GRAVY!—Bill Hughes stirs a large pot of gravy for the evening meal. Bill, along with many other self-help students, find their work interesting.