

Opinion

Long cafeteria lines irritating

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What's worth waiting in line for? You might say a rock concert, a gourmet meal at an exclusive restaurant, or perhaps a professional sports event. How about dinner in the UNCA cafeteria?

Each time I go to the cafeteria, I confront this long line of students. It reminds me of high school or grade school when waiting in line to get my lunch took practically the whole lunch period.

Last week I went at opening time and still didn't get my dinner until almost twenty minutes later. How do you gobble down your dinner and get ready for a night class after this wait?

Why the long lines?
One reason is because students don't have a second choice of a place to eat like

they did last year. That was another rude surprise this semester. My roommate and I went to the snack bar one night to grab a quick bite to eat because we missed the cafeteria hours. To our utter dismay, we were told we must either pay or show a class schedule that conflicts with cafeteria hours.

My first thought was money. I've already paid \$560 for a meal plan and now they want me to pay for a meal in the snack bar!

I can go out on Merrimon Avenue and have a much wider selection at basically the same price as the snack bar if I want to spend money.

With the growing number of students, why not offer the snack bar as a second alternative to the cafeteria, if for no other reason than to counteract the long lines and overflow of students in the cafeteria?

UNCSGA reps go to Washington to ask DOE to rescind paperwork nightmare

By Ken Hardy
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Students wishing to attend college in the spring may now have to start the application process in the summer months, thanks to new federal regulations.

With new verification requirements concerning financial aid in action, students must fill out more forms than ever to acquire funds needed to pay for the increasing cost of higher education.

The new red tape is deterring some students from applying for college. The extra needed time to process these forms is forcing other students to wait on their aid, and some students enter college unsure if they will receive any financial aid.

Anyone can complain about issues, but presidents from the 16 UNC institutions decided to take matters into

their own hands. The University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments (UNCASG) planned a trip to Washington, D.C. to explain their views on the hardships the new verification requirements are putting on students.

Representatives from each school met with state senators, congressmen and personnel from the Education Department to voice their opinions. They asked Jesse Helms and Jim Broyhill to write letters to the Education Department expressing the concerns of students.

With all of the publicity and the views expressed by UNCASG in Washington, the Education Department should realize there is a legitimate problem and try to undo the mess they've made.

(Ken Hardy is president of the UNCA SGA.)

Corner

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"Is there anything the U.S. can do to stop the kidnapping and terrorism of Americans by small factions of terrorists?"



Steve Hoffman
Unclassified
Freshman

"I would start to disregard what the public thinks and would go ahead with retaliation. They (the U.S. government) need to send somebody in privately because they know what's going on. If we could go ahead and finish them off we wouldn't have to worry about Libya."

Greg Drake
Chemistry
Sophomore

"Strike back at them. Violence is the best way for those kind. You've got to show them who's boss."



Kim Wofford
Management major
Senior

"I think talking it out is the best solution. Talk it out first before trying anything else. Violence would be my last resort."

Dan Miller
Meteorology
Freshman

"Obtain as much information as you can from your



intelligence sources, and if they ever find out the group responsible for a certain terrorist act, they should take action against that group. Any action that would be appropriate whether that would be to apprehend them or to eliminate them."



Maggie Rotman
Art Major
Freshman

"I think education and cultural exchange are the best long-term ways of combating terrorism. I really don't know what short-term things can be done. If people knew what we were and if we knew what they were, we would have some basis for responsible exchange."