

Food for thought

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It is common knowledge that the Brevard cafeteria serves not only the student body, but the local community as well. I wondered how some of the students felt about the food, so I interviewed a few students. Among them were; Geoff Hagler, a sophomore majoring in psychology, Ayla Peterson, sophomore majoring in theatre performance, Maragret Ann, a freshmen majoring in wlee and English, Annie Myers, a sophomore majoring in history, Meghan Schulz, a freshmen majoring in exercise science, and finally Kimberly Smith, a freshmen majoring in wlee.

I asked Peterson, "What is your impression of the food in the cafeteria?"

She said, "All I eat is salads. I think the food is good but they honestly need more vegetarian options in general." She didn't have much to say in regards to the feelings of the staff who are trying hard, but are not really up to par.

Schulz is active in softball, and she had to say, "They need to be open longer for all the athletes because we get out of practice around 6:30 or 7:00, and the noodles are always overdone."

I asked Smith what she thought about the

food, and she said, "It's repetitive, and they don't cook the bacon long enough; it's not crispy, and a lot of the food is gag worthy." I thought that was an interesting statement, but the dirt continues to pile.

Annie had to say, "The food is disgusting. That is why I have to go and buy groceries, and when I do eat in the cafeteria, I only eat the salads. This issue caused my roommate Elana to lose 5 pounds because she hated the food and she is like 110 pounds."

When I asked another sophomore, Hagler if he enjoyed the meals, and what some of his dislikes and likes were, he said, "One a whole I do enjoy the food. I do enjoy the turkey and the food staff, and the fruits and the salads, but I would like bigger coffee cups."

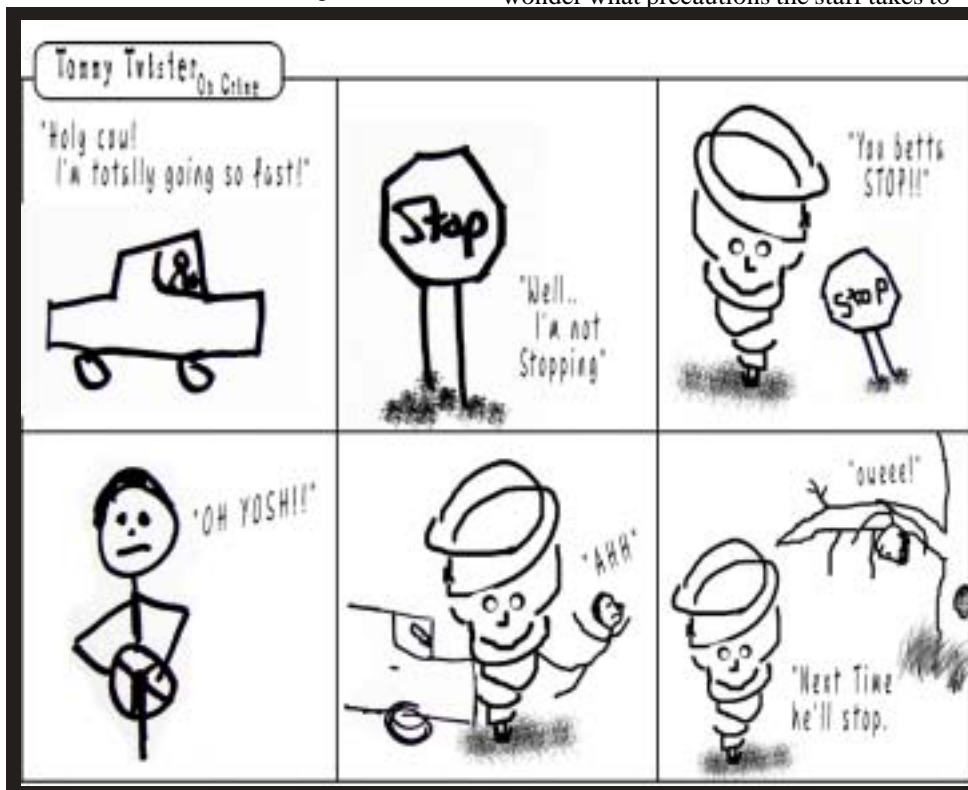
All seemed well until I asked him if he had ever eaten anything in the café that was "gag-worthy"? He said, "An ice-cold chicken nugget that about put me in the hospital." That was definitely a shocking discovery yet another astonishing truth that was revealed when I asked him how he felt about the overall sanitation. He responded, "Sometimes there is crusty shit on the silverware." That would lead one to wonder what precautions the staff takes to

sanitize our silverware properly: Do they really do a good job?

I then asked Maragret Ann what her general opinion on the cafeteria food here at Brevard was. Ann replied, "The salad bar is always solid. Many people complain about the food and the choices that are always there; you do have a choice to not eat at the café. I do think they should have healthier choices, especially when college students are always advised to be healthy. But with the selections they are offering, it's hard not to gain the freshmen 50. All I can say is you better watch your ass." Maragret Anne's college had to say, "I enjoy the cookies, and I am watching my ass."

Ann delivered from the heart, and so did the rest of the interviewees no doubt. Hopefully the cafeteria administration will take into account some of their ideas and the fact that some held back what they really wanted to say about the food because they didn't want to hurt the feelings of the staff, or maybe they were afraid of the repercussions. To some, this would seem like a crisis that needs to be addressed ASAP.

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