

OPINIONS

Food for thought...

Students speak out about cafeteria dining services

by Ola
staff writer

One might say the survey carried out by the management of the cafeteria to sample students' opinions on the type of food provided by Marriott Services has been a long time coming.

This survey to enhance the food proposed changes on the new cafeteria that may make the wait worthwhile.

According to Susan Glasscock, the catering services operations manager for the campus, the "newest" facet of the proposed cafeteria menu change will be the approach to providing good quality food service.

The growing number of students at the university, coupled with the changes in the campus dining industry, have dictated that the time has come for the university to "revisit" its own food service approach.

This process would determine the best ways in which to provide students, staff and faculty with the best possible dining experience.

Similar to the concept already embraced by dining service operators, the cafeteria has various popular food stations including the salad bar and deli.

The idea to better the dining experi-

ences is not a new one. An example is the introduction of the new snack bar, as well as the addition of the new beverage machine since Marriott took over.

When asked what she thought about the quality of the services of Marriott, Glasscock states that the catering services at Gardner-Webb are better than average.

"The quality of the food at GWU is better than many other colleges I have seen," she said. "We are trying to change the things the students want changed by introducing more vegetarian entrees, and we are poised to go along with the results of the survey."

The survey was conducted during dinner on January 20, and 81 students were polled. The survey also discovered what items students do want served in the cafeteria and which items they want deleted from the menu.

Items highest on the list were the request of less fried and fatty foods, more vegetarian entrees.

About 10 percent of students requested more fajitas, tacos, grilled chicken, to-go sandwiches, and about 9 percent requested the potato bar, baked potatoes, lasagna with meat, cheese and vegetables.

Students also want more chicken but

not fried.

Items that students indicated should be deleted included turkey cutlets, beef nuggets and beef pie.

Students also complained of long lines before meals.

Some students interviewed had very strong opinions about the food served in the cafeteria.

Junior Rodney Smith felt the cafeteria had improved with the new operators.

"I prefer Marriott to the old catering company because they have added more variety to their menu, but they do need to do more in improving the low-quality food," he said.

Students seem to agree on one thing: they need to introduce more varieties to the menu.

Freshman Mindy Shields contends that it could not be compared to good "home" cooking, but "at least the quality could be improved -- especially the fatty, greasy food." She liked the sandwiches at the snack bar.

Marcus Connelly, on the other hand, seems to think the cafeteria is completely out of tune. "I don't like it," he said.

Though still in preliminary stages, definite steps are being taken to ensure that the survey will culminate in a positive response for the entire Gardner-

Survey says:

- More**
- baked potatoes
 - lasagna with meat
 - fajitas
 - tacos
 - grilled chicken
 - to-go sandwiches

- No more**
- all fried foods
 - turkey cutlets
 - beef nuggets
 - beef pie
 - long waiting lines

source: GWU Dining Services

Webb community.

Although uncertain about a specific "groundbreaking date" in effecting the changes requested in the survey, Glasscock says that no steps will probably be taken until every opinion has been considered.

President Bill Clinton: support and suspicion

an editorial by Laura Dean
copy editor

When I think of the ideal president, I think of an individual that is bright, has uncorrupted morals and knows about the lengths of the political spectrum.

Presidents that come to mind when I think of this include George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan, among others.

The last president I think of is Bill

Clinton. He came into office in 1992 and managed to tear apart a lot of Bush's programs in a short time. Suffice it to say, I did not vote for Clinton.

The only think I think of when I think of Clinton is, "What has he done for the United States lately?"

It seems as if this has been Clinton's time, as far as news coverage is concerned.

It is for this reason that I chose to conduct a survey of GWU students and faculty.

Q: Due to the president allegedly having an extra-marital affair and lying about it, do you think any punishment should come of it (assuming the allegations are true)? If so, what?

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| Unsure..... | 2 |
| No..... | 3 |
| A: Yes, but unsure of what should be done..... | 3 |
| Yes, he should be punished for perjury..... | 5 |
| Yes, he should resign..... | 4 |
| Yes, he should be impeached..... | 7 |

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Attendance policies spark debate

by Starr Gist
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Many students complain about the attendance policy; however, I am not one of them.

I know some of you are wondering, "Why? Isn't it inconvenient for you? Don't you feel annoyed when you receive a professor's attendance policy, and discover that you are 'allowed' to get sick only one or two days out of the semester?"

Of course I get annoyed.

I just had bronchitis recently. I had to be absent three days out of classes. I know what it is like to have professors give you that "how-dare-you-have-been-absent-no-matter-what-the-reason-is" look.

Yet I still support the policy.

We have all had those mornings when

its just been too cold outside, too rainy, or when we have been just too tired to go to class.

"We should be thanking our professors for caring enough not to let us fail instead of complaining."

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Yet we go to class anyway. We go to class because we know our professors have attendance policies that will not let us miss class for trivial reasons.

We should be thanking our professors for caring enough not to let us fail instead of complaining.

Sorry to disappoint some of you, but guess what? Some things in life are still beyond our control...like the attendance policy.