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## SUBSTANTIAL FOOD RIPOFFS ADMITTED BY ARA; BOYCOTT YESTERDAY SPURS COMPANY TO ACT; CAMPUS MEETING ON SITUATION SET FOR TONIGHT

### 50 to 75 Persons Eating Free Daily Says Manager

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(Second in a series)

In an interview with The Lance on Monday,

December 12, ARA manager, Paul Childers, revealed that "fifty to seventy-five people are eating in the cafeteria free, every day". This conservative estimate becomes astonishing when one considers the fact that this has been going on all semester, and nothing has been done about it. These people are students who have not payed for food service, yet eat in the cafeteria regularly, eating food that other students payed for and might not receive if they arrive late for meals.

The LANCE was told that ARA would begin closely checking student food numbers in Winter Term.

The lowering of ARA's numerical health rating was also discussed in the meeting. Spurred by a student complaint, a spot check of the kitchen was held by the Board of Health and, as a result, a mark of 91.5 was lowered to a flat 90 (barely an A). The reason given for the drop was the fact that a "few flies" were found in the back kitchen area. Childers said that he "didn't know what flies were doing in North Carolina in the middle of December."

Also concerning the health rating, it is interesting to note that, while the cafeteria holds a 90, the cumulative average for the dorms is 92.5.

When nailed to specifics, i.e. stale cake, Childers assuredly said that, "everything ARA serves is fresh-baked that morning and the cake is cut just before each meal."

He wants to "meet with the students" and says that if they come to him in a committee or group he will be "very receptive". As to the problem of working with complaints he says emphatically, "Let's get

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JUST A FEW of the over two hundred trays deposited on the floor of the Main Lounge of the College Union yesterday were captured in this photo by LANCE photographer David Swanson. A meeting set for 5:15 tonight in the College Union will be held to discuss future actions to be taken.

### Exam Relief: Saturday Night To Feature "Woodstock" At 7, Albemarle Party To Begin At 9

A "night off" from the rigors of examinations is planned for Saturday as Albemarle Hall has announced plans for an "After Woodstock Party" at 9:00 p.m.

The party, a BYOL arrangement for which all kinds of mixers and edibles will be provided, will take place in Albemarle's main lounge. Admission will be fifty cents.

To ensure that St. Andrews people can take part in both events. CUB Film Chairman Lin Thompson told THE LANCE that this week's film, "Woodstock," will be shown at 7 p.m. instead of 9 p.m. as originally scheduled. Movie patrons will then be able to attend the party. Admission by "Woodstock" will be 25 cents.

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### 200 Students Leave Trays in Main Lounge in Protest

An ad hoc committee, led by Jim Bumgardner and Benny Cox has appeared to organize a major boycott of the college food service as well as an interest meeting in the cafeteria this evening to point up inadequacies in ARA's service.

"Although a number of us are on the new Student Association Food Committee," Cox told THE LANCE yesterday, he stressed that "these events have been organized by an unofficial group of concerned students, not Student Government." He went on to further point out that this group was willing to continue following up on the problem, "as long as it takes."

"One thing that can't be emphasized clearly enough, however," Cox said, "is that all protests we're sponsoring are nonviolent. We don't condone anything like the break-in."

This was in reference to the break-in by person or persons unknown into the preparation areas on Wednesday morning. Though a refrigeration unit was disconnected, resulting in some spoilage, and a number of student employees time sheets were stolen, little damage was actually done.

Underscoring the seriousness of the act, however, was the statement by Chief of Security Jacques ReVille that "if somebody thought they were getting even with the Food Service, they sure picked the wrong way."

The boycott, held Wednesday at lunch, consisted of nearly 200 students carrying their trays of food upstairs to the Student Union Lounge. The protest, designed to call attention to sincere student concern over the food service was, in the words of Dean of Students Robert Claytor, "conducted in an orderly manner. I think this should be conducive to opening up better communication between the students and ARA."

ARA Manager Paul Childers expressed a hope that the committee would be able to bring about some "real student input. We're willing to sit down and talk about any difficulties we might be having."

Aside from a complaint desk and survey available at supper Wednesday, any further action will be considered in tonight's interest meeting.

### Student Life Stymied On Payment Issue

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No real progress was made concerning the compensation of editors of The Lamp and Shield and The LANCE at last night's Student Life Committee meeting. A report from subcommittee raised again the basic questions of the desirability of compensation either is payment or in course credit. Following brief

discussion on the matter, chairman Bill Loftus sent the question back to the subcommittee on Student Organizations for further study.

Discussion on the reunt and lingering problems surrounding the Food Service arose, ending with an assignment to the Student Living Subcommittee to keep in contact with the issue.

In other business, the committee approved a charter for WSAP.

### This Week

TONIGHT, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15: Last day of classes. Episcopal Worship Service, 6:30 p.m. Conference Room, Student Union.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16: Exams begin.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17: Movie: "Woodstock", Avinger

Auditorium, 7:00 p.m. 25 cents admission. Albemarle Dorm Party to follow.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19: Movie "Harlan County, U.S.A." King's Mountain Lounge, 8:00 p.m. 25 cents donation to the Brown Lung Association.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21: Exams end.