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## New Food Policy Upsets Students

A new rule preventing students from taking food outside of the dining hall has been annoying the campus. Many feel that the rule is not well thought out and arbitrarily enforced. Some students intend to violate the rule whenever possible.

"I think the new rules suck. You have to be sneaky now!" commented Sophomore Melissa Brown.

The rule came about because some students were taking ice cream cones outside and squishing them against the side of the dorms. Food fights were not unheard of. Still, students protest that the rule punishes the many for the sins of the few.

"The new rule is unjust to those students who are mature with their fruit," Senior Andi Giorgi said.

Bill Gearhart, Vice President for Administration and Finance, admits that he is behind the new policy. He claims that the mess created by food taken outside was getting out of hand. With no food leaving the cafeteria, it is easier on the physical plant and housekeeping staff.

"If it's not there, we don't have to clean it up," Gearhart reasoned.

The other reason for the new rule, Gearhart explained, was that while the quality of the food had gone up in the last four years, the costs to the student had not. He is doing everything he can to keep the food prices down.

"Food that goes out of the dining hall is a direct cost to the institution," Gearhart said.

While Gearhart stated that he would prefer to have a firm, "No food or beverages leave the cafeteria" rule, there has been some discussion of allowances. Soon, students may be permitted to bring in their own cups and fill them with coffee in the mornings. This is still under debate.

On Thursday, September 9, Dean of Students Phil Barrineau carried a coffee cup down to the

### "The Night Snacker"

**SLS: How do you feel about the new rule that you can't take food out of Crossroads?**

TNS: Dinner is so early and I think 5:00 is kind of an uncivilized hour to eat anyway. I want to have something to eat later on. Observe! (The Night Snacker puts a sandwich down his shirt.)

**SLS: What is your favorite way to sneak food out?**

TNS: I wrap a sandwich up in paper, lift up the front collar of my shirt and throw it down my shirt. If you wear a sweater, that will cover up the bulge.

**SLS: Are there other items of clothing that you use to sneak out food?**

TNS: I haven't come up with anything really unusual, although I know a few people got the idea from me of wearing baggy pants. They call them their "Saga Pants"

**SLS: Their pants?**

TNS: But I just use my shirt. The old fashioned way.

**SLS: Do you have any advice for any other snackers who want to steal stuff from the cafeteria?**

TNS: Make sure no one is watching you. Don't