



Judd provides a comprehensive review of a local restaurant and shares his opinions about the establishment's quality of service, atmosphere and overall rating.

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Reviewer

If Ham's of Greensboro wanted to impress me, they got off to a bad start.

When I walked in the door I was told the wait was going to be 45 minutes. It turned out to be longer than that.

Upon being forced to wait to be seated for an extended period of time, it came to my attention that the restaurant didn't have adequate space waiting space for diners. A lot of people, myself included, had to stand in the aisle or outside front doors. The only seating available was one bench.

When I was finally called to be seated, I found myself at a table that had yet to be cleaned. There were crumbs and liquid on the table and seat surface that had been left over from the previous meal.

My ears were also somewhat displeased, due to the unclear speaker sound as music was playing in the background.

The rest of my Ham's experience was quite pleasurable. I ordered one of the chicken dishes off of the menu which provided me with a large variety of choices. I found my own meal to be rather tasty and would order it again.

The waitress who served me was very attentive. She seemed to know exactly when my glass needed to be refilled. Surprisingly, she checked up on me at time intervals that were appropriate.

I finished my meal with only



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At Ham's, Asbill found inadequate space in the waiting section and was disappointed with the restaurant's music selection. He did enjoy his meal and felt a good vibe from the waitstaff.

one small complaint. When I put my silverware at the four o'clock position on my plate, which signals to the waitress that I would like my dish removed, I sat there for several minutes before it was finally taken away.

Overall, the service was pleasing and made the atmosphere more enjoyable.

Despite the long wait I encountered before being seated, bad reception of the music, the initial unclean table at which I dined, and my meal completion signal going unnoticed, the experience left me

with positive feelings towards Ham's.

I would recommend Ham's Restaurant in Greensboro to anyone who doesn't mind waiting for a table on a busy night and is willing to travel the long distance to Greensboro instead of downtown Burlington.

If the chips and ranch dressing are all you want, stick to the good ol' Ham's of Burlington.

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Career Center offers new spring programs

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This semester the Career Center is presenting both old and new programs to help guide students through job and internship searches.

"Students want someone who will listen to their thoughts," said David Magee, director of career services. The programs for 2004 are organized to provide students with such a service.

One-on-one meetings are popular among students when seeking both career and internship advice.

"Last year we had around 2,000 drop-in sessions," Magee said. "This past fall we have already gone over 1,000."

Transition Tactics is a one-day intensive program on May 19 that will also provide students with helpful tips and strategies for their own job searches.

The event will include a national speaker, Anne-Marie Sabbath, Founder of At Ease Inc. and author of several business etiquette books. She will show students how to gain a competitive edge in the job market. Students can secure one of the 100 spots at the tactic session for \$100. As of this week, 10 seats are left.

The career exploration series is another opportunity being offered to students this spring. Career services arranges for alumni to return to Elon to discuss their success and thoughts on the job market in their particular field. Religion and sports management have both been popular in this program.

"Students find a lot of meaning talking to successful people," Magee said.

Students may also receive guidance from their fellow classmates in the Peer Educator Program and Resume Rescue Team. Consultations are available to any students seeking help with their resume or with their job search in general.

Career center staff have decided to reach out of their office doors and make an appearance at College

Coffee on Tuesdays and in Long on Wednesdays in an attempt to bring attention to services many students have yet to utilize.

Also to increase interest the Career Center has begun a raffle that will award \$25 each week to a student who has made a consultation appointment.

This is also an attempt to have students perfect their resumes before the next major event the center has planned on campus, the Elon Career and Graduate School Fair. The fair will take place from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 11 in Alumni Gym and will allow students easy access to job and graduate school recruiters.

On April 20, Elon will host the Elon Teacher Fair from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in McKinnon. The event will give students, especially education majors, an opportunity to research and apply for jobs at various schools.

"The Career Center also has new resources this year," Magee said. "We've recently created a new position in our department."

The new position, associate director for employee relations, will involve a lot of traveling. The associate director will spend much of his or her time talking to alumni and employers, and making sure that they remember Elon's name when students begin sending their resumes.

Resources available in the Career Center Office include Career Search, a database that allows students to research companies and organizations.

"We use this database so we can research employers," Magee said.

Career Search allows students to search various companies according to both job position and geographic location.

These various services will help students "make good contacts and develop relationships," Magee said.

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