

Editorial: The BeeHive after the balloons deflate

By Beth Hall

Give them BeeBucks, and they will come. But will they stay?

Certainly, the 1997 BeeHive, with its wide variety of quality foods, new facilities, and bright neon signs, is an atmosphere above the BeeHive of yester-semester. Almost any time during its operating hours, you can find a resident or commuter digging through a rack of chips or fogging up the refrigerator case while selecting a yogurt.

Sometimes it's even crowded in there. And it's not only because it is the size of a, well, snack bar. It's because students are really interested. The BeeHive completes the Cate/Park Student Center's understood requisite to be a true college student center. Students appreciate the snack bar's extended hours. Students appreciate its bright atmosphere. Students appreciate the fact that it isn't the cafeteria. Students (residents, anyway) *really* appreciate the \$25 BeeBucks.

However, will resident students continue to patronize the BeeHive after the BeeBucks fly away, and the "ooh, a new place" hype is gone? Will the BeeBuckless commuters, who are the BeeHive's target audience, continue to visit?

Resident students are "given" (remember that "room and board" fee you paid earlier this semester? Board=daily meals. Fee for room and

board-\$25=your BeeBucks) \$25 to use at the BeeHive via their CamCard. Why would residents, who already have a meal plan, buy food regularly at the BeeHive?

Is the BeeHive really that helpful for boarding students whose schedule doesn't allow them to eat during the dining hall's lunch hours? Sure the BeeHive is open when the Belk Dining Hall is closed, but is it fair for one student to have to pay extra for their lunch at the BeeHive while another can eat at the dining hall where their food bill has already been settled. And what about these certain lunch hours (11AM-2PM) that students can't use their BeeBucks anyway?

And what about those poor BeeBuck-deprived commuters? Couldn't they be given a little money on their CamCard account to ease their BeeHive purchasing woes? Maybe commuters who don't buy food at the BeeHive now, would be tantalized by a little free money on their CamCard account (to be spent exclusively at the BeeHive.)

And what about those poor resident students who have already paid for their meal plans? Couldn't their BeeBucks be renewed by the semester or year? (What happened to that first \$25 worth of BeeBucks that would have been spent last semester if there had been a place to spend them?)

Will the BeeHive which put the sting into the Cate/Park Center continue its buzz, or will it, like the insect, fade after its sting?

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If you are interested in learning more about German culture, or if you just want to have fun, come by the membership party for "Die Reblaus," the German club.

**Wednesday, February 26
6:00 p.m., Joyner Lounge**

There will be fun, festivities and food! Anyone with interest is welcome! Come join us!

Letter to the Editor: Student asks about newspaper stands

Dear Editor,

I am a student in Meredith's continuing education program and I am wondering why there isn't anywhere on campus that I can buy a newspaper. When I came to the student center to buy books this semester, I asked someone in the bookstore if there is somewhere that I could buy a paper and they referred me to Johnson Hall. I asked someone in Johnson Hall if there was a newspaper stand and they told me there used to be one but they took it away. Does anyone else think it's strange that you cannot buy a newspaper on campus? Is anyone out there interested in being informed of the news of the day?

Just Wondering,
Carol Tate

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