

Campus Features

The man who serves it up in BDH

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Who is that man with all the neat ties you always see running around the cafeteria at all hours of the day and night and whenever there are special functions at Meredith? This man is none other than Thad O'Briant, director of campus dining. Since July of 1990, O'Briant has been the director. With this position, he supervises all food services on campus, including Belk Dining Hall, The Beehive in the Cate Center, and all catered events.

O'Briant has lived in Raleigh all his life. Like a dedicated resident, he attended N.C. State. His major was political science with a concentration in criminal justice. After graduating, he changed his mind and was unsure of his career. He experimented with food service at Camp Seagull for about a year and half before deciding that it was his calling.

He went through training from 1986 to 1988 at Elon and worked at Elon College from 1988 to 1990 as the campus dining assistant.

O'Briant got married the same year

he came to Meredith. His wife Paula is director of residence life here at Meredith.

He says the favorite part of his job is interacting with the students and staff. He likes Meredith because he "likes the college setting." As director, O'Briant also plans the cafeteria menus. He takes suggestions from people on his staff, and he is always looking for suggestions from students. O'Briant says that students have come up with some really good items on the menu. He also notes that he is always open to

suggestions, and he is always adding new things.

O'Briant has many special events and promotions planned in the upcoming months. Last week, he sponsored the Milk promotion in which T-shirts reading "Milk Where's your mustache" were given away, as well as \$150 to Kara Mallory whose name was chosen from a drawing because she drinks milk. This week, Snack Packs containing all kinds of special goodies were given away at lunch. In the spring, there will be a \$750 putting-contest giveaway.



Thad O'Briant, director of campus dining at Meredith, enjoys interacting with students and staff.
Photo by April Bussells

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