

# Dining services offers more options for meal plans

**Students now have more dining options when eating on campus.**

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A new meal plan option is available for sophomores, juniors and seniors starting this semester. Until September 1, resident upperclassmen were given the choice of retaining the traditional meal plan of 21 meals per week in Belk Dining Hall or a new option of 15 meals per week in Belk and \$100 per semester in dining dollars to be used in the Beehive

Café.

Commuters have the choice of a Silver meal plan, which includes 50 meals per semester in Belk Dining Hall and \$50 per semester to be used in the Beehive, or a Gold meal plan, which includes 15 meals per semester in Belk and \$300 per semester to be used in the Beehive.

While the traditional plan allowed resident students to use meal exchange-eating in the Beehive in place of a meal in Belk- the new plan replaces meal exchange with dining dollars. Grab-n-go meals in Belk are still included in the new plan.

Dining dollars carry over

from fall semester to the spring semester, so even if students do not use all their funds, the money is added to the \$100 given at the start of the second semester of the year. This year's funds expire on May 9, 2004.

Senior Laura Bates is excited about this new option. "It's great that we have choices for our meal plans now- before we had only one option," she stated.

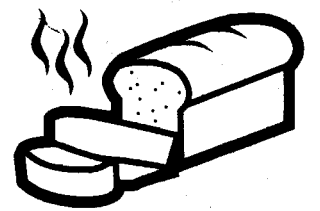
Belk Dining Hall is open for breakfast Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. and Saturday through Sunday from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. Lunch is served from

11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday and 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Dinner is available from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday through Sunday. The dining hall offers several buffet style options, including a salad bar, a dessert bar and usually two or three entrée selections.

The Beehive Café is open from 7:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Fridays. It is closed Saturdays and Sundays. Meal exchange hours are

from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. for lunch and from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. for dinner. The Beehive offers a pizza bar, sandwiches, wraps, baked potatoes, chicken strips, and even sushi for hungry students. A smoothie bar was added recently, offering delicious smoothies during selected hours.

With the addition of the new meal plan option, students now have many choices when it comes to dining on campus.



## News Brief

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Over the weekend, each enrolled student received a personalized message asking that student record information be verified. Students should carefully review their information listed in the e-mail for accuracy and completeness and let the Office of The Vice President for Enrollment know by Thurs., Sept. 11 by responding to [VerifyMC@meredith.edu](mailto:VerifyMC@meredith.edu) so that changes can be made to the student's official record and reflect the most current information. Students who did not receive a message should contact the Registrar's office in order to ensure that the most current e-mail and other information is on file.

Those who do not have a Meredith e-mail account, should notify Technology Services in order to get one. Official e-mail com-

munications are sent to students' Meredith e-mail addresses.

The annual student directory is being prepared, and students may exclude their listing if they wish. Students who wish to be excluded from the directory should indicate this clearly in their e-mail replies or go to the Registrar's office and complete the appropriate form. The directory includes only the following information: name, nickname, local and home addresses, birthday without year, phone numbers, class level, adviser name, and e-mail address. The other information in the verification e-mail (e.g., parent information, emergency contact) is solely for the student record and will remain confidential.

Nearly 45% of students have already responded to the verification e-mail. For further information, please e-mail Danny Green, [greend@meredith.edu](mailto:greend@meredith.edu) or call him at 760-8026.

## World News Briefs

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### Russia

Around the Chechen Republic, two bombs detonated under a commuter train killing five and injuring more than two dozen. Terrorism is suspected. The bombings took place on the edge of Kislovodsk and were the result of two homemade bombs that were placed under the rails. Numerous victims were students on their way to attend classes at the university in Pyatigorsk. This most recent bombing is only the latest in a string of bombings in the area that have killed 150 people and made the Russian government uneasy.

### Zimbabwe

Current President Robert Mugabe lost seats in a recent national election. His group gained only 100 seats as compared to the 134 seats the opposing force, Movement for Democratic Change won.

The same opposition won six out of seven mayoral elections. Parliamentary elections will be held in 2005.

### South Africa

The country's Human Rights Commission has said it suspects human rights abuses on black farm workers. At the same time, the group failed to recognize the recent attacks on white farmers as race related. Nearly 1,500 white farmers have died since the abolition of apartheid ten years ago. A government panel found that the deaths were the result of bad working conditions and some farmers agree. However, poor working conditions are accepted as the primary cause.

### Morocco

Twin sisters were held by police on suspicion that they were plotting to bomb a supermarket in Rabat, the capital of Morocco.

### Poland

In Warsaw, the Auschwitz death camp museum publically denounced the scheduled air passing of Israeli F-15 fighter jets during a ceremony to remember the victims of the Holocaust. The jets were to be piloted by descendants of Holocaust survivors. Along with the Israeli jets, two Polish MIG-29 jets were to fly over. Israel stood behind the flyover.

### West Bank

In Ramallah, West Bank, Yasser Arafat has chosen the current Palestinian parliament speaker to begin as prime minister. This position will give Ahmed Qureia power to lead Palestine in the wake of Mahoud Abbas' resignation. Whether he will accept is questionable.

