

Editorial

# Taking Time to Care

Everyone has I'm sure heard about the recent flood and damage caused by the rains. This not only ruined a small Bible College in Tacoa, Ga. but also caused much damage to our neighboring town of Marshall and surrounding communities, leaving many families homeless and destitute. During this upcoming Thanksgiving season, we often pause to reflect how lucky we have been many times when others have been adversely affected by natural disasters and hazards such as the recent floods. We at THE HILLTOP would like to commend the efforts of Mars Hill College students to aid these homeless and grief stricken families. Students have been traveling to Marshall, reporting to the Sheriff's department, and then going to volunteer services wherever needed. The Christian Student Movement has also been receiving donations from students, in the cafeteria, to be given to this worthy cause. The Student Government Association also voted in Senate Nov. 9 to support the volunteer campaign to help these townspeople. I'm sure that other groups and organizations on campus have also contributed to this effort, or plan to do so.

This is a tangible expression of concern shown by our students. It is encouraging to know that we cooperate in relief efforts when crises occur not only on our campus, but in neighboring communities. It has always been said we should "practice what we preach" as a Christian institution and this volunteer attitude is certainly a valid example that is to not only be admired but copied by other students, as well as faculty and administrators. We do not realize what we have to be thankful for until it is taken away from us or others around us. This experience has certainly caused us to all stop and evaluate our own lives.

## In Retrospect

by Wright Culpepper

A few days ago I was watching Sesame Street on television. The muppets did a skit that I thought was very interesting.

The skit began when one of the muppets came out on stage dressed as Robin Hood. After awhile, he began calling for people to come be his merry men. Soon, a few muppets came out to apply for the job.

The first muppet that said he was interested was crying. Robin Hood tried to calm him down, but he would not listen. Finally, Robin Hood asked him to leave, because he did not feel that a merry man should always be weeping.

The second muppet that came to be a follower of Robin Hood would not stop complaining. He was unhappy with everything that life had to offer him. Robin Hood tried to talk to him, but he would not listen. Robin Hood had no choice but to ask him to leave also.

The third muppet that wanted the job was very happy. Unfortunately, he was too merry and he would not stop telling stupid jokes. To make matters worse he would not stop laughing. He was so wrapped up in being merry that he forgot he was supposed to be following

Robin Hood. Finally, Robin Hood decided that he did not want any merry men.

There is a message in this story for us. Jesus Christ called us to be his followers, but many times our actions show that we are not the Christians we claim to be.

Christians are supposed to be joyful; however, too often we are anything but joyful. We walk around as if we are in another world and are totally oblivious to those around us.

At other times, we do not stop complaining. Everything upsets us, and we feel that nothing is going our way. We need to remember that God causes all things to work together for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28).

We also make the mistake of getting too wrapped up in our work. Instead of being Christians, we become merely religious. We even become so religious that nothing is ever accomplished.

We need to become more concerned with being followers of Christ if we are going to claim to be Christians. Too often we forget that we are His children, so we lose all meaning that exists in our walk with Him.

Christ loves us, and He will not lead us astray. Seek to follow Him- He will richly bless you!

### Food Services Operations Report:

There have been complaints about bugs in the lettuce at the salad bar. The insects get in when the lettuce is shipped. It is washed twice in a compound to clean it. Dennis said he's improved this situation, even if it takes three or four washings to get it satisfactory.

We questioned about the occasioned fermented fruit juices. He did not explain this problem and the committee will investigate further to find out why the juices fermented.

Many complaints were about insects flying around in the cafeteria. The col-

lege is responsible for the Southern Pest Control spraying every two weeks. However, frequently the sprayers come during mealtime which is inconvenient and unsanitary. Since the college contracts for this service, the committee feels it is their responsibility to coordinate with the Epicure Management to schedule these visits between mealtimes.

Due to the complaints about students wondering if the cafeteria uses off-brand foods, the committee went to see for themselves and found that the cafeteria does indeed use name brands.

Fifty-two percent of the comments received were concerning the uncleanness of the utensils. We again questioned Dennis about this matter and he stated that the silverware is run through twice. The committee observed this fact and confirmed Dennis' explanation. Also, complaints were made about the scarcity of ashtrays in the cafeteria. Dennis' explanation reflected the students frequently abusing the ashtrays.

Another complaint about the lack of utensils was the inavailability of glasses at mealtimes. Dennis stated that twelve new cases had just come in. Also, he commented that the students habit of bending silverware may eventually result in an increased problem of a lack of utensils.

It would be helpful if the students who sense a bad attitude in a cafeteria worker would report individual names to this committee.

Some students have suggested that menus be posted before each meal. We talked with Dennis about this matter and he seems to have some reservations about the substitutions of foods when they run short. However, if you, the students, feel that posted menus would be helpful, please let us hear your comments about whether this matter would be useful and how you would react to substitutions in the case of shortages.

As we inspected the cafeteria, we found that much of the food problems lie with faulty and aged equipment. One problem is the bacon must be cooked in the oven instead of the grill, therefore it is time consuming and cannot be served as often as the student would wish. However, Dennis stated that he would try to serve Canadian bacon and possibly give the student a choice of two meats at breakfast. Another complaint concerns the constant running out of fried foods and time it takes to replenish these foods. We found that the cafeteria has only three fryers and to adequately feed our student body fried foods, it would take at least two more fryers. Due to the complaints about the quality of the coffee, we found that this problem also lies with an equipment fallacy. The old furnace does not

The results of the last set of complaints are on the following subjects: 66% concerning quality, 22% quantity, 33% variety, 52% cleanliness of utensils, 17% trays, 17% tables, 3% chairs, 6% floors, 9% counters; 22% concerning attitudes of the workers, 6% efficiency, and 31% inefficiency of the conveyor belt. We held an interview with Dennis Hyatt on these matters. Afterwards, the committee along with Dennis, inspected the cafeteria. The following is a result of our findings.

We asked him about getting yogurt, as was several students requests. It was served in summer school for a short time but it was found that the student took the small containers of yogurt and it is also too expensive. It would be too expensive for the students in the long run, because the cafeteria would have to cut down on other things. However, if it could be bought in bulk quantities it would be cheaper. There are dairies in Virginia which have come out with five pound quantity containers and Dennis said he will try to get this.

When questioned about the flavor of the food, Dennis commented that they are adding more fatback to the beans, more salt and margarine to vegetables, and are cooking beef with the vegetables.

We have had some continued complaints about the lunch variety and Dennis has promised that instead of the two lines being divided into main course on one side and soup and sandwiches on the other, both lines will soon carry all entrees.

A request of more light foods such as fruits found Dennis stating that there are fruits at the salad area of the line and the salad bar. He also stated that cantaloupe is out of season now, therefore he cannot get it.

After asking Dennis for the second time about the cold food, he promised once again to get the servers to only dish out the food as people come by. If this condition continued, we would like to be informed.

heat to the consistent temperature, therefore it affects the quality. Dennis also stated that he would experiment with amount of coffee used and acquire better quality.

As we had more comments about the quality of the eggs, we inspected the situation by cooking three eggs and the results were visible- thoroughly cooked and raw. The complaints made about soft ice cream were investigated and it was observed that the freezer is not freezing at an adequate temperature to ensue hard ice cream.

More complaints have been made about the tray conveyor. The plain fact is that it is old and needs replacing. We find that the complaints about soggy toast are the result of the toast being placed over the steam. A solution to this would be to purchase infrared lamps to be installed. We found ourselves wondering who was responsible for this old and faulty equipment, and found that it is the responsibility of Mars Hill College, not Epicure Management. We will investigate further and will report our findings in the next article. Our question is if much of the food problems is because of the equipment, why is this equipment not replaced?

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