

Seniors review local lunch spots

By Brian Prout and Justin Smith
Reporters

For those seniors (and fearless freshman) tired of the fast food routine, we have been given the "difficult" task of finding alternatives to the "Bells" and "Kings" of Battleground. Leave it to our editor to send out the two biggest appetites on the staff to give the students the low-down on the chow-down.

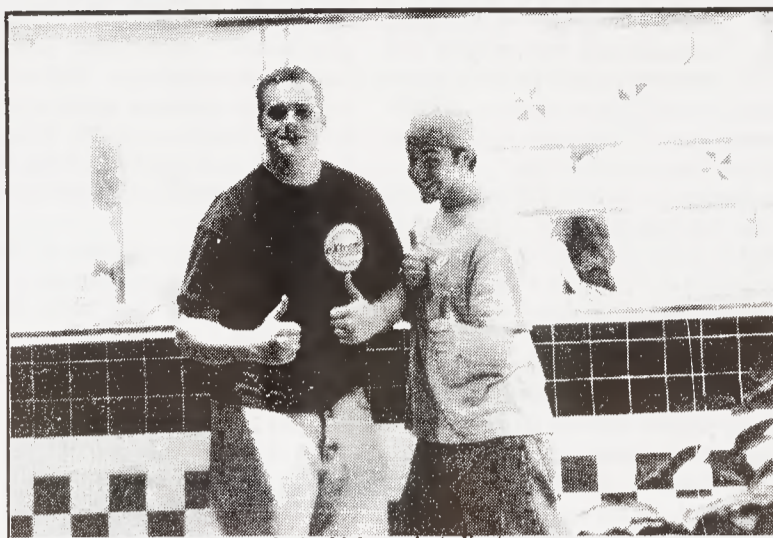
Our experiment consisted of testing the Ph level of the iced tea and the percentage of MSG per grain of rice. But seriously, we set out to find the perfect meal that doesn't come with a fun toy. Our crusade led us to Garden Cafe, Kyoto Fantasy Express, Yum-Yum, and Bear Rock Cafe.

Garden Cafe: is located in the shopping center across from the "Home of the Whopper." Their specialties are their rice dinners and their subs. Although the seating was scarce (only twelve tables available), we were waited on and served immediately upon sitting at our table. Our food arrived about nine minutes after we placed our order. Our waitress stopped by occasionally to check if we were doing alright. The restaurant was clean, busy, smoke-free; two out of three isn't bad.

Brian: I got the mushroom, steak, and cheese, and it was superb. I liked the place, but it was a little rushed, as a student might be trying to get back to school on time. I give it an overall **B+**.

Justin: I really liked the heaping portions on my cheeseburger sub. At an estimated four minute trip to get there, Garden Cafe is easily within reach. I give it a hopeful **A-**.

Kyoto Fantasy Express: located in Westridge Square, is exactly what its name implies. As opposed to the original Kyoto, you are not seated at a large table with two other



Brian Prout and Justin Smith give high marks to Kyoto Fantasy Express. *Fraunfelder photo*

annoying families; you are whisked through a line to give your order at the register. But many aspects of the original restaurant remain intact. The food, including hibachi steak, chicken, and shrimp has come along at a reduced price. You are still treated to a floor show as you wait in line when the chef prepares the food behind a plate-glass window, just in case a California sushi roll gets fiesty. Their entree meals range from \$6.25 to \$2.50; this is, of course, not including tax or drink. The drive there takes up the most time, but you can make it if you have a clean driving record and a fast car. If you have neither of these, we recommend you take the quickest way possible: Take Bryan Blvd. to

the Westridge exit and take a right. Continue on Westridge until you hit the shopping center; Kyoto is all the way back and to the left. This speedy way should allow you enough time to order, enjoy your meal, and get your picture taken (see photo).

Brian: I have died and gone to heaven. **A+**

Justin: If only there were a shuttle bus that ran from Grimsley's parking lot straight to the Kyoto waiting line. Then, and only then, would I be in heaven. **A+**

Yum-Yum: is located on Spring Garden Street in the heart of the UNCG campus. Some students frequent this permanent hotdog stand, but we feel that it is not fully appreciated by the student body. The menu consists of hotdogs, ice cream, and some more hotdogs. Where Yum-Yum lacks in variety, it more than makes up in price. A three-hotdog meal with a drink will only run you a tax-included \$4.25. Yum-Yum provides eight outdoor seats if the scent inside is not something you would like to wear all day.

Brian: Two words: yum...yum. **A-**

Justin: Even though it was easy on my wallet, it was not-so easy on my stomach. **A**

Bear Rock Cafe: is a great place for the wealthy student who doesn't mind skipping his afternoon classes. They offer sandwiches at the upper five dollar range which, in our opinion, is a little bit past budget.

Brian and Justin: We cannot advocate skipping school or spending too much of your hard-earned cash. **F+**

Everyone knows that the cornerstone of any successful school day is a good lunch. It has been out pleasure to bring you these newly discovered restaurants.

Divorce troubles students and their lives

By Amanda Earp
Reporter

Imagine the scene: a white-washed house with a white picket fence. Bobby Junior arrives home from baseball practice to the aroma of his mother's cooking in the kitchen and dad in the den helping little Susie with her homework. Then the viewer turns off Nick-at-Night and returns to real life where his dad has run off with a 21-year-old woman from his office and his mother cries herself to sleep every night watching "Casablanca".

Although many stories are not this shocking, more and more teens at Grimsley do live with the reality of divorce. Chris Cox, a junior whose parents have been divorced since he was born, says, "My parents haven't been in the same room for eight years. My dad is always dissing on my mom saying that she is a loser, and it makes me so mad at him."

Lauren Jeffries, a freshman, had to go through the pain of her parents' failed marriage when she was 12. "When my parents told me that they were getting a divorce, it was catastrophic because we were always the perfect family. I knew that it was coming, but the whole situation was hard to accept," says Jeffries.

Divorce not only affects teens emotionally, but it also changes their values. Dalton Moss, a junior,

whose parents separated last year, says, "Having your parents get a divorce makes all the ideals and things that you believe in shatter completely. Now I don't want to get married unless I am 100% sure, because the whole situation has made me doubt the strength of and relationships."

Divorce changes the future. Teens see divorce as a scary thing. They are afraid of growing up married, going to do to keep the ship together because I believe that [marriage] it is the most sacred of all institutions," says Jeffries.

For some families, divorce is the answer to many of their problems. "At first, I was really glad that my parents divorced because they were always fighting, and it was good for me to get out of that type of environment," says Betsy Summers, a freshman. Summer's parents got divorced when she was six and she now alternates spending the night with each

of her parents. "I have to split everything between two houses which has been really hard because it takes a long time to adjust," says Summers.

Despite the pain of her family torn apart, Jeffries found that she has grown stronger emotionally and in maturity as a result of their divorce. "It actually turned out better with them apart because the whole situation forced me to rise to the occasion and I'm a better person because of it," says Jeffries.

Lindsay Jones, a junior, has experienced more than the average Whirlie. "My parents divorced when I was in fourth grade and my mom and I moved to Greensboro to get away from my dad. My mom married again, but I really don't like my step-dad; they are getting a divorce in six months," says Jones.

Jeffries, Jones, Moss and Summers are only a representative of the teens all over the country who have endured their parents' broken relationships. In 1990, the national average of kids under 18 involved in divorce was 16.8 out of a 1000 kids. The likelihood that a marriage would end in divorce was 43%.

When considering her future, Summers thinks of her own kids and the environment in which she wants them to grow up. Summers says, "Both of my parents have married twice; so I have been cheated out of the experience of a big, happy family. I don't want my kids to have to go through the kind of experience that I did."

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