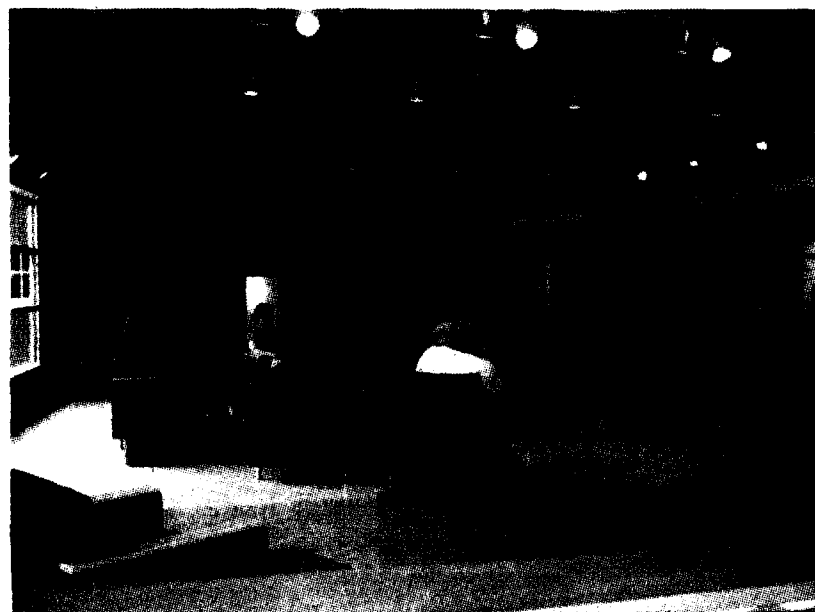




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Biscotti's offers a variety of espresso drinks and pastries, as well cafe tables where students and faculty can socialize or get ready for their next class.



LEFT: Stylish chairs and hardwood floors provide an inviting atmosphere for students to hang out.

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RIGHT: The old Lion's Den, a third of the size of the new cafeteria, shows us how much Penn State Harrisburg has improved. The space is now being used for storage until a future date when classrooms will be added.



has been sitting on the shelf all day. All vegetables are bought and cooked fresh, not frozen, and deliveries from the Penn State Bakery come daily. According to Schiavoni, the new state of the art combination oven keeps meat juicy and cakes fluffy because it is both a steamer and an oven.

From behind Plexiglas guards, customers can see their food being cooked right in front of them and workers can interact with the students. Schiavoni described the cafeteria workers to "have a new gleam in their eye, because they are out of that hole in the wall downstairs."

Schiavoni's desk is strewn from one side to the other with menus. He is constantly referring to these in order to make variety the spice in students' mealtimes. "I want to try to push the student body toward different tastes than what they are used to," Schiavoni said.

Because of the greater kitchen space available and the stage area in the cafeteria, the Food Services and Student Activities offices will be collaborating to put on international celebration days, such as a Greek Fest and Mardi Gras.

Those who experienced eating in the former Lion's Den are appreciative of the new vari-

eties. "There is so much more to choose from now, even though I eat hamburgers the most," Dan Berger said, a returning student. Some new students to Penn State Harrisburg might not understand the improvements and they think there are not enough choices. "It seems like only one menu item changes each day, I'd like to see more variety than that," said Branda Kemmerling, who just started her first semester here in Harrisburg.

Coleman and Schiavoni planned with the students in mind. Many students asked for ice cream and Food Services would not provide anything less than Hershey's.

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Students who live in the apartments can buy frozen dinners to keep for later.

Schiavoni encourages all students and faculty to be a part of the Diner's club. Users can add the Diner's club option to their student ID cards with a \$25 deposit, which can be used immediately for purchases. With every swipe, users save 10 percent and using the cards moves the lines faster during busy lunchtimes. According to Schiavoni, there is no financial benefit for Food Services when students sign up for the service. The customers are the ones saving money.

For the last two years, Penn State Harrisburg has been proudly serving Seattle's Best coffee. Now the variations in coffee are endless with the addition of Biscotti's, the new coffee café, appropriately named since every day 12 different varieties of biscotti are made on premise. Frozen coffee drinks will soon be added to the menu.

Plans are now being made to install two big screen television sets and a sound system that will play background music throughout the entire area. A banana bar is being added that will allow for groups of students to congregate and do projects without having to pull tables together. Christmas break will allow for other renovations that can only be completed when there are no people using the space.

The cafeteria is missing one very crucial element. It needs a name and a logo. Menu boards cannot be put up until the cafeteria has a name and some kind of iconic presence. Look for a suggestion box that will be put out soon to take suggestions you might have on any matter concerning the cafeteria.