

# Opinion

## An editorial Cafeteria change was sorely needed

Expensive is a word used to sum up Penn State, regarding a lot of things. First, it was the bookstore, then it was tuition.

And now: The cafeteria.

College students are on a tight budget and are finding their pockets emptying quickly, especially when it comes to buying food at the PSU Delco cafeteria.

Plus, the food isn't worth the price we pay.

You would be better off running to the mall to eat, because the food sold here is just as unhealthy. And it's much cheaper at the mall. Ever heard of the dollar menus?

Don't forget about those germ-carrying flies zooming around all that uncovered food. Employees simply swat them away.

Then, try to find a place to sit. Good luck finding a table that isn't covered in someone else's trash, or has crumbs everywhere. It may not be the employees' job to clean up after us — we are college students, after all — but someone has to make sure *we* clean up. And it *is* the cafeteria's job to clean the tables, more often than they do.

Maybe they should hire someone for that specific duty. Actually, considering you're not supposed to eat in classrooms anymore, this should be mandatory.

The ordering system is inefficient, ineffective and is in dire need of some major improvement. Have you ever watched someone walk away with your cheese fries, knowing perfectly well that they ordered after you? Oh, and have you ever noticed they have a number system students are supposed to use? Why don't they enforce it?

Common hour is rushed. Trying to get a quick meal is completely out of the question.

If you have somewhere else you need to be during common hour, don't even try ordering food; you'll have to pick and choose what's more important, eating or your meetings.

The cafeteria is always overcrowded. If you're small you are fortunate to avoid being crushed, and lucky if your order is even heard.

Our campus is more diverse than the variety of food offered. If you're a vegetarian, they don't really have food for you. Think of it this way: You don't have to eat their food.

Keep in mind that they are gone before 3:30, so people with stomachs grumbling afterward need to find somewhere else to get some sustenance. It isn't fair to the students who are here for night classes, but at the same time, it's more money in their pockets.

Since the staff was rushed, we can only trust they were clean. We could only hope they washed their hands, and cut their foods, especially uncooked meat, on different cutting boards.

The problems with our cafeteria shouldn't exist for the money we pay. Maybe that is why the school replaced management. All we can hope for is that the food quality improves, and the prices go down. Since the school decided to replace our cafeteria management, we hope they address these issues before the next academic school year begins.

## People Poll

Staff writer Jeff Huber asked:  
Should same-sex marriages be legal?



Yes, people should be able to get married if they wish.

Lauren Musciano  
Communications  
Junior



Yes, we are in America right? Land of freedom. People should have the choice left up to them.

Stephanie Hinkelman  
Urban Education  
Sophomore



Of course, in this country if we have freedom of choice and expression then why not?

Katrina Rothwell  
African-Amer. Studies  
Senior



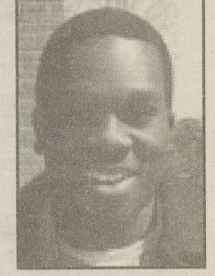
Yes of course, but it is politically incorrect and behind the times to not advocate same-sex marriage regardless of one's opinion.

Cliff Kuhn-Lloyd  
Undecided/Music  
Sophomore



Yes, we are a nation founded under principles of equality. The government has no right to legislate lifestyles or morality.

Jeff Brenner  
Political science  
Junior



I think that there should be gay marriage because we all have a right to choose the life we want to live.

Rasheed Amoo  
DUS  
Freshman

## An entire college career now hangs on those frenetic and final 47 days

Forty-seven days until the beginning of the rest of my life.

For those of you who are joining me in graduating this May, I feel your pain. It is ironic how I moaned and complained about college for four, OK five, long years but it is now when the real stress begins.

Preparing to finish college has become a chore in itself; there should actually be a course offered in how to do it. Between rigging together courses that would just fit well enough to graduate on time, to making sure every loan department has the names of every living relative, close friend, and recently departed pets in case they cannot find me after graduation ... this semester has not been fun.

Do not get me wrong, I cannot wait to graduate; it's just the minor details that are overwhelming. I keep thinking that the day is finally going to come, and I forgot to take gym or something!

I always assumed that my senior year would be a breeze. You know, find the loopholes and just sail on through, right? *Wrong!* I thought after having all these semesters under my belt I would be used to it by now, but it appears that it is this final semester that means everything. Do I really want my potential employers to see that I did well up until the end, and ask why didn't I spend more time studying my last semester? Maybe instead of taking such a menial elective, I should have been taking astrophysics or something? I guess it is a little too late for all of that now.

Trying to buckle down to graduate hasn't been easy. There is a constant checklist in my head making sure things are getting done. Filing an intent to graduate, closing out the loans, making sure my grades are up, double-checking they spelled my name right for the diploma; it just doesn't end. Between juggling my life, and the closing of my education, I am trying to prepare for my new beginning... whatever that may be.

After all is said and done, there's the emotional aspect that comes into play. Am I really ready to go out into the working world? What do I wear? Did I learn enough to impress my employers? And what about just finding the "right" job? Does it even exist? Will this upcoming election influence my job potential? I hear it's a cold world out there. Am I prepared?

Things just keep circling inside me about what is to come. Did I choose the correct major? Is there something else that I may be better suited for?

Maybe I should have added a minor just in case. Sometimes when sitting in one of my senior classes, I look around and wonder if I can even compete with those around me. There is nothing like second-guessing yourself just when the time is up. I guess it all boils down to hoping that I made all the right decisions during my college education, and if not I guess being a "professional" student doesn't sound so bad!

I am sure when graduation day is here, I will be able to relax and enjoy it with the rest of you. Hopefully the "what ifs" and the "should've / could've" mindset should disappear, but until then, Class Of 2004, I hope you remembered to fulfill all obligations before May 15 ... because this is it!

Bring it on!



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