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## Sweet nothings

### Candy, food gone from the bookstore

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Next time you stop by the campus bookstore to grab a drink or a bag of chips you may be in for a big surprise. The store, as of a few weeks ago, is no longer permitted to sell food products.

According to Renee Lutz, manager of the Penn State Bookstore at Delaware County, the decision to eliminate snack food from the bookstore was made by "campus officials."

"As a result of a student survey completed last year, students overwhelmingly responded that they wanted a new food service that would provide the quality, cleanliness, hours of operation, in a cost-effective manner," said Lisa R. Yerges, director of Business Services.

"To meet that need we had to re-bid the contract and ensure this vendor's success [and] given our size, the bookstore cannot be a food-service provider," Yerges explained.

This new food provider is "Java Joe" Betzala of the Lion's Pit. Betzala appears confident that students will not be discouraged with the loss of food in the bookstore. He is also convinced that students will make the trip up to the newly renovated cafeteria.

"What's the saying in the movie 'Field of Dreams'? 'If you build it, they will come...' and be very satisfied," he said.

Some students on campus are not as comfortable with the idea of no munchies in the book-



Photo by Jennifer Rufo

The candy and snacks currently on the shelves in the campus bookstore is all that will be available.

store. "I don't like it at all. The bookstore is great for a snack in between classes, especially for evening students," said Ryan Meade, a senior business major.

"I don't really eat at the cafeteria and I usually buy snacks from the bookstore before class because it's quick and easy. It's inconvenient to go all the way up to the Commons Building and it's also a lot cheaper at the bookstore," said Sarah Cross, a junior English major.

Senior urban education major, Hisham Rahmi believes that the selling of food in the bookstore is not crucial in his daily activities.

"I haven't gone (to the bookstore) that much to get snacks...I'm always in the cafeteria because I play basketball and then I go over to eat."

Rahmi believes in the new cafeteria and "Java Joe." He said, "the food is OK for now, but if they add what people have suggested and the construction is soon completed it will be better."

In addition to what he offers in the cafeteria (salads, sandwiches, homemade soups and chili, pizza, breakfast foods, muffins, fresh fruit salad, vegetarian items, coffee, teas, self-serve cappuccino, espresso, Tropicana juices, Snapple teas, Pepsi products, Red Bull Energy Drink, Starbucks Frappachino drinks, Frito Lay snacks, candies,

chocolate bars and Nestle ice cream treats), Betzala said, "all four campus buildings are equipped with new vending machines, which are cleaned, serviced, and restocked every day."

"The cafeteria will stay open till 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and as late as 5 p.m. on Fridays offering the same service and food selection...for our night-time students," said the enthusiastic vendor.

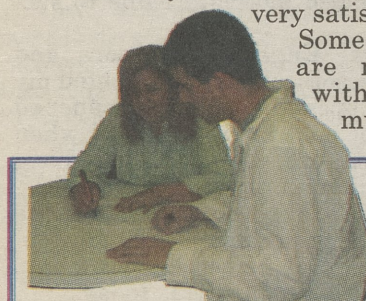
According to Betzala, the newly restructured cafeteria will be opening the third or fourth week of October. He wants to make this a good experience for faculty and staff.

"Please note that I am also open to suggestions and will, within reason, try to meet the needs of all the students. We're only going to get better as time moves on."

And about the barren bookstore? "Surprisingly, I haven't received any complaints," said Yerges.

"It was a campus leadership decision. We had to weigh what was more important: a quality food service or snacks in the bookstore."

Time will tell how this will affect the campus. Students should take advantage of the provisions in the bookstore while they can because, according to Lutz, "the food will be gone as soon as it sells out."



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