

# Muraca asks alternate meal plan study

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A study of an alternate meal plan will be conducted despite administrative opposition to the plan, according to student leaders. Former Undergraduate Student Government Vice President Frank Muraca and USG President George Cernusca said a study will show the administration that the plan will work. An alternate meal program would give students a chance to decide for themselves how

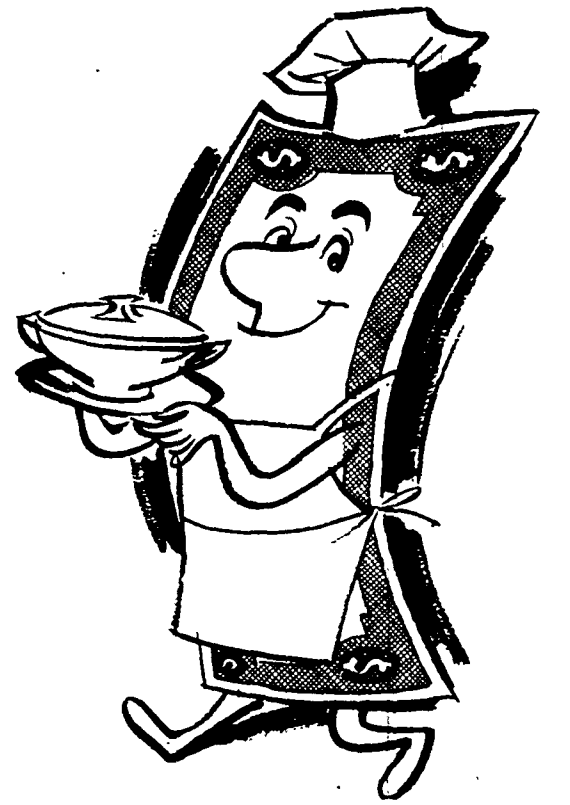
many meals they want to pay for and which meals they want to eat. This would be a major change from the present system, which requires that residence hall students eat all meals in the dining halls. Students living off campus are allowed to buy meal tickets for the dining halls. Many students feel that if this plan is possible, the reverse also could work. The implementation of an alternate meal plan was part of Muraca's campaign platform for USG president.

The plan's basic premise was that residence hall students should have a say in the number of meals they must pay for. Otto Mueller, assistant vice president for housing and food service operations, said a certain amount of money has to be generated to maintain the entire residence hall program. Food service, he said, is the main element that provides that revenue. If that money is decreased, prices go up. But Muraca said food services are actually making

a profit to pay for housing even though food services are supposedly totally independent from housing costs. Mueller also said the dining hall food supply is bought by volume so that the larger the volume of food purchased, the cheaper the food. Thus, if an alternate meal program is instituted, the amount of food purchased will go down, increasing costs for students. Muraca said few foods are sold by volume, but added that many foods still could be bought by volume under an alternate meal plan and then stored on campus.

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## Marijuana affects fertility

BOSTON (AP) — Men who smoke large amounts of marijuana run the risk of decreasing their fertility, according to a report coauthored by noted sex researcher William H. Masters. The report, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, was based on the work of researchers at the Reproductive Biology Research Foundation in St. Louis, headed by Masters. They tested 20 men who smoked from five to 18

"joints" a week for 18 months or longer and found that 35 per cent had noticeably decreased sperm counts. They also found that blood levels of the sex hormone testosterone averaged 44 per cent lower in the drug users than nonusers, and that two of the chronic smokers were impotent "apparently in association with marijuana use." The report noted that one of these men returned to normal sexuality within two months after he discontinued mari-

juana use, but the other declined to give up the drug. Masters coauthored the survey along with Drs. Robert Kolodny and Gelson Toro, and Robert M. Kolodner. The study warned that the results should be taken cautiously because of the small size of the sample, lack of data on the potency of the marijuana and because it was impossible to measure hormone levels and sperm counts of the men before they took up the drug. A spokeswoman for the

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instituted because the amount saved was not significant to make the program feasible. As a result, Muraca and Cernusca said they believe the proposed plan should be investigated further to get a point of view other than the administration's. "All we want to do is have a study (of an alternate meal plan)," Muraca said. He said plans are being made to have a joint study of USG and the Association of Residence Hall Students. Although the alternate meal plan was not in his platform, Cernusca said he would like to implement it. Cernusca said the most likely approach would be a joint study by ARHS and USG's new Bureau of Residential Life. He said that in one or two weeks he would designate individuals to the study. "It (an alternate meal program) is going to raise per meal costs, but the gross amount paid will be less," Muraca said. What needs to be done, Muraca said, is to educate the students about why an alternate meal plan is needed. "The administration will say costs will rise," he said. "We will show it works." works."

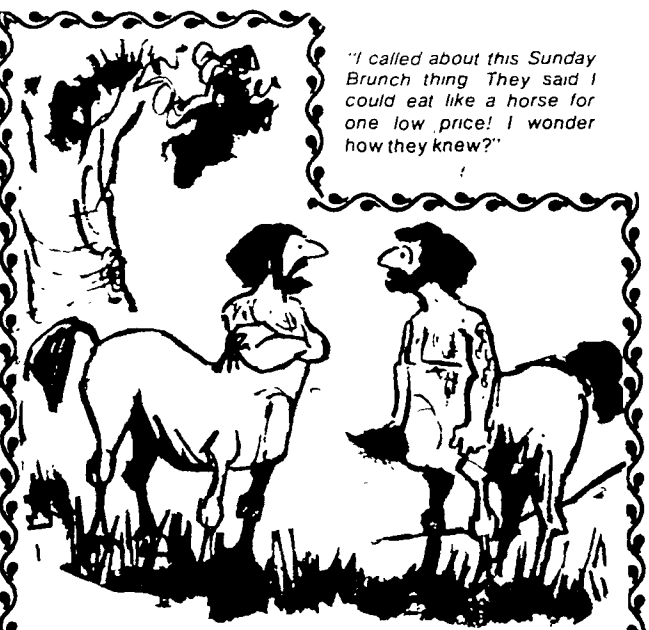
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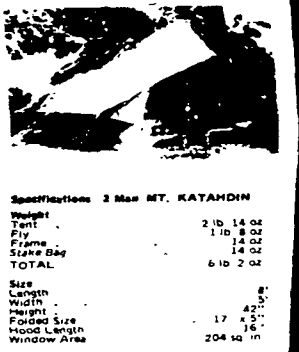


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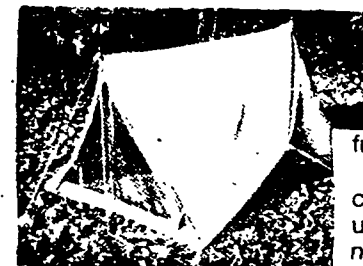
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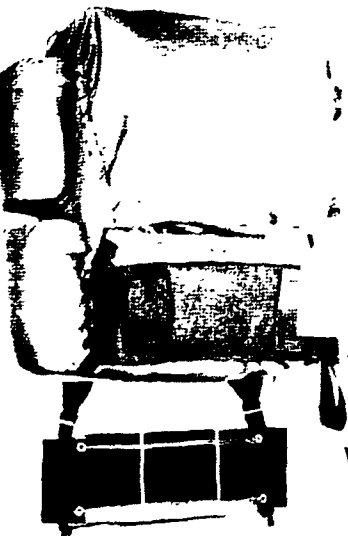
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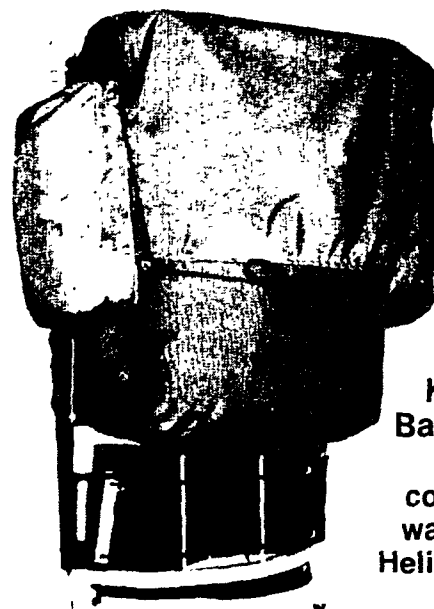
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