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Founders residents protest meal plan

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Founders College students marched to the housing and food services offices March 22 to protest the proposed 19 meal-a-week plan for 1990-91. Eighteen students carried banners reading "NO QUALITY. NO CHOICE. NO CHANCE."

Students told *Excalibur* they felt cheated because they were not informed of the plan earlier. The students were invited to talk with Crandles, present him with a petition and discuss the meal plan for 90 minutes.

Crandles told the concerned students, the plan "is not etched in stone and is only a proposal. It has not reached the Board of Governors as yet . . . there will be a detailed explanation and students will be informed in due course."

Crandles said the plan is necessary because the university will no longer be profiting from the vendors in Central Square once the Student Centre opens. He said the university has to look elsewhere for money to pay the bills for Complexes 1 and 2. He explained that the money housing and food services gets back from the caterers has always fallen short of the bills. He estimates there has been a total loss of about \$3 million that has been made up by the vendors in Central Square and the vending machines, and that undergraduate residents have always been subsidized.

He emphasized that the new plan has nothing to do with Marriott and that Marriott will give the university any plan it wants.



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