

The Zucchini: Get It Before It Melts

By Greer Veon The Hendrix cafeteria ends Sundae Thursday

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream...or at least we do on Thursday.

Out of several beloved traditions on campus, many students would agree that Sundae Thursday in the Hendrix cafeteria is one of the most important desserts - perhaps even meals - of the week.

But like all good things, the weekly treat has come to a close. Or, in this case, it must melt away.

Recently, Hendrix Dining Services announced that they have decided to retire the cafeteria's age-old tradition of Sundae Thursday and students could not be more upset. Starting next month, the cafeteria will return the remaining ice cream tubs and throw away their metal scoopers.

"I don't understand how this could happen," one disappointed student said. "Sundae Thursday was the one of the best events the cafeteria offered."

This statement rings very true. The sundae bar is one of the most popular dessert options in the cafeteria, and perhaps the most successful station it has ever offered.

"We understand that Sundae Thursday is a huge success, and we really love knowing how much the students enjoyed it," a dining staff member said. "But part of the expectations of an award-winning cafeteria is being able to stay innovative with our menu. We felt that it was time for a change."

So what is that change exactly? Well, the cafeteria staff has yet to reveal any sort of replacement option.

"We aren't quite sure what the next step is," one staff member said. "But we know what our students like, and with our outstanding cooks in the kitchen, we feel that this is a way for our cafeteria to promote healthier eating habits with students."

The student body, however, seems to have their doubts.

"Sundae Thursday was one of the only events that got me through the week," one student argued. "I always eat healthy, but Thursday was when I'd choose to treat myself."

"Every time that I had a test before or after lunch on Thursday, I rewarded my long hours of studying with ice cream," one senior said, citing years of experience. "It's the best comfort food, especially if I felt like I bombed the exam."

"I just feel cheated," one freshman said. "I want chocolate syrup and multi-colored sprinkles, not more brussels sprouts and broccoli."

"Maybe they'll have a 'make-your-own lettuce wraps' station?" a junior said, speculating on a replacement.

The dining staff doesn't see how this change is such a major issue among students.

"We have always offered a variety of delicious desserts," one of the cooks said. "The students are still going to have great options to choose

from, as well as the soft-serve machine that is always available. I have a feeling that the students will accept the change soon enough."

Whatever the dining staff introduces in place of Sundae Thursday, the student body hopes that cuisine will still be just as outstanding.

"I trust that the staff knows what they're doing," one student said. "I'm interested in seeing what new item they're going to offer next."

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