Coffee house serves students at all hours

By Charlotte Cooper

The Student Center Committee is continuing this fall the 24-hour coffee house which proved so successful in its trial in the fall of May.

Last spring, three undergraduate Architecture students, aided by the Student Center committee, organized a two-week experiment, which was extended the entire month of May and encouraged the Student Center Committee to continue the service on a permanent basis.

Chairman Bob Ice '75 assesses that the Committee's 24-hour coffee house now rating in a lounge on the second floor of the Student Center is not primarily a snack bar. "We do sell food," says Ice, "but that's just a mechanism to get people into the lounge. We want the Coffee House to be a place where people can come to listen to the music on radio, relax and enjoy themselves at any hour of the day or night."

At the Coffee House, an ID-reading student can rent a game 10 cents (cards are free), try his hand at a computer Space game, or play the lounge's pool. The hungry can buy a hot dog, candy, bagels or donuts; the thirsty are served coffee, tea, and cold bottled coke. Food and drinks go for a slightly above cost since the Committee must pay the wages of students who work for $1.75 an hour to keep the Coffee House open full-time.

There are some volunteers — including Dean Richard Sorenson and his secretary, Ann Wiggins, who work from 1-2 on Tuesday afternoons. A total of 162 of the week's 168 hours are accounted for, with only a 3 am-9 am Sunday shift unfilled. Anyone who would like to work these hours, or anyone wishing to place his or her name on a substitute list, should contact Linda Christian, TCA secretary.

The furniture currently adorning the Coffee House was scavenged from various parts of the Institute and consequently is comfortable but not decorative. Ice says the Student Center plans to beautify the lounge by buying new furniture, painting the walls, improving the lighting, and stocking the area with magazines and newspapers.

When renovations are completed, students and members of the community who would like to entertain will be welcomed, says Ice, "We'd like an atmosphere similar to that in our Friday and Saturday night Pot Luck Coffee House. In the 24-hour Coffee House there'll always be an audience since, so far, it's patronized by more students than we ever dreamed."

Next week is a popular attraction of the 24-hour Coffee House. Photo by Nolan Laurence

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