Women fail to finish meal plans
By Laura Forbes
Forty-six percent of women and 18 percent of men on mandatory meal plans did not finish their common requirements, according to figures released by Kevin R. Smith of the meal plan office.

It seems as if there are more women that do not make it than men," said Coordinator of Dining and Residence Programs Anita Wallot. "I do not know if that means we have to do anything about it," she added.

"It looks to me that females do not use the [meal] program as much as males do, but we do not use those statistics to determine the meal plans," assisted Assistant Director of Housing and Food Services George Hartwell. He explained that the meal requirement could not be lowered for women, or for any other group, because "if the minimum requirement is lowered in one group, then the operational costs will have to be picked up by the other group."

McCormick Hall had the highest percentage of students not fulfilling their meal plan requirements, with 64 percent of the freshmen and 44 percent of the sophomores failing to meet their requirements.

In Baker House, MacGregor House, and 500 Memorial Drive, roughly one-third of the freshmen did not finish their meal plans. One-quarter of the sophomores in Baker and MacGregor failed to meet their requirements; 16 percent of those in 500 Memorial Drive: sophomores failing to fulfill their meal plans, Walton explained that the residents on the east side of campus have lower meal plan requirements. "There are tradeoffs between eating in Walker versus eating in one's own dining room."

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