New Proposal Closes Dorm Dining Halls

Baker Would Remain as Lone House Cafeteria

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The Undergraduate Association is considering a proposal which would formalize the process by which the UA hires employees — currently affecting the manner in which the Course Evaluation Guide hires its staff.

The proposal, known as the Operations Code, is a 15-page document which UA Floor Leader Raajnish A. Chitaley '95 described as a “blueprint for a new way of doing things.” The proposal would formalize the process by which the UA hires employees. All potential employees would have to be interviewed and evaluated, and they would be chosen by a committee which would then make the final hiring decision.

In a meeting last evening with representatives from McCormick, MacGregor, and Burton House, Maguire said, “We needed to go to a new mind-set. We listened carefully to student input, and this is what we decided to do.”

The previous proposal had sparked outrage among residents of Baker, McCormick, MacGregor, and Next. They would have had to purchase a $150-a-year meal plan for five commons-style meals per week, at an approximate cost of $8.21 per meal, according to John T. McNellis, director of food services.

“Given the choice between this plan and the old house dining plan, I’d prefer this one,” said Yuna Fish ’96, a MacGregor resident. Maguire added, “Of all the ideas we had, no one has come up with a better idea than this and I hope [Senior Vice President William R. Dickson ’96] will back it.” Dickson will consider this plan and decide by Wednesday whether to recommend it to the Academic Council.

Maguire said the plan is still flexible and that he is open to input from students. In his memo, he said that the Department of Housing and Food Services would welcome other financially feasible plans to keep additional dining halls open.

He also said he would entertain proposals on how to use the space left over from the current plan. Proposals will be evaluated by the food services office, student representatives and house-masters of each house.

Details of new dining plan

The new proposal resulted from a joint session of Congress Wednesday night. For coverage of the speech and its reception, see pages 2-3.