

## NEWS

# Marriott raises food prices for semester

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Marriott, operator of food services at the MSU, recently boosted food prices an average of 6.25 percent.

The price changes took effect on the Monday before registration. Although a few prices

were reduced, most increased or stayed the same.

According to Jim Robertson, Food Service Manager, prices were raised to ensure that the company could cover costs and make a 3.5 percent profit.

Robertson said he determines price changes

by first comparing his prices to those of local fast-food restaurants. After finding an average price for each item, Robertson calculates what it costs him. He then raises or lowers prices, keeping his profit margin in mind.

When Robertson has determined the prices he would like to charge, he

shows his list to Burt Teh, MSU Manager and advisor to the MSU food committee, who goes over each item with the committee to decide if a change is warranted.

Although the average national cost of living increase is only 4 percent, Robertson said a 3.5 percent profit is not too high

because he can only change prices once a year, and if his costs increase later, he must absorb the loss.

Robertson said that his market is more limited than that of his competitors and he feels students and faculty should expect something more from Marriott.

"The underlying expectations of the students and the University staff are higher of me than one of the free-standing restaurants on Maryland Parkway," he said. "With this in mind I have to offer better products for less money and service has to be better and faster than my competition."

# Rape prevention program in works

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CSUN and the campus police are working together to establish a comprehensive rape prevention program on campus. As the university grows, concern for student safety rises.

"We are grossly

understaffed," said David Hollenbeck, Director of the Department of Public Safety.

"I have fewer people now than they did in '77 when there were 4,500 students. Half the time, there is one police officer on campus. Reno has 15 officers, we have 6.

"I am hiring three new

people in the next couple of weeks. I want a growing police department."

But, Hollenbeck added, "I have to operate under a budget."

Denise Gentile, Vice-President of CSUN, has taken a particular interest in rape prevention this year.

"The campus is grow-

ing, and it (rape) will become a major problem," Gentile said. "We're starting this now so that later we won't have to all of a sudden jump into it."

"Right now, it's in the talking stages. I'm trying to find out myself what the problems are. Rape prevention is a huge subject. I don't know if I myself can take it on. Maybe it should go on to upper-level administration.

"Not many rapes have been reported, but that doesn't necessarily mean they're not happening," Gentile said. "There may be a bigger need now than we know of."

Hollenbeck said record-keeping has been limited in the past, but more detailed records of all crime incidents on campus have been kept since he came here five weeks ago. He said that his department is concerned mainly with the security

aspect of rape prevention.

"A goal of mine is to get call boxes up. The problem with them now is that someone in trouble has the expectation that someone will come help them. Right now we have no dispatch center. It's very expensive equipment, and we have no place to put it. In my opinion, a trailer is not an appropriate place because it's temporary housing."

If he could, Hollenbeck said, he'd like to use the old engineering building, once the new building is completed, but with the university growing, there's lots of competition for that building.

Hollenbeck is not limiting his approach to campus safety. "We need more lighting on this campus. We need support groups. We need to raise students' awareness of what is going on. I'd like to see someone from the paper assigned to a police beat so that students can

be more aware of what is happening on campus."

Gentile said, "We will definitely be putting information out to students, either in pamphlets or brochures.

"Right now, we're focusing on the dorms, especially with new dorms coming. Lots of rapes aren't the jump-out-of-the-bushes-attack kind. They're an acquaintance type thing."

In getting the program off the ground, man hours are a basic question at this point. Later, money may be a factor," said Gentile.

The vice president said that other people involved in the planning of the program include Dr. Robert Ackerman, Dean of Student Services, and Dr. Jim Kitchen and Dr. Hammond from Academic Advising Center.

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