Decision to remove Caf trays met with mixed responses from students

Other students are skeptical that banning trays will actually save resources as advertised. “I want backdrops,” on the Caf for Friday,” junior communication studies major Jonathan Newman said. “I had an idea that the washing machine is just a big, conveyer belt glued dishwasher that doesn’t get turned on. I was right. They don’t run the washer off even when there aren’t any dishes being washed. They won’t save any more water or energy by taking the trays away.”

Chief Operating Officer of Campus Dining, Chris Vizina said that this may be a valid concern. “Theoretically, if you don’t have to run 1,500 trays through the machine, it is going to shut down early. We’re usually through by 2:00.” Vizina said.

Students are also questioning Samford’s move behind the go-green initiative.

“I think that Samford is just concerned about being recognized as a green school, and taking the trays away is just provocative enough to do that,” Newman said.

Junior film major and computer science major Claire Richo said that if Samford’s motivations are environmentally-based that there are better energy saving options. “With the amount of passion that people respond to the fact that we’re getting rid of the Caf trays I think there are probably more important ways that Samford could go green and save costs,” Richo said.

“Like not having students in the kitchen when it’s raining so they just pour down the drains,” Business Services Director Mike McCormack said that the university is still deciding what to do with the trays.

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Campus Safety initiatives reforms, seeks student input

Shannon Dille
The Samford Crimson

Campus Safety has acquired a new name and a new look again.

They are now known as The Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management, in order to reflect several ongoing changes within the department.

“This reflects that we have to have a more comprehensive approach to all emergency management,” Vice President for Operations and Planning Sarah Latham said.

Plans for restructuring the department began in the summer as part of a joint effort between the Campus Safety department and the Office of Operations and Planning.

“Starting June 1, 3 chiefg Bob Breed said that the number of officers paroling on bikes and foot will also increase.

“I want officers to get out of their cars, meet the people, and do their job,” Breed said.

As new officers are hired, Breed said he also plans to have their department’s central office open from 24-24 hours. Currently, the main office closes at 10 p.m., leaving only the gatehouse open.

“Right now, the officer in the gatehouse has to monitor can, answers the phone, and call the fire department.” Breed said.

“When the central office re-opens, the officer working in the gatehouse will be able to more effectively monitor campus.”

Officer training and office accreditation is also a major focus of the change. Two officers will attend training through the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission (APOSTC). Certification from the APOSTC will allow campus officers to carry firearms.

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Fund raising campaign targets students

Matthew Roberts
The Samford Crimson

Samford is looking to current students to help support the university financially beyond their tuition payments. While most support comes from alumni, some students have started an encouraging initiative to donate, and Samford has decided to follow the lead with a new initiative.

“Samford is a non-profit organization,” Annmarie Director of Annual Giving Meredith Ransome said. “Samford does not help from all the dollar donations in order to continue every day. That’s something that is shocking to most people.”

This year the Annual Giving staff is partnering with a new campaign, Samford For Life, which is an undergraduate initiative aimed at educating students on the importance of giving back to their university.

Samford can’t run on tuition dollars alone. Every year, 35 percent of Samford’s students would stop functioning if supported by tuition payments alone. Our academic year, “Tuition Runs Our Day.” March 9, 2009.

Basically, Samford For Life is education in the fact that we want to teach people about what the value of going back to Samford truly is, what it means to Samford, and how much Samford really appreciates and does need gifts, not only from alumni but from the individuals who are experiencing Samford,” Haughton said.

Haughton said that has been working with the director of annual giving, Shari Ransom, on publicity this campaign to the Samford students and alumni.

“Samford For Life was led by students,” Ransom said. “Several other schools implemented similar programs and have been doing so successfully with a giving component.”

Both Haughton and Ransom have been working with student focus groups to gain feedback on the best way to implement the campaign.

“Ideas that are in the process of being finalized include Family Weekend and Homecoming tailgates, two evening conversation events, including one with Vice President of University Relations Randy Pittman discussing how Samford is an institution run on the alumni money, and the dinner dollars it receives, and a “V-Saf” Saturday. Ransom said she believes that the words of President Andrew Westmoreland represent her message. “We walk in the shade of men we did not see. We drink from the wells we did not dig.”

People have stepped in every generation prior to us to do Samford what is today,” Ransom said. “It’s our responsibility to continue to make Samford the entity that it is now or not be.”

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Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment begins today for 273 girls. About 35 of these girls are appetitions. Sororities at Samford include around 600 girls campus-wide in seven sororities. For recruiting this week, Thursday and Thursday night are deemed Philanthropy Nights where each of the sororities will present the individual causes they support. Friday night is Theme Night, then Saturday night is Pre-Panhel Night, followed by Bid Day on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m in Bashford Fieldhouse.

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Two arrested in Chinese tainted milk scandal  

The tainted baby milk formula that has caused kidney failure in over 1200 infants and has killed at least two infants since May in China has been traced to an independent milk farm in Shijiazhuang. A chemical called melamine, normally used in plants and fertilizers, was added to the milk to make it appear to have more protein content and then sold to Sanlu, a leading Chinese dairy company.

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The office will also begin the process of applying for accreditation through the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA). In July Sanford also hosted the first of three planned active shooter training programs. Sanford's officers and members of the Homeland Security Department participated in the program. Active shooter programs simulate a scenario where a gunman is operating on campus. This practice allows both campus and local police offices to have the experience necessary to respond to such an event. As the only way to survive never has to use this, but we have to be prepared to respond to emergencies of any kind,” Latham said.  

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