Campus Center Pub renovated into new dining experience

Centennial Room atmosphere well-received

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As students wandered around campus to reacquaint themselves with the layout, they may have noticed a few changes. There was nothing too alarming until they reached what used to be known as the Campus Pub.

The Campus Pub was renovated this summer and renamed the Centennial Room, the new cafeteria on campus.

As the number of students dropped it was obvious to ARA that to operate two cafeterias would be an unnecessary financial load, according to Aceto. By combining the two cafeterias, students are saving $800 this year on their meal plans, Aceto said.

"ARA suggested consolidating the Grove and student cafeteria in the Campus Center and we said, 'OK, give it a try.'"

Aceto explained that he was forced to make a decision in late June and did not have time to contact students to get their opinions. He also said if he felt he was taking something away from the students he would have waited for student input. He believes he was in no way depriving students of pub activity because the pub can be contained in many areas on campus.

"The Pub was never a pub facility. It was only used as a pub twice a week and was often used for other campus activities," President Thomas D. Aceto said. "I have told student leaders that the pub may continue in other areas of the college such as the Hoosac Harbor. I think it is a more attractive place to have a pub activity."

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Some students said they feel a tradition has been taken away from them and student opinion should have been considered in the decision making.

"I was a bartender at the Pub last year. I never saw any real problems with excessive drinking, fights or anything of that concern. FAC (Friday Afternoon Club) was a tradition here at NASC which should have been the students' decision as well as the administration's," Senior Joseph Antonellis said.

Another student said the Hoosac Harbor is not a good replacement for the Pub. "It was not fair to make these changes without student opinions. Many of us are just turning 21 and [illegible] excited to be able to go and now [illegible] gone," Junior Rachel Goulart [illegible] "Hoosac Harbor is alright if you [illegible] play pool. But where are they going [illegible] put the comedians and bands now."

One student said she enjoys the [illegible] mosphere the Centennial Room [illegible] while eating .

"It is nice to be able to look out at [illegible] mountains while I eat instead of the [illegible] horrid burnt orange paintings in the [illegible] cafe," Senior Karen Beal said.



Students enjoy the view and the meal from the new Centennial Room dining hall on campus.(Beacon photo by Kimath I).

