

Student served a celebrity dinner Eastern administrators make meals for students

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Hungry students filled Taylor Dining Hall Sunday night not just for supper, but to also see Eastern administrators serve them food.

The rare event, Food for Thought Free Final's Feasts with Celebrity Servers, was an idea Dan Nadler, vice president for Student Affairs, and Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining Services, thought would be a great way to help students with the stresses from finals.

"This is a good way for us to help students with stress and wish them well," Nadler said.

Hudson was optimistic and excited about catering to students.

"This is a chance for (administrators) to get face-to-face with students and the dining staff," he said.

Eastern President Lou Hencken was in good humor, as he got ready to cut bananas for the make-your-own banana splits desserts.

"Hopefully someone won't find a finger in the bananas," he said, laughing.

Hencken recalled how stressful this time of the year was for him when he was a student and added that he was glad to do what he could to help relieve that stress for students.

"It really shows the interest they (administrators) take in the students," Hudson said.

Jeremy Ryan, a dining staff cook, said the experience was humbling for the administrators to put in the effort and come to the same level as students.

"With all the finals, this is a nice way to take a few minutes out of your evening to recharge and get the work done," Ryan said.

Sarah L. Elsner, a sophomore nursing major, said she thought the administrators serving food to students was an excellent experience.

"All I got for exam snacks from my sorority house was a little bag of carrots," Elsner said. "I don't have to spend any extra money on food either."

Hudson said he hopes this event will carry on for many years to come at Eastern.

"We'll ask the students what they think and try our best to give it to them," he said.