

Transcript

TS: Is it alright if I record you in an interview for a story for my journalism class?

EM: Yes.

TS: What's your full name?

EM: Elijah Marder.

TS: And then what dorm do you live in?

EM: Allen Hall.

TS: Do you think the dining hall hours work well with your schedule?

EM: At first, I did not think so, but then I kind of adjusted my schedule to fit around that. I made my schedule fit around it.

TS: Are there, like, any activities you did that made it difficult to do so?

EM: To go to the dining hall?

TS: Yeah.

EM: No.

TS: Like do you ever have to, like, move your schedule around and go to PAR or Ikenberry instead of Allen to make it fit?

EM: I wouldn't say so. Well, maybe - Eh. The dinner here is a little early so I tend to go to PAR for late night.

TS: And do you find that inconvenient at all?

EM: No. I have a bike so, like, I can get there fast.

TS: And then - Are there any other aspects of dining halls that you find inconvenient?

EM: I think we should be able to take more food.

TS: And if you could change anything about dining halls, would you? And what would you change?

EM: Uh - At least in Allen, like, the smell going in is pretty off putting. I don't know if that has to do with the living space or the food itself. Um, I don't know, I think the food here is under par.

TS: And then, um, what meal plan do you have right now?

EM: 12/15

TS: And then do you feel like you're wasting money with it?

EM: No, but I think that - um - I - I'm gonna change if that's possible to the 8/45 because I don't go to the dining hall that much.

TS: Yeah.

EM: 10/45?

TS: Is it inconvenient having no places in Allen to spend cafe credits. Like Ikenberry has 57 . . .

EM: Absolutely. Absolutely.

TS: And then, like, this is kind of a little off topic, but are you a coffee drinker?

EM: Yes.

TS: Do you find it inconvenient that you can't use your cafe credits for coffee here, but then Busey Evans and Ikenberry all have that?

EM: I actually didn't know that. That's really inconvenient.

TS: Yeah, cause, like, they have it in Busey from, like, 8pm to 12 in the morning and then Ikenberry's all day and it's like - I don't know - do you have to like go buy coffee and do you feel like you're wasting money with that, too?

EM: Yes.

TS: Okay, and then that's really all I have so.

For my journalism assignment, I decided to interview someone from my dorm. The interviewee is in my rhetoric class, and since the class is in my dorm, I knew he'd be living in

Allen. I hadn't talked to him before, so I knew his views on the dining hall might not match up with the ones of my friends.

Through this interview, I actually found that a larger problem with the dining halls isn't the times, but rather the excess amounts of cafe credits students have, and how there's no meals in the middle. It proved that students feel like they're wasting money by not using all the meals and cafe credits, making it difficult to manage their money.