

## ***INTERVIEWS***

- 1) Elijah, Freshman
  - a) Having been my first interview, my questioning was not the best; however, my questions did lead me to want to change my story just a bit. Rather than focusing on inconvenient mealtimes, I decided to switch it based on how students view the prices of their meal plans.
  - b) Overview: Some dorms offer different places to spend cafe credits while others don't, and I realized that some students may feel like they're losing money with their current meal plan.
- 2) Claire, Freshman
  - a) Claire was the first person I interviewed after tweaking my story focus. She gave me insight on how the dinner's themselves cost more than they're actually worth, and how there's an overabundance of cafe credits that she doesn't know how to spend in time.
  - b) Overview: Dinner prices are excessively high, and she struggles to use her money's worth.
- 3) Janina, Freshman
  - a) Janina didn't find that she was wasting money; however, she realized that it's very likely other students do. Since she's on financial aid, she's fine with it, but for others she realizes it could be hard to spend so much. She does want to change her meal plan, though - she finds it to be too much.
  - b) Overview: Financial aid makes it so that meal prices aren't an issue; however, the meal plan she's on is too large and she struggles to find a smaller one.

## ***POSSIBLE LEADS***

- 1) UI students believe meal plan prices are excessive.
- 2) Students struggle to use the full extent of their meal plans.
- 3) Students feel like they're losing money with meal plans.

## ***ADDITIONAL SOURCES***

As of current, I've been interviewing students and trying to figure out how they feel about meal plans. I plan on interviewing someone in Dining Services, though. I plan to interview Dawn Aubrey, Associate Director of Housing for Dining about how the university determines the meal plan sizes and prices. I know her personally since she was a regular customer at where I worked at my job in high school.

Some questions could include:

- 1) How does the University determine meal plan sizes?
- 2) How does the University decide to make prices for meals? For examples, fifteen dollars for dinner every night.
- 3) Why do some dorms have places to spend cafe credits and others don't?

I'm also going to continue interviewing students from various dining halls to obtain a wide range of viewpoints on this topic.