

Coffee: Students must wait longer for late-night caffeine fix

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are leaving a space in the coffeehouse to remind students of what is to come, Taylor said.

According to Willingham, the original budget granted by administration to build the coffeehouse was \$86,500. An additional \$2,000 was given to the proj-

ect by Facilities Management. During the early stages of planning, it became evident that the budget would not allow Student Government to completely fulfill the coffeehouse plan.

ARAMARK has to be involved in all on-campus food service, and they gave an estimate of more than \$90,000 that would

be needed for the machinery and materials needed for coffee service.

Rather than completely reject the idea for the coffeehouse, SG executives opted to spend the entire budget on renovations and decorations to entice students.

"We very much wanted to

avoid the pitfalls associated with a project of half measures, best evidenced by the general failure of Shorty's as a hang-out space," Willingham said.

Students questioned seemed disappointed with the lack of coffee.

"I'll check it out, but the motivation to go back might not be

there," freshman Katie Clarke said. "If it's a relaxing atmosphere, I'll use it frequently."

Realizing that coffee and other beverages are a "main draw" to the students, Willingham said SG has done everything in its power to make the lounge "the most comfortable, inviting and relaxing environment on campus."

Support:

U.S. Troops backed

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war," Collins said. "My support for our troops comes from continuing to work hard toward becoming an officer in times of peace, as well as in troublesome times like these."

Collins also said that he has continued to pray for the soldiers and their families and has signed a "few Web petitions."

"People often take for granted the sacrifices our soldiers make for us," he said. People forget the impact these sacrifices have on their families. They are willing to risk their lives to keep us all safe, including those that don't support them."

Freshman Chris Nelson has also become tired of the anti-war voice on campus and has found himself engaging those with opposing views.

He said that both pro-war and anti-war views should be equally communicated, but the anti-war position appears to be more prevalent "because the dissenting view seems to be the loudest, even if it's not as popular."

"I've had to stand up to the communists in my hall because a lot of people think they're informed of things even though they listen to biased sources," Nelson said. "If you look to the past, a lot of the anti-war arguments don't stand up. It's really nice to be able to shoot them down a lot of the time," he said.

Nelson also made an effort to counter the actions of the recent anti-war efforts.

"I didn't really appreciate the red streamers outside Benson because when a country is going to war, everybody needs to at least have some sort of common stance," he said. "Everybody needs to support troops, whether you're pro-war or anti-war. We turned the tables on them by adding some white and blue to their 'blood red.' It made me feel proud to be an American and it made me feel patriotic."

While others feel the need to actively take some sort of action to show their support for the military, junior Derek Radney has taken a less vigorous approach.

"I support the troops by not protesting the war," Radney said.

"On this campus, there are so many protests that by not protesting with them, you are basically saying that you are in support of the war and the troops. So, that's what I've done," he said.

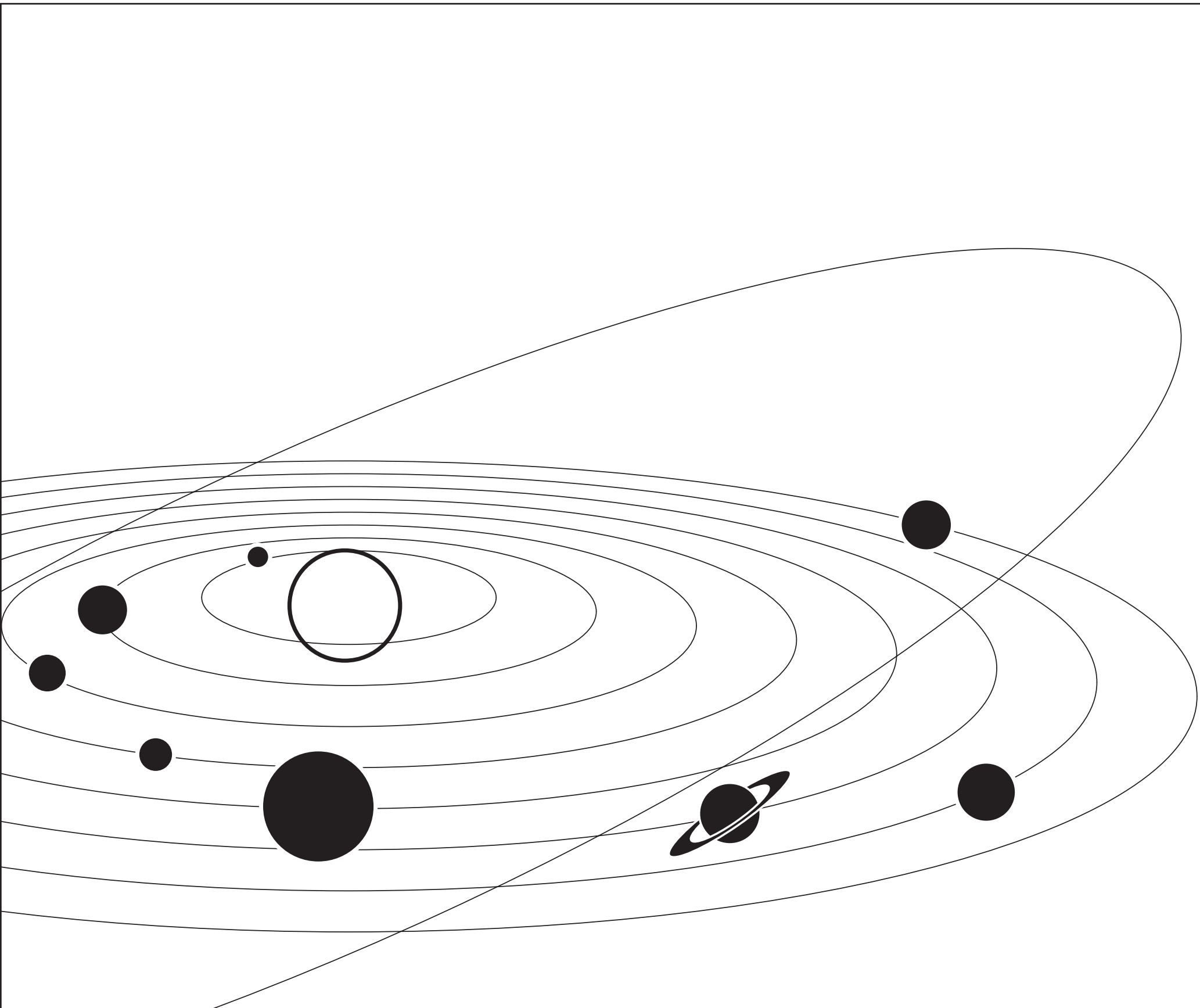
Radney said he believes that although most of the population does not have access to all of the information surrounding the Iraq conflict, he's "praying for and supporting the decisions our leaders are making, and praying that they will make the right decisions."

"Part of what representative government is all about, I believe, is that you let people make the right decision based on information they have that we don't," he said.

Collins said he feels that the anti-war argument claiming that the war is targeting Iraqi civilians is misleading.

"To say that this is a war on the Iraqi people is untrue," Collins said.

"Are innocent Iraqis going to die as a result of this conflict? Yes. This is war and people die. It is unfortunate that innocent civilians are dying, but in the long run we're saving lives. It is no secret that Saddam commits horrible human rights violations on his own people. It is hard to avoid civilian casualties when the Iraqi government sets up weapon systems in urban, civilian occupied settings," he said.



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