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Student Caucus headed its agenda with committee reports, featuring updates from Buildings and Grounds and the First Year Experience Committee, a brief discourse on the Constitutional Review Committee’s progress, and an overview of President Sandy Pfeiffer’s recent comments on the subject of student government at Warren Wilson College.

A proposal to eliminate paper cups from Gradfelter and Cowpie, brought forth by Liz Pullan, held the second slot on the agenda. Both cafeterias, but especially Cowpie, have been losing plastic cups at an exponential rate, causing the need to spend hundreds of dollars a week to buy paper replacements. Liz noted that Warren Wilson has dedicated itself to environmentalism, yet its students continue to use and discard paper cups by the hundreds. Brian O’Loughlin and Liz agreed that the matter should come to Caucus for a vote.

In the impassioned discussion that followed, several students argued that removing paper cups would cause even more plastic cups to disappear, suggesting that the cafeterias should encourage people to bring their own cups rather than leave no other option. In reply, some mentioned that this would be “preaching to the choir” – students know these alternatives already but choose to forgo them, and nothing short of removing the paper cups and allowing plastic cups run out would cause people to acknowledge the problem. Cowpie workers added that the funds being used to buy cups of both forms are subtracted from the funds used to buy better ingredients, and that the real problem lies in Cowpie, where paper cups are being used and thrown away in the dining room itself due to the fact that people have previously taken plastic cups when they should have taken paper cups, compounded by the fact that there are many exits, people eating outside, and no one keeping watch. It was mentioned that drinks from the cafeteria are not a necessary luxury, and no one will die of thirst if there are no cups. In compromise, some suggested that paper cups should be removed from Cowpie but not from Gladfelter. Student Caucus then came to a vote on the proposal – though the proposal passed, Clay noted that the voting process being used was not in line with the constitution. Therefore, the subject will be brought forth again at the next meeting on November 12\textsuperscript{th}.

The remaining portion of the meeting was devoted to the annual dish roundup, wherein volunteers went door-to-door throughout the residence halls, gathering pilfered dishes and returning them to the cafeterias. Student Caucus encourages anyone who was missed to please return their dishes – they may seem like free silverware, but every student pays for them in the end. Thank you!

Ends when the war on cupnapping is won! Or, you know… like, 7:30pm.