

## Unwritten Rule

You are a new college cafeteria staff member. Most of the 20 staff members are friends. It's an unwritten rule that co-workers buying a meal are only charged for a small soda. You were unaware of the rule until one day you went to pay for your food and were only charged 50 cents. When you informed the cashier of the error he winked and said, "Don't worry yo, it be cool."

You feel torn whether to inform your boss or just let it be. On the one hand you are getting an awesome deal on food but you are worried about what will happen when you have to return the favor. You feel bad about stealing from the college cafeteria and you're worried about losing your job, but the food is just soooooooo good.

What would you do? Would you:

- A. Do nothing?
- B. Report this unethical behavior to your manager?

Why?

If you respond "Do nothing" what would you do if:

- A. You weren't friends with the other staff members?
- B. People were just grossly abusing the rule (Animal House style)
- C. The Union was losing money because staff was basically getting free food?

If you respond "report this unethical behavior to your manager" what would you do if:

- A. If you knew the staff better?
- B. You knew that you would get in trouble too for participating?
- C. You were really hungry and had no money?