When I first arrived on campus, I was told that honors students were lucky to live near the two best dining commons at UMass. I love Hamp and Berk and still eat there often, but recently I’ve been going to Frank. It’s a little farther away from CHC, but it’s also quieter and has a different variety of food. It’s is a whole new world of waffle makers and grilled cheese sandwiches and to-go cups for coffee available 24/7.

Here are four reasons to try out Frank for your next meal.

• **To-go cups.** Never gulp down coffee again! There are always to-go cups at the drink station so you can take coffee, tea, or hot chocolate with you as you leave.

• **Grilled cheese.** It’s the only dining commons where you can have grilled cheese every day, and it has a loyal following. My friend Gina summed it up best: “Grilled cheese at Frank is a way of life,” she said.

• **Mediterranean Bar.** A small set up that you could easily miss. Look out for it, because there’s always two to three types of hummus, carrots and celery, olives, marinated artichokes, and cheeses. This is a great option for lunch.
• **Grab ‘n Go.** Berk and Worcester have Grab ‘n Go lunches too, but neither does it quite like Frank. Frank has the best assortment of to-go options, from sandwiches to hot entrees to salads and more, with plenty of choices for vegetarians. Try the eggplant and fresh mozzarella wrap, or the California sushi roll. Don’t forget to grab a bag of Cape Cod potato chips on your way out.

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