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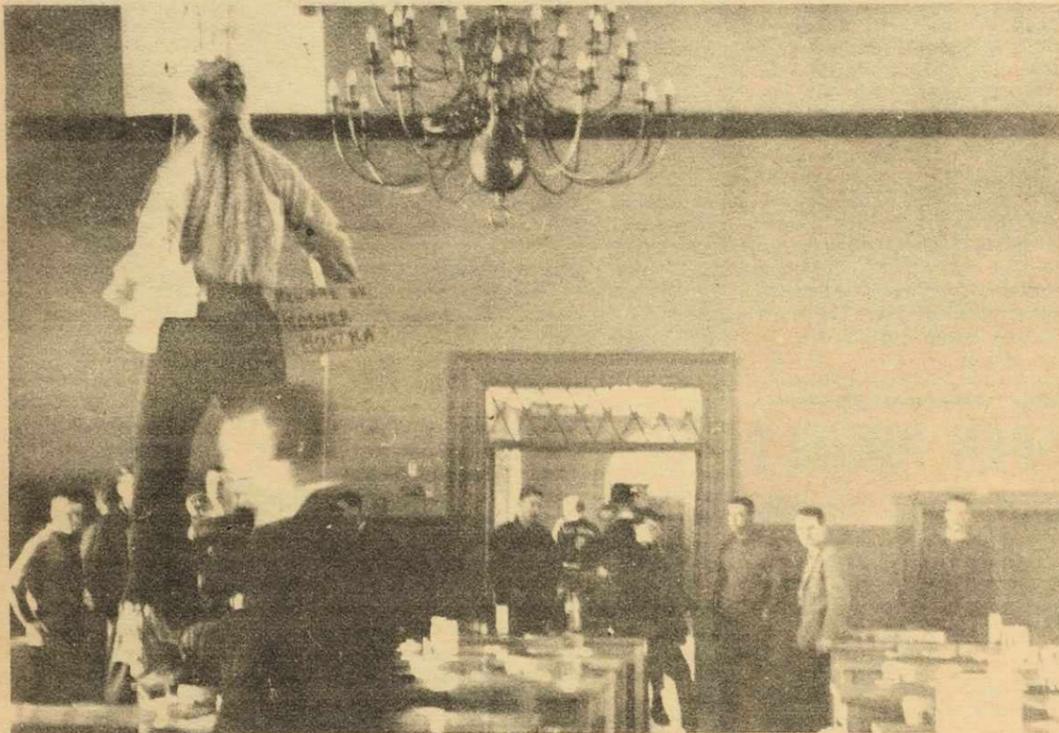
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BAD MANNERS OVER BAD FOOD?



HANGERS-ON ALL — at the recent demonstration against food services at ANONYMOUS HALL, suspended high above the on-lookers is an effigy of Julius Kosner — manager of the men's residence food service.

The Dean, Dumplings and the "Kosner Nostra"

The dining room in "Anonymous Hall", the Dalhousie Men's Residence was the scene of another of the familiar struggles between students and administration last Thursday night.

Stirred by the serving of "rubber dumplings" at lunch time in a lamb stew, and the appearance of dead insects in certain parts of the meal, the boys instigated a general boycott of supper, which led to a direct confrontation between the factions concerned. The cafeteria manager, Mr. Julius Kosner, was cwnught in the middle once again; earlier the same day the dumplings were used as projectiles, and Mr. Kosner was almost hit several times.

After this dumpling incident, the plans were hastily formed to boycott and efforts were focused on hanging an effigy of Mr. Kosner in the dining room as a symbol of alleged culinary injustice. Chants were prepared to the melodies of the currently popular "Beatles" songs ("We'll not eat one more dumpling" to the tune of "She was just seventeen") Signs were hung from the effigy: "Beware of Kosner Nostra", etc., and from this sign hung one of the dumplings — perhaps the only tangible cause of the whole affair. In his other hand the "dummy" Kosner held a fistful of money.

Later, everyone was assembled at an end of the dining hall to be addressed by the Dean of Men, Mr. Ken Gowie, who appeared surprised by the whole affair. He expressed sorrow at the fact that the dumplings had been served, and hoped that the meals would be improved. He attributed the fault of the incident to both sides involved. Later, it was reported in the Halifax papers that he believed the incident was caused by the pressure of forthcoming examinations.

Pat Ryall, (a student member of the Residence Council), neighbour to the Dean, denied that the affair had any relation to the proximity of exams. He said that this excuse was being used to explain the last attempt at striking out against the quality of the food after the so-called "Fruit

Incident", in which allegedly spoiled apples served as dessert were sent to various members of the Administration. After this earlier effort on the part of the residents, most students in the Residence felt the meals improved, even if only slightly and temporarily.

After Mr. Ryall's passionate plea, the dean asked for other comments or ideas... and thanks to Mr. Ryall's inspiring example, he got many. Replies seemed generally indicative of the fact that few were pleased, and that most were displeased with the majority of meals in residence. First-hand reports of the condition of food in other universities indicated that Dalhousie's efforts might really need serious improvement.

Then it was Mr. Kosner's turn. He explained that the dumplings were merely an oversight on his part and that insects in the food were a rare occurrence. He had an air of displeasure about him, when he reported that considerable spraying had been done in the kitchen area to repel insects and hear snickering in his audience. To the snickering he replied, "Well, you can't take a gun and shoot them."

Mr. Kosner also answered questions about food poisoning, revealing that he and his entire staff took a public health course

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Atwood Replaced Partially

It was announced at the Students' Council meeting, Thursday last, that the Canteen in the Arts Annex would be let to Vendomatic Ltd.

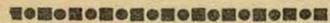
Mr. D. McNeil told the Gazette Sunday that as yet there was "no contract" but that the present operator of the Canteen, Mr. Roy Atwood had been notified of the impending change.

Mr. McNeil went on to say that once

the contract is prepared, Vendomatic will take over in "probably June". As to what changes are forthcoming, Mr. McNeil said that he expected some renovations but their exact nature depended upon the provisions of the contract. Mr. McNeil also said that there would probably be a "much different type of service".

The action follows continuous pleas extending over the past

twenty years from the Students' Council to have the Administration force Mr. Atwood, to improve his service and take greater sanitary precautions. On two occasions, the Students' Council protests gained changes in the set-up of the Canteen and service improved though Mr. Atwood retained the franchise.



Muse Makes Mess at Memorial

by Zack Jacobson

The President of the Students Council of Memorial University (St. Johns, Nfld.) and seven high executive members have resigned, following charges laid in Memorial's newspaper, the Muse.

In an editorial on January 27, the Muse charged Council with misappropriation of students' funds, (naming the President) and demanded a public meeting of the Council and students. At the meeting, the Council gave the President an overwhelming vote of confidence. Following requests from the floor, it was resolved to revise the Constitution of the SC, and hold an investigation into the charges, and publicize the findings.

Less than a week later, however, the President, Peter Strong resigned along with seven of his executive. In his letter of resignation, Mr. Strong denied any malfeasance in office and claimed that he had been the victim of "career assassination". The others stated that they were re-

signing in protest against the treatment given Mr. Strong. The remaining Councillors formed a stopgap executive to serve out the remaining two weeks of the term of office.

In a telephone conversation with the Gazette, Mr. Strong stated his side of the story. He claimed that a small clique had formed on his council, and a few people had endeavoured to depose him. He said that the charges laid against him were partly untrue and the remainder were based on technical points. He stated that he resigned following the vote of confidence because one of his Executive and another two Councillors were offering him opposition at every turn, and he did not feel that he could continue under such conditions. He asked the others not to resign, but they did.

Mr. Strong did not feel that he was being treated fairly by the Muse. He reported that he was finding himself slighted and avoided in his contacts both at

University and elsewhere following the events.

Mr. Strong further said that he was endeavoring to give assistance to the acting executive in discharging their duties. This was being done to insure that there would be no undue curtailment of student activities and privileges.

With regard to the money allegedly misappropriated by Council members, Mr. Strong said that some meals at the Uni-

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TWENTY-SIX GET "D" AWARDS

As recognition for their contribution to the life of the Dalhousie campus during this and their previous years at Dalhousie, the Student Council Awards Committee has announced the names of those who will receive awards for their part in the extracurricular life of the campus community.

Top award winner is Paul Murphy (Law I) who has amassed a total of two hundred thirty-five points to get a first engraving on his Gold "D". During his five years on the campus Mr. Murphy has been especially active in DGDS and rose to the position of President of the Society last year. Other activities include work in Model Parliament as a member of the Progressive Conservative Party and a member of the Dalhousie Band.

Two members of the Student Council Executive will receive their Gold "D's". George Cooper (Law II) through his work as Council President during the past year, his efforts toward improvement of DGDS during '58-'59. So-

dales and a number of lesser ac-

tivities has amassed a total of two hundred fourteen points. The other person to receive a Gold "D" is Joan Stewart, Second Vice-President of the Student Council. The bulk of Miss Stewart's points has come from her contributions to Pharos, The Gazette and Delta Gamma.

People who will receive Silver "D's" are: Eric Hillis, Dave Major, Dave Mann, Peter Nicholson, Graham Read, Gail Young, John Robertson, Dorothy Woodhouse, Gerry Levitz, Signe Thornhill, Karen Ridgeway, Frank Mosher, Michel Guite, Don Moors, Fred Sellers, Bill Owen, Gus Visman, Anne Suydam, Joe MacDonald, Paul Farley, Bill McKim, Bruce Davidson, Norm Hall.

Disappointed at not receiving an award! Look down the list. Most of the winners have been here at least three years and have this year assumed the top post in their organization. These awards are not handed out indiscriminately, they are earned by many hours of long painstaking effort.