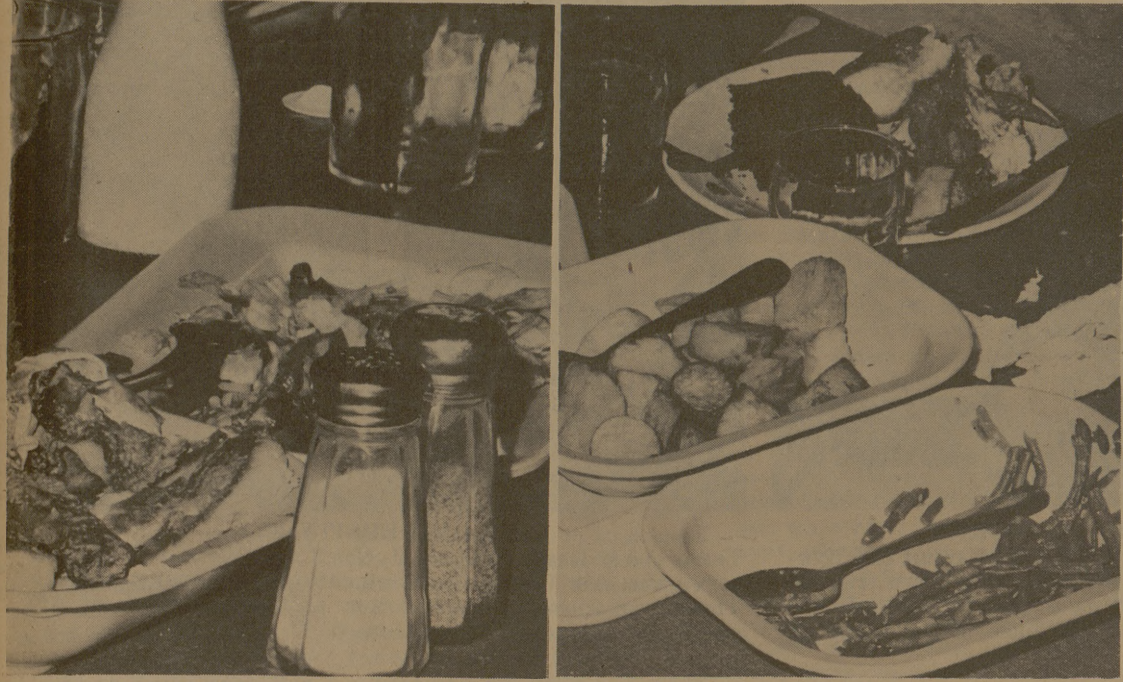


Waste Makes Problem At Dining Halls



SALT, PEPPER WERE SPARED . . . the evening meal provides the quiet thoughtful atmosphere needed to create a mess. **WHEN IN DOUBT, WASTE IT!** . . . food that is left on the plate is considered waste.

Steaks Promised By Food Director If Loss Stopped

By MIKE BERRY
Battalion Staff Writer

The food Aggies eat in Duncan and Sbis Dining Halls is produced by a complex and efficient organization.

But one major problem exists that threatens the whole operation — waste. This operation, run on a rigid schedule, a 25 per cent loss in waste results in a curtailment in the improvement of its services and in the needed modernization of equipment.

For an operation serving approximately 15,000 meals daily, a loss of 8.5 cents a day per individual adds up. This loss could be utilized for better things.

"With student cooperation, we could reduce loss and provide better and more expensive meats," said Col. Fred W. Dollar, director of Food Service.

"However, each time they waste one bite of food, they waste their own money," Dollar said.

Dollar expressed shock at seeing "sizeable quantities of edible food left on plates." He attributed this to a breakdown of discipline and to the decreased concern over the morality of waste.

"Discipline has been lost and we're paying through the nose. The waste here is the worst I've seen in my life," the director revealed.

Dollar outlined some short- and long-term benefits that could be gained from an effective program of waste control.

Savings in waste could, in the short run, provide better food almost immediately with student cooperation.

In the long run, the overall quality of food will be improved, needed modernization of equipment will be made and perhaps the habit of economy would be instilled by the conscious effort that such a program would entail.

"The key to the whole plan is the individual student," Dollar explained. "We can't make it better . . . until the student wants to control it, it can't be controlled . . . until they are willing to control the situation."

The overall solution to the problem would be a complex one. Devices, such as competitive judging of individual tables, might be applicable to the Corps with rewards given to the best units or tables.

The basic guidelines for the program would be an emphasis to take what is needed only and to leave unwanted items in their containers.

Dollar said the savings from a curtailment of waste, steaks could be served frequently. The savings would merely be added to the cost of another meat item to provide a steak dinner.

The director plans to serve steak to everyone eating in the dining hall in the future as an

evidence of his confidence in Aggies to the food conservation program. Other steak dinners will be served as the wastage is reduced.

In an effort to improve dining hall operation, head waiters will distribute evaluation forms for the food and service will be provided to tables and military units regularly.

There will also be monthly meetings with Corps and civilian leaders and dining hall personnel.

Dollar emphasized the value of constructive criticism, "complaints are a very essential thing, but they must be presented to the right people and at the right time."

Food Service serves the main dining halls, Sbis and Duncan, the Research Annex, Memorial Student Center, and the Junction Annex during the summer.

The service spends \$1,998,000 annually. The dining halls have one of the lowest rates for individual food charges in the nation while providing a maximum nutritional value.

Each meal is calculated to provide the average nutritional requirement of 3,600 calories a day and to balance the diet with vitamins and minerals.

The average daily cost of food per student is \$2.10 with approximately one half of that figure representing personnel and equipment expenditures, but students pay only \$1.50.

Costs are kept down by the large-scale procurement activity. Meats and frozen foods are bought two to three weeks in advance and major food producers engage in competitive bidding to provide items for the menu.

"Since 1940 we have set the pattern for feeding . . . when the war started, the Army sent in teams to study feeding procedures at A&M," Dollar said.

Henry Wellnitz, manager of Duncan Hall, told this story about food wastes:

"One evening, in an Army mess hall, a young soldier who had taken more food than he could eat started to throw it away. An old first sergeant stopped him and politely asked for the food."

"When the soldier returned in the morning for breakfast, the sergeant said, 'we have a fine breakfast for you this morning' and handed the soldier the food that he had left the night before!"



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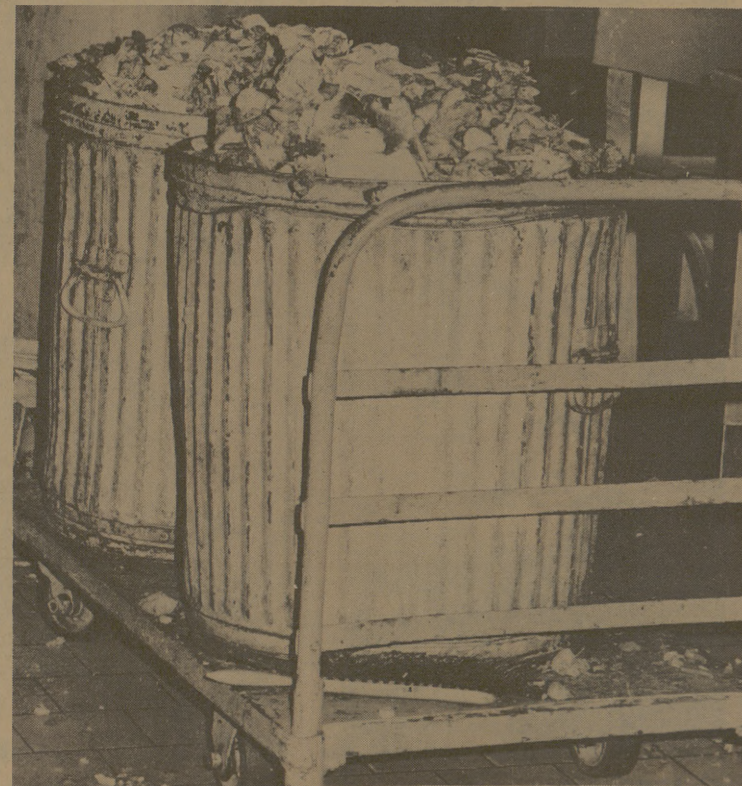
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