

Sbisa food fight causes resignations, injury

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Three food services employees resigned and more than \$900 damage occurred as a result of the food fight at Sbisa Dining Hall Friday night, Lloyd Smith, assistant director of board dining, said Monday. The workers were virtually afraid to work at Sbisa under those conditions, Smith said. The damage included destruction of eight chairs. It also included paying employees to stay five extra hours to clean up, Smith said. The damage figure did not include wasted food items or the approximately \$500 it will cost to train a new employee, he said. One employee slipped on some of the food and was taken to Beutel Health Center. She was released and reported to work Monday. At least 11 students fell on the food, Smith said. Nolan Mears, resident educational coordinator, said the situation at Sbisa is "a very serious thing." He said students have complained that they don't like to eat at Sbisa anymore because of the reputation activities that go on. Some say they can't even carry on a conversation with the person sitting next to them, he said. Ron Blatchley, director of student services, said a number of students had Monday asking if they could be transferred to a different dining hall. Mears said he thought the influence of the movie "Animal House" might be a cause for concern. It is the injuries, the destruction

- the people and parents are afraid to come eat at Sbisa," he said. These things would call for measures to be taken with or without the movie.

Smith said some parents of students eating at Sbisa Saturday got up and left the meal for which they had paid when the yelling got too loud.

Blatchley said several students will face disciplinary hearings as a result of their participation in the disruption. It is possible that they will be removed from the board plan, he said.

Blatchley said he would discuss the problem with Lloyd Smith today.

Some changes he said he will suggest include elimination of some special services department. These include early meals and sack lunches for students cutting wood for Bonfire on weekends.

He said that he would also suggest placing partitions throughout the dining hall to divide the seating area. Smaller groups would be easier to control, he said.

If Sbisa is going to have a problem on Thursday or Friday, he said, he would suggest that food services provide box lunches to distribute to the students outside the dining hall.

In the future, he said, he would recommend calling the University police for assistance. Blatchley said he would also suggest prohibiting dorm yells in the dining halls.

"The yells don't hurt anything," he said, "but it has become increasingly obvious that they do, in fact, lead to the throwing of paper, napkins, and ultimately, food."

Blatchley said he realizes that the measures he is considering are drastic, but said he is determined to alleviate the problem in the dining hall.

"Contrary to popular belief, it is not a tradition to conduct oneself in this manner at Sbisa," Blatchley said.

Mike Taylor, president of Hart Hall, said it is up to individual dorm leaders to control their groups. Drastic measures such as those proposed by Blatchley could cause students to react in a negative way, he said.

The problem can be handled in a responsible manner by dorm leaders, he said.

Taylor said that Nolan Mears has suggested educational programming during mealtimes. Activities such as speakers and programs would provide an alternative to the disruptions, he said.

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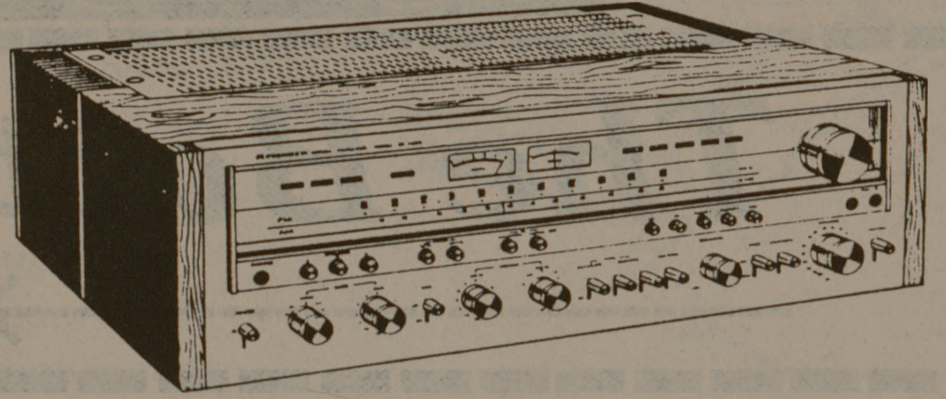
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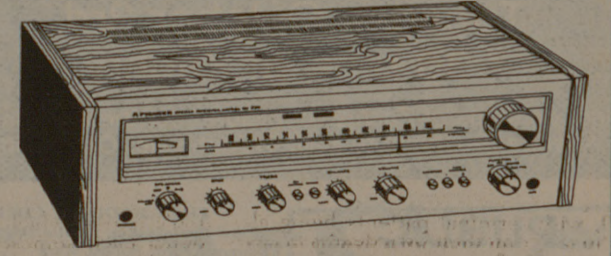
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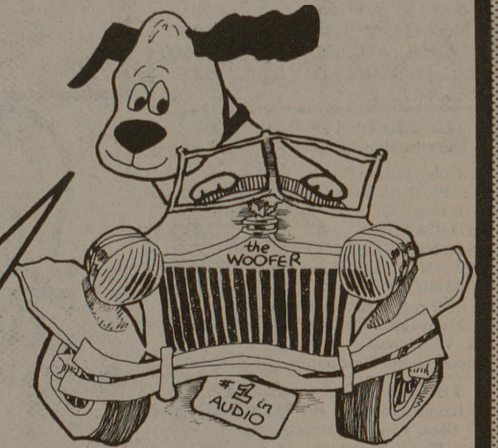
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