

Carleton Dining Services Suspends Use of Cutlery in Dining Hall

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An artist's rendering of the dining hall without cutlery

RRRA President decries “barbaric” practice. In a stunning turn of events, Carleton University’s Dining Services has scrapped usage of cutlery in the Fresh Food Company after an intense food fight on Tuesday injured six students. As of October 1, students will be unable to use forks, knives, spoons, or chopsticks. While the reason for elimination of essential dining implements has not been officially confirmed, it is widely believed by the general student population that it is due to the aforementioned food fracas. Currently, two students are being treated at the General Hospital for injuries related to a rock-hard meatball in the eye and a fork in the forehead. Both are expected to make a full recovery, but blame lack of proper utensil etiquette for their maladies. For instance, one student blamed the flying meatball on a spoon being used as a catapult.

A spokesperson for the Dining Services refused to comment on the cuts to cutlery, but President of the Rideau River Residents’ Association (RRRA) Graham Pedegrosa told the *Hallowed Hog* by email that this will result in students being forced to resort tactics befitting a bygone era: “We at the RRRA believe that this will set humanity back by tens of thousands of years to the age of Neanderthals. How does Dining Services expect our residents to eat a plate of spaghetti, for instance? It’s totally barbaric.” In a face-to-face interview held in the Dining Hall, first-year student Stanley Rogers held an opposing view as he attempted to eat his soup with his bare

hands, with little success. He believes that it is beneficial to Carleton student safety that the Dining Services jettison “those dastardly forks, knives and spoons” because “the food fight demonstrated that humans by nature are evil.”

It is not clear how long the ban will last. In the meantime, the *Hog* endorses a full boycott of the Dining Hall until Dining Services either finds a suitable alternative or ends its no-cutlery program.