

STUDENTS

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previous meal system had made it impossible to distinguish between resident and non-resident students and this had also led to wastage of food.

Students were therefore, asked to carry meal cards on them every time they went for a meal. The card would be ticked off to ensure that no student used his card twice for the same meal.

The previous system had consisted of vouchers for each meal. Refund could be obtained at the end of the term for unused vouchers.

The administration complained that too many students did not eat at the halls and thus caused wastage of food.

Yesterday morning, when the students arrived at the catering unit, they were told to produce meal cards.

They began arguing and then started smashing windows and utensils. Damage was estimated at 16,000/-.

A cook received porridge burns and was treated at the University Health Centre.

Dean of Students, Mr. J. Koinange, confirmed later there had been "trouble" at the central catering unit.

"I am told the students broke several window glasses at the central catering unit this morning during breakfast time", he said.

Explaining the background to the incident, Mr. Koinange said:

"Of late the students have made a habit of coming for their meals without showing their cards. The catering manager informed them of the proper procedure asking them to carry their cards with them.

"This morning, some students went for their breakfast without their cards. When they were asked to produce their cards, they got annoyed."

Mr. Koinange said the authorities will soon be meeting to decide what action to take.