Health dept. cites violations

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The Ploughman’s Pub and the Coffee Shop on the third floor of the Hermann Building recently installed several sanitation devices at the request of the Cambridge Health Department. Joseph DeLeo, the new Health Inspector for the MIT area, visited the small food-dispensing agents on campus in October and cited these two for several violations. The two vendors had previously been unaware of the violations that were not previously given equal consideration, was the sanitary installations. The two establishments made provisions to keep plastic utensils and cups in appropriate containers. After twenty working days DeLeo returned and approved the sanitary installations. The Tech, in an attempt to find out why the entire campus was not given equal consideration, was unable to contact Mr. DeLeo for comment.

There were two principal regulations that were not previously followed: 1. Food should be protected from people sneezing and coughing; and 2. All potentially hazardous foods should be served at either below 45 degrees or above 150 degrees. The Pub had to install “seize guards” in order to isolate a person’s head from the food. This is a necessity for the buffet-style set-up employed by the Pub. In order to keep all food and beverages at the required serving temperatures, the Pub purchased a used ice machine. The coffee shop was forced to serve all pastries under a plastic lid, while the Campus Coffee Shop was forced to serve all ordered drinks in an attempt to find out why the entire campus was not given equal consideration, was unable to contact Mr. DeLeo for comment.

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