

MANGE BIEN

MANGE BIEN, PART II
By JON PEIRCE

It remains to speak of the SUB, the attractions of which I neglected to point out in the last installment.

As a matter of fact, in the intervening days, I have taken a trip to New York and back, hoping that through thus distancing myself, I could gain some measure of impartiality. But it is no use.

If anything, I was even more appalled, on looking into the SUB dining room at lunch hour the day following my return, than at any time before I left.

I regret to say that "Instant Anomie," a sociological term used to describe the state of interpersonal relations in such pits as New York and Chicago, could be applied to this cafeteria at its peak periods, also.

If anyone has conducted a serious conversation in that room lately between the hours of 11:30 and 1:00 on a week-day, I wish he or she would let me know. I couldn't.

SUGGESTIONS

Certainly it would be a help if whoever is in charge of shooting that horrendous loud music through the building would consider a moratorium, at least at mealtimes. Added to the crowds, it's a total bummer.

If that stuff isn't shut off soon I may start playing contrabassoon solos in there. Consider this fair warning.

It would also be nice (and civilized) if a meal ticket could be used for at least a couple of meals a week at some of the city's better and more reasonably priced restaurants, with the University to reimburse cooperating establishments on a monthly basis for amounts up to \$1.25 for lunch and \$1.50 for dinner for meals which Dal students eat there: That might relieve congestion a little.

SOMETHING ELSE

All in all, the SUB is something else.

If you like to eat sitting on a suitcase in an airline terminal during a blizzard, you'll love eating at the SUB cafeteria.

Normally, following the conventions of the major food critics, I try to subordinate ambiance to food, but in this case it's impossible.

I'm sure there's some physiological reason for this, but I'd rather not go into it--the whole business is sickening enough as it is. I would hate to think of eating anything that required cutting with a knife--it would be all too easy to smash your neighbor in the jaw with a hard elbow. And conversation, the usual mealtime diversion for civilized people, becomes impossible. I don't know how the staff even manages to hear the orders over the din. I certainly don't think this problem is its fault. There are simply more people than a room of that size can possibly handle. In fact, the condition of the SUB cafeteria at lunch time is one of the best arguments for buying a meal ticket--Howe and Shirreff are seldom anything like that crowded. And turning off the music would help. But someone is just going to have to come up with a lot more dining space, or people will be flinging food and having "eat-ins" to protest. I kid you not, gentle readers.

As for the SUB's food, it is average. The steak special at \$1.00 is a genuinely good buy, and the coffee is very good too. I have also eaten a reasonable facsimile of Shepherd's Pie there. But the hamburgers and chips are excruciatingly greasy, and the eggs are so-so . . . so nowadays when I get hungry late at night (when there are seats in the cafeteria) I go to a little place across the street from residence and eat their fish and chips, which spares me the walk, so I keep getting fatter and fatter . . . But that's the way life goes.

At some undetermined date in the future, I may be vouchsafed the opportunity to inform you how you can get clipped, if you excuse the vernacular, when you venture outside the sanctuary of university for your sustenance. Until then, a mange bien.

Legal aid Information

By GLENN WANAMAKER

It is a busy day today in the offices of the Legal Aid Services on Gottingen Street. The chairs are full, with the overflow standing patiently. There is a steady buzz of people's voices seeking advice. On the clean whitewashed wall is a sign saying "Help us to help you."

The Legal Aid Service, or as it is now known on campus, the Clinical Education Centre, provides free legal advice and assistance to lower income groups unable to pay for professional help. It went into operation last May 8th under the leadership of Greg Warner, Dennis Patterson, and Dan Lapres.

The purpose of the operation is to inform the public about various types of legal aid, partially through the distribution of pamphlets. The most important aspects, is that the bureau provides counselling free of charge, and when necessary, the services of a lawyer.

Since the opening about four months ago, the bureau has handled over 500 cases, running the gamut from family law to landlord-tenant disputes. About 10-15% end up in court.

The opening was made possible by five Dal students, who, so far, have only been able to scrape up \$5,000 in definite grants. All the backing came from the Barristers' Society.

The new fall operation, no longer run by the students alone, is in the hands of a few part-time aids and one full-time paid secretary. Dalhousie Law School, under Professor David Lowry, created the Clinical Education Centre, which serves two functions. First, it aids in the development of law techniques for the students. Second the fifteen law students now participating receive credit for this course. They visit the centre once a week to work on individual cases.

As well as some secretarial assistance, Dalhousie is contributing two research assistants, Mike Carten and Tom Boyne.

Carten's main task concerns the reorganization of the offices to improve efficiency. This enables the staff to cope with the ever-growing number of cases.

Boyne, a member of the aid service this past summer, is working on legal research and liaison with the students.

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sympathy to the illustrious but tonsilless neil harrison, and greetings to fieldworker sue perly, working God knows where now. otherwise, everything is as busy and rushed as usual.

you'll find us in the Dal SUB, room 334, or if you can't make it, phone 424-2350.

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"in order to find out what the real rules are, break them". Laing

"Right on" given LeDain Commission

By LORNE ABRAMSON

The Ledain Drug Commission roadshow rolled into Halifax last week for the second and last time. With few exceptions the commission got a "right on" from the Haligonians present.

The Commission, which released its controversial interim report last spring recommending liberalization of non-medical drug laws, has been touring Canada to gauge public reaction. In Halifax it got expert opinions.

"If parents are as upset as they say they are, they should be taking action," said general practitioner Dr. Henry Reardon commenting on the lack of parents present. Another witness criticized the youth agencies for failing to send representatives.

Several of the presentations gave information on drug use and abuse in Halifax. Ron Hinch of the Merry-go-round drug assistance centre said LSD accounted for 62 per cent of the street drugs. The average age of users, mostly students, is 19.

All experts agreed that speed, which filtered into Nova Scotia in September 1969, according to Alistair Watt of the N.S. Youth Agency, has reached crisis proportions.

Hinch, Brian Phillips of the youth centre Headquarters and Dr. A.W. Kushner of Dal Health Centre stressed the need for more facilities to help "speeders" and particularly a drug analysis centre. They said street drugs are often cut with additives and treatment would be easier if the additives were known.

But the commission witnesses disagreed over liberalization of the present drug laws.

Local psychiatrist F.A. Dunsworth said the commission's permissive stand on drugs could be exploited into permissiveness over more dangerous drugs.

Accusing the commission of "letting down" Canadian parents, he said that marijuana use produced partial psychosis, an emotionally "sick" association, anti-social attitudes and possible long-term effects or transition to harder drugs.

Dunsworth warned parents to know where their children were, who they were associating with and what they were doing.

A Beta Hi-Y brief called for marijuana to be placed under a crown corporation and also recommended lightening penalties for LSD users.

In his presentation to the inquiry, Dalhousie pharmacology professor Dr. Mark Segal, who has done research on hallucinogens, suggested a five year moratorium on prohibitive laws to allow further and more conclusive research to be conducted.

Segal warned that drug abuse would not be resolved by any single measure dealing with laws, punishments or deterrents. He also praised the understanding approach taken by the commission.

What do students think? Law student Dan Lapres quoted his study of 125 Dalhousie and St. Mary's students which showed 72 per cent in favour of legalization of marijuana.

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