

# Top's - affordable

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We had a mission: to root out the nouvelle cuisine of the University/Strathcona area, and explore the new cafes as undercover critics.

We had our stomachs set on sampling the menu of Mama Bistro Pizza cafe: the one with the bright yellow canopy by the old post office. All in the name of frontier journalism; forging the way for other "starving" students.

Horrors! We drove up in front of the cafe only to find it closed. Since it was Sunday, this shouldn't have been a surprise.

So what is there to eat on Whyte Avenue on a Sunday afternoon? We scoured the streets, bypassing "The Kitchen Gourmet" (which serves nothing below \$5.95).

One place was open, right around the clock. Yes, this was Top's Dinette on Whyte and 108th St. We decided to "check it out".

Our surroundings were downright elegant: a countertop with real spinning stools and a small dining area featuring one palm tree for aesthetic appeal. We scanned the menu. What an array of delicacies! Exotic dishes such as Bul-Gal-Bi, Bul-Go-Gi, and Donair are served, adding new dimensions to marinated beef. Of course, no eatery is complete without ubiquitous burgers and fries; and for the vegetarian, there are salads served. Also available are sandwiches of "European Rye or French White Bread (Thick or Thin Sliced)" with "7" choices of meats. And to follow, fresh light pastries. All at LOW prices.

We were served by a young university student who adamantly refused to identify himself except as a "a Rebel Outcast of the British Aristocracy." His cheerful demeanor added to the rustic charm of the place.

We thoroughly enjoyed our \$3.50 luncheon, with the strains of Hank Williams and Dionne Warwick in the background. We highly recommend this savoury dining experience: Top's 24-hour dinette has affordable class.

## More academic theft

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gestions had been implemented.

Two graduate student organizations, the National Graduate Council and the Ontario Graduate Association, presented a brief to the Canadian Association of Graduate Schools' annual conference at the

beginning of November which said student research is often published without proper credit.

Students often find it difficult to prove the work as their own, explained the brief. They are also afraid of making waves in schools where they must work closely with faculty.

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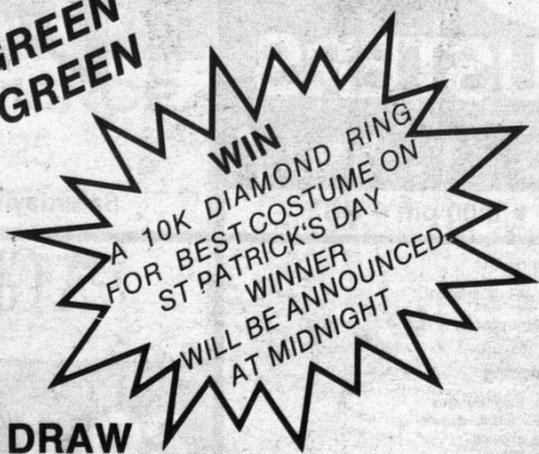
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