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Please read about Joe's waste in the cafeteria

A THOUGHT

Get-acquainted Party

ANT for all of us as people. It's something to think about. Hope-PLEASE READ before putting it into the garbage. IT'S IMPORT- fully you will think so too.

Computer Science Association

Oak Room Old Stud Sat., Nov. 23, 1974

all interested in computers, welcome

names to be taken for the brewery tour, for Nov. 28th

For the past week, for some reason or other (probably due to the media and the discussion of inflation and world problems) I have become personally aware of the amount of wastage that we, the students of St. Thomas University and the University of New Brunswick are contributing to this world-wide problem. Surely one could say wastage breeds inflati and one might ask how. This I w 1 try to explain.

Take Joe, for example; Jo is standing in the meal line wa for breakfast, dinner or supper. He arrives, picks up his tray and utensils and adds about 10-15 napkins when he will probably only use 2 of those. Oh well! It isn't costing Joe anything, is it? Sorry Joe, you've been fooled. Joe proceeds along the line and takes 2 cakes or pie, a bowl of peaches or fruit cocktail, 6 or 7 slices of bread and 10 butter patties. Then comes

the plate. In that plate, very nicely organized, Joe finds a portion of meat, a scoop of potatoes and a spoonful of peas. Joe However doesn't prefer peas. "Oh, What the hell," says Joe, "It's easier to take them rather than asking for just meat and potatoes." I can always eat around them and later they will be thrown out. Here is where one of the problems lie. If Joe and all the other people like Joe left the peas behind in the "pea-pot" instead of the garbage can, then it would be seen that peas were not IMPOR- d by the students and therefore perhaps lesser amounts would be bought by the kitchen staff and a substitute found thus saving the waste and adding variety. The same could apply with other things. Great thinking Joe!

Anyway, Joe didn't think. He continues on to coffee and tea. I'll take one now, he says because it's easier. Then come the coke machine and Joe takes two glasses of his favorite beverage. Oh! I forgot! the soup- better take it while it's offered. I may not like it but if not, I can throw it out. Also, soup needs at least 5 or 6 packages of crackers. Doesn't it?

Finally, Joe has made it carefully through not forgetting 4 or 5 glasses for his milk and he stumbles upon the spice and sugar container. Result - a handful of sugar and salt and pepper probably of which he might use one salt, one pepper and two sugars. The rest can be thrown out because it was easier to take a handful instead of just the necessities. Joe found it too awkward to put his tray down first, then select his necessities. After all, who cares? I'm not paying for it, says Joe. Sure Joe.

Then comes the milk - two white, two chocolate - great! I'm finished times a day, week after week.

Joe starts to eat. Well, I won't eat the peas. I hate them. A slice of bread and butter will go well with the meat. Two forkfuls of potatoes (Oh, they're cold now). The hell with them. That pop was good but oh I'm full from the gas. Perhaps a glass of milk (and he takes a couple of sips) I'll try the pie. Coffee's cold. Shit! I'll go get another one. Joe is finally full. HIs napkins

cover the spoil. Lift them and what if left:

1. some potatoes and his peas 2. lots of salt and pepper 3. a couple of glasses of milk or

4. a cake or pie with one bite out

5. a cold cup of coffe or tea (A point to remember: Anything that comes out of the kitchen and is left over goes into the garbage whether it's packaged or not. It cannot be returned to the kitchen. Department of Health law.)

Poor Joe. He says, "God, I hate this place, this food. Look at it." as he looks down at the aftermath of standing in line, rushing through, hurrying. After all, time is very important. (???)

I AM WRITING THIS BECAUSE I AM JOE. I DID THIS AND HOPEFULLY I WILL CHANGE. I AM TRYING.

You are all aware of this waste but somehow when we enter St. Thomas cafeteria, we forget the world outside. Our discussions of inflation, our sympathy for starving people doesn't exist at mealtimes

This plea could have a two-fold purpose and results: 1) BECOME AWARE, more aware of inflation and a rich country like us sees it strongly. (Imagine how the poor country sees it.) 2) Ask an out of residence student just how much that routine ordeal I do everyday, 3 food is costing him. It's Outrageous!!

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