

The JOURNAL is changing Gazette to follow suit

The JOURNAL, student newspaper at Saint Mary's University, is changing. They will no longer be concentrating on coverage of university issues and events. Instead they are working and reporting on the struggles of working people in the Halifax area.

In a statement of direction which appeared in the February 9 edition of the JOURNAL, the newspaper collective stated that this change was taken because "Revolution will not come from the universities, but from the community."

JOURNAL Editor Frank Cassidy, spokesman for the collective, said that over a period of two to three weeks, the content of the paper will be less and less concerned with the university, leading finally to 85% community content. "The collective is prepared for the possibility of economic sanctioning by the SMU Student Union as they find out that we're serious", he said.

The GAZETTE would like to state that we are totally in favor of this policy change. The oppression that exists in the university structure is negligible when compared with that in the capitalist community. This should be exposed and struggled against by every means possible. Only in this way can people (students included) realize that they are not different from the workers — we are all oppressed in different ways by a capitalist society that works only for the benefit of those who own and control it.

Actions like that of the JOURNAL are only one way of overcoming the "ivory



JOURNAL office, Saint Mary's University. (Daigle Photo — JOURNAL).

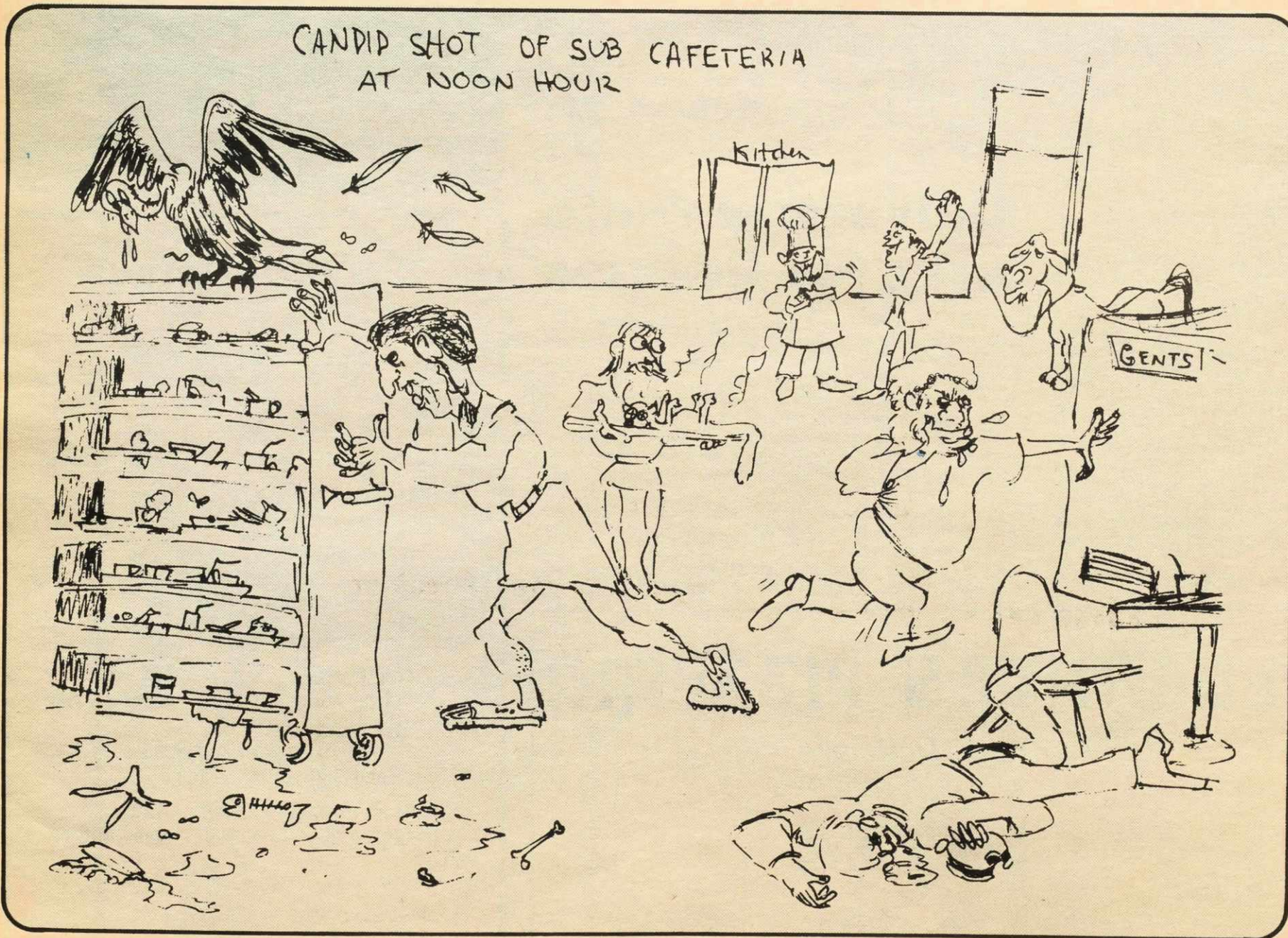
towerism" of all university campuses. What must be done is to go into the community, to work with the people struggling there and to form a mass support for the revolution that is so eminent in this society.

The real revolutionaries are not found in the liberal, middle-class educational structure. They are in the community; the factories, the dockyards and wherever people spend their lives struggling for their existence against the capitalists who exploit their labor. Working with organizations like the Neighborhood Centre Union of the Unemployed and the Halifax Welfare Rights Committee (as the JOURNAL collective is doing) is a step in this direc-

tion.

The important thing that we must remember is that even such actions as these can be expanded and improved. They will serve no great purpose unless people get involved, unless they realize that we have to get off our educational high-horse and make ourselves a valuable part of the community.

Through working with the people at the base of the economic structure, by experiencing their sufferings and by cooperating with them in their struggles we can do this. That kind of awareness doesn't come out of the pages of a sociology textbook.



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