

The lunch bucket



by Alan McHughen

Has anyone noticed that hot sandwiches are now available at the grill all during the day? Or the breakfast specials, available by number? These breakfast specials are ingenious- you go in and call out a number, then the grill person knows exactly what you want, and prepares it more efficiently. So far, there are only three numbers (1, 2 and 3), so don't be confusing by calling "47" at 8:30 in the morning.

Dear Sir,

It seems we are in the dark. I hope you are impressed by the New Year's Eve Banquet because so many people feel as though they had been taken. The food was very fishy since the hot meat dish was gone. The turkey and ham decorations were very nice, too bad we couldn't eat some. I hope this has shone some light on next year's banquet. By the way, the tea and coffee we received was great, which we did not receive, or was not available. I hope we have shone some light on the subject.

G.E.

Judging by the style of your letter, I assume there was no shortage of alcohol at the event; at least until you got there. But anyway thanks for showing me the light. This is the only complaint I've received concerning the New Year's Ball, but it is certainly important enough to throw some light on. You have my assurance that next year's event will be light years ahead of last year's.

Dear Box,

I suggest you leave a pen.

Anon.

You must be kidding. First I have to supply a suggestion box. Then, I have to supply paper to write on. Now you want a pen. Next, you'll want me to write suggestions for you. Well, forget it. You know what they say about people who answer their own letters. Not that they don't say that as it is, but it's bad enough. Also, considering the way paper disappears for non-Lunch Bucket purposes, and the added value of a pen, I estimate that a pen would have a half-life of about 76

nanoseconds. I don't mind losing the paper that much, because I don't pay for it. But a pen...

Dear Box,

I've been dining at the V.G.H. cafeteria (because I work there) and they served on a couple of occasions sweet and sour chicken with sauce (pineapple I believe) and some sort of hamburger helper with lots of vegetables and mushrooms. I'm sure such dishes are not too hard to prepare and are very easy on the budget.

Matt Dubois

I'm sure as well. I've been dining at the S.U.B. cafeteria (because I eat there) and they served, on a couple of occasions pork chop suey with sauce (you can rarely get away without some type of sauce in the cafeteria) and some sort of hamburger dish with lots of vegetables and mushrooms. Such dishes are not too hard to prepare and are relatively easy on the budget.

Dear Box,

What's the scoop on the Fries? On weekends you have those great fat ones. On weekdays you have those shitty skinny ones.

Mr K2

Quite a few people have commented on the fat Fries, and expressed a desire to have them offered all week long. However, more people have expressed a desire to speed up service, especially during the week, and apparently, the fat Fries take quite a bit longer to cook. The skinny ones are a compromise between quality and speed.

To the Box,

How come sandwiches served on the Hotline (eg. Westerns) are more expensive than the same sandwich served at the grill? Is soggy trying to pull a smoothy?

Already Ripped Off

The manager of soggy would like to thank you for pointing out this discrepancy. The prices of such sandwiches served on the grill have now been raised to equality with the Hotline.

Dear Box,

Rose's are Red,
Violet's are blue,
When I eat this crap,
I always spew.

I.M. Barffy

You also must be an Arts student. What of Rose is Red? An apostrophe is used in a contraction or to denote possession. Not plurality. In any case, when you get to be a world famous poet (ugh), remember where you published your first work (work). I do assume it is your first (I would bet on it). Sometimes I wonder why I provide this service to budding has-beens.

Dear Allan,

We love your cafeteria, the decor is lovely. However, all nice remarks aside, your French Fries are too long. No knives are provided to cut them and if you ain't a slob you daren't use your fingers. Please cut them down to size. Thank you.

A chip off the old Block

Apologise for misspelling my name and I'll make sure knives are available.

Two weeks ago, in the GAZETTE, there appeared a rather unusual column (apart from mine), and, because of it, many people have been asking me embarrassing questions. Well, to answer you all, let it be known that I HAVE NO SON. At least that I know of.

In other news, the Entertainment Department (Ha. I wonder who coined that name?) are trying to organize a column in the paper dealing with the multitude of complaints people may have concerning the Student Union events. They have asked me to receive such complaints into my Box, and I have agreed (for a price). So Everyone, quickly list what you consider to be valid complaints about that department. Please try to keep the list under seven pages, or 137 complaints, whichever comes first. Put your list in the Box (if it fits) and I will make sure they get what they deserve.

Debating tournament

Dalhousie is hosting its second annual intercollegiate debating tournament beginning Jan. 30. The event this year has been extended an extra day to add a model parliament. The opening ceremonies will take place at 8 p.m. followed by a wine and cheese party on Friday, Jan. 30. The actual debates among the various Atlantic Province Universities will take place from 9 to 4:30 on Saturday, Jan. 31. The model parliament and closing ceremonies start at 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 1.

The universities attending include Acadia, (last year's winners), Saint Mary's, Memorial, Kings, College of Cape Breton, and Canadian Coast Guard College. If there is no strike of the maintenance workers the entire tournament will be held at the Weldon Law Building, otherwise the debates will occur in the Life Science Building.

It proves to be an even better competition than last year. Sodales (Dalhousie Debating Society) encourages anyone interested to attend and enjoy the undoubtedly high calibre of debate. The main topic for the weekend will be "Canada should severely restrict immigration". There will be impromptu topics as well. So if you don't feel like getting beer sodden at the Winter Carnival or you just want a break, come watch the debates.

"For me, good food and a good beer go together. That's why I ask for Heineken. It's all a matter of taste."

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