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Food For Second Thoughts

The intermission is over.

It's time for another look at food services on this campus.

No, we are not going to attack Food Services Director, Mr. Joel Stoneham, for admitting "we are not as good as we should be."

Nor, are we going to attack him for admitting that the bread at Lister Hall is "lousy".

In fact, Mr. Stoneham is to be commended for his honesty—for indeed, the bread generally is lousy and the service somewhat inadequate at Lister Hall. Mr. Stoneham's straight-forward approach to his "problem child" is refreshing—more administrators at this university should adopt his approach.

However, the problem remains: Lister Hall is losing money, and its food service still leaves something to be desired.

It seems students are really to blame for the red ink, for they insist on being absent for only 12 per cent of their meals. Mr. Stoneham budgeted for 18 per cent absenteeism.

We can only speculate about the reason for the low absenteeism. Perhaps residence students like meals more than Mr. Stoneham anticipated, or perhaps they are consistently hungrier than he expected.

Whatever the reason it might be in the residence students best interests to organize a committee to ensure an 18 per cent absenteeism. A hike in residence rates could be the alternative. As well, residence students had better examine their consciences. Abuse of their privileges will not help the "problem." The hijacking of sugar and tea bags, and the hoarding of meal tickets, will only increase the chances of a rise in residence rents.

One solution to the bugetary dilemma might be to put Mr. Stone-ham and Miss Shaw on the "incentive plan." That is, deduct their salaries from the money remaining after all costs involved in running Lister Hall are met. (At the moment their salaries are deducted first.)

Another problem remains unsolved. Consider the case of the oftneglected off-campus student who is unable or unwilling to pay for the "luxury" of a Lister Hall meal. What are his chances of getting a decent meal on campus? Nil.

Until such time as Hot Caf is opened for evening meals on an a la carte basis the non-residence student will be forced to accept a Tuck Shop meal, or worse, an incomplete dinner in the SUB cafeteria.

We challenge Mr. Stoneham to prove there is no need for Hot Caf supper meals. The arguments remain: Hot Caf is centrally located, especially close to the Cameron and Rutherford libraries, convenient to all other buildings. Furthermore, students will not make the long journey to Lister Hall on a cold, windy, winter evening.

What about it, Mr. Stoneham?

SALER IN (MASIRE)

"WON'T SOMEONE BUY MY POPPIES?"



Thousands of dull men have written millions of true things which no one but their proof-readers, wives, or pupils will ever read.

-Carl Van Doren

The greatest literary resources this campus has are its bulletin boards.

A quick tour through the Education Building (floors one to ten), the Arts Building, Assiniboia Hall, St. Stephen's, and the Medical Building has convinced me of the truth of this statement.

Notices on bulletin boards are vital and direct. They arouse immediate interest in the reader. The Education Building main bulletin board features one which begins, "FEMALE ROOM MATE WANTED . . . "

The boards list important rules and regulations. St. Stephen's Residence Dining Hall rules seem a bit strict, since they state that "No food is to be brought into the dining room."

However, residence rules are more generously framed: "One mattress per bed allowed."

Med Building boards carry valuable information for future doctors. One note, an excerpt from Rules of Conduct for Doctors (circa 1350), states:

"When feeling the patient's pulse, allow for the fact that he may be disturbed by your arrival and by the thought of the fee you are going to charge him."

The Psychology Department has posted a cartoon giving valuable insights on university administration. It shows a lecture room wherein the students are arranged in tiers in racks on the walls. The caption reads:

"Problems of overcrowding have been overcome by round-the-clock half-length lectures delivered at double speed to compressed students (females on left to prevent orgies)."

Finally, Political Science has thoughtfully given advance notice of a possible examination topic:

"SPEECH BY HUBERT HUM-PHREY, TO AUDIENCE IN OHIO, LATE IN SEPTEMBER, 1964:

'John Kennedy loved Ohio more than any other state, except his own beloved Massachusetts. Yet he lost this state in 1960.

'You owe something to his memory.

'You have the opportunity to redeem your state.

'I want you to undo what you did in 1960. I want you, in honor of our late President, to work between now and November 3. Vote—and send the message so that John Kennedy in heaven will know we won.'

QUESTION: WAS THIS SPEECH GHOST WRITTEN?"

Moment Of Indiscretion

Two weeks ago, it was all right to sell rodeo tickets in Lister Hall.

Even one week ago, it was all right to obtain signatures for a petition in those hallowed halls.

But Saturday, a student volunteer found out that it is not "all right" to sell Remembrance Day poppies there. George M. Tauzer, director of housing, decided this was the time to begin enforcing a "no-soliciting" rule in the residence complex.

By his action the other day, Mr. Tauzer has committed more than a mere "administrative error". His error is a moral one which he dare not try to justify.

Anyone who would forget about the significance of those red poppies in this country is guilty of gross disrespect for our war dead and the principles for which they fought.

And anyone who has the authority to make a rule should either enforce it from the beginning or throw it out completely.

We agree with those who wrote to The Gateway recently and said that Mr. Tauzer is a "rather human" administrator.

Was banning a poppy seller any way of showing it?

Barbara Fraser

Little, far too little is known about Canadian history. We need only to look at Canada's current search for national identity as evidence.

Few, far too few, really care about Canada's history or her identity. Barbara Fraser was one of the few.

Unwilling to accept old and inadequate definitions of the past, she took a fresh, interpretive approach to the subject and made it live. She forced old and seldom questioned concepts to stand up in light of present

Students with a desire to understand Canadian history found in Miss Fraser a wealth of information and inspiration. Those with academic problems found her dedication to extend beyond a lecture theatre.

And they were not alone. Her talents as an historian and a humanist were in demand both inside and outside the university sphere. Though young, she earned the respect of members of her profession throughout Canada.

U of A's history department has intimated it plans to construct a memorial. The proposal is well based. The university, and the country, have suffered a great loss.