

The lunch bucket



by Alan McHughen

Dear Box,

How come the cutlery looks like it was washed in used toilet bowl water (i.e. brown spots)...??? Why is there no plastic cutlery for those of us who do not want to throw up in the cafeteria?

Fresh Air Freak

The plastic stuff is generally available, but you have to look around for it. If desperate, try Major Vendings little nook in the hallway. They seem to always have plastic cutlery, but you may have to pay an arm and three legs for it. Incidentally, the Stainless (ha, ha, ha) Steel utensils are improving. One of the major problems is that nobody picks up the dirty ones, so they remain in the tray. When a new batch of "clean" comes, it ends up on top of the dirty stuff, and they never get recycled. If people (and students) didn't replace the dirty ones, they might eventually make it back to the dishwasher. Put them in an obvious place, like on the floor.

Dear Box,

I ate clams and chips from the SUB cafeteria twice in my life and twice I vomited (that's no joke, it's true). Stop recycling shit and serving it as food.

Suggestion

You're lucky. I vomited a lot more than twice in my life. However, I definitely suspect a real problem here, but probably not with the clams and chips. If I were you I would avoid that particular dish in future. And shit is not recycled and served as food- it is used as a cleaning compound in the dishwashers.

Management,

The Monday mornings which follow SUB dances appear to interfere with the cleanliness of the

cafeteria chairs and tables. Thank you.

Concerned Patron.

Right. I'll pass your message on to the SUB Department of Sanitation.

Dear Box,

Why does SAGA charge 2c for a cup of water?

Mr. Thirsty

Saga does not charge 2c for a cup of water. They charge 2c for a cup. Apparently, the styrofoam cups cost about 2 and a half cents each, and the paper Pepsi cups are more expensive than that. Saga is trying to cover their cost when giving away water. You can get the cups free, though, as a special offer if you buy coffee or milk, etc.

Dear Box,

I found that the food in the machines is not economical as it is supposed to be, why?

Betz Spencer

You've found food in the machines????? Corporal Vending has a high overhead here. They have to pay for food machines that don't work, dollar changers that don't work, and employees that don't work. Also, so few people eat out of the machines that the prices have to be high to cover the cost of low quantity (and quality) purchasing. Whatever made you think they were supposed to be economical?

Dear Alan,

Chocolate eclairs are selling for 45c. This is an absolutely absurd price and cannot be justified. They do not cost that much money.

Catherine Dyke

Wanna bet? Because the baker (Robin Hood Lenny) does not work on the weekends, Saga brought in pastries to fill the void on Saturdays and Sundays. Chocolate eclairs cost

the company about 35c. That means they would normally sell for about 75c. Would you buy them at that price? They are just being brought in to provide some kind of pastries on the weekends, since there is usually nothing left of the home-made stuff from through the week.

Dear Lunch Bucket,

Today your coffee tastes like a dish and causes warts on your face, and your roughnuts are stale.

B.S.

Are you sure you're not eating the cup? Anytime the coffee tastes like a dish, take it back and get a new one. If it causes warts on your face, you're in trouble because you can't take it back to get a new one. Roughnuts are supposed to be stale. Doughnuts are supposed to be fresh. If you get stale doughnuts or fresh doughnuts, too bad.

Dear Box,

What's with the sugar? First it was Sackville Downs Canteen, then Point Pleasant Park Canteen, and now this week the Port of Entry. Listen, Cafeteria food is a long shot from Gentleman Jim's. Is this "hot" sugar, or what?

Sugar Baby

It's a good thing you wrote this before the packets came out with "Lick a Chick" on them. Anyway, Saga buys the sugar from the processer with the ads on them because they are a bit cheaper. If they were bought without the free ads, you would have to pay about 2c for each packet of sugar. Be

thankful and don't ask too many questions.

Dear Gearbox,

How about some cinnamon and peppermint flavoured toothpicks. It would give the place some class. Signed, assorted.

distinguished Connoisseurs and

Gluttons

Would you like to pay 2½c for a toothpick? Considering the cost of cinnamon and peppermint these days, that's about how much it would cost. And have you no ecological pride? Those are Nova Scotia's trees you are sticking in your filthy, contaminated mouth. I'm sure the majority of cafeteria patrons prefer to use something else.

Actually, I'm against your idea because I don't like cinnamon and peppermint. Why don't you request potato chip flavoured picks?

Here are the operating hours for the cafeteria for the Holiday Season:

Dec. 15- 19, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 20- 21, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 22- 23, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 24- 28, Building closed.
Dec. 29- 30, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 31, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Jan. 1- 2, closed.
Jan. 3, start regular hours.

On the weekdays, the Hot Entree section will be open, along with the Grill. On weekends, as usual, only the Grill is available.

Dal union workers send open letter to Student Union president

To: Bruce Russell

Dear Bruce,

No doubt you are aware that the representatives of the men and women, who throughout the Dalhousie University campus remove garbage, wash floors, clean toilets, and perform a thousand other humble but indispensable tasks daily - are even now (December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th) negotiating a new contract.

I understand full well that the time you may devote to seeming irrelevancies may be somewhat limited, nonetheless - remembering the offer of aid you made to me a couple of weeks ago, after you had observed myself and two of my colleagues at work in the McInnes Room - allow me to gratefully accept your kind offer, and to draw your attention to the little publicized but - to those who are involved-tremendously important struggle of wills at the so-called negotiations.

The employer is adamant; it would seem that somehow among those who maintain and control the cash-structure of the University the vision has been lost of the humane. Is it possible that a malevolence has been established at a high operational level?

If so, then I respectfully suggest that the reputation of the University is at stake.

Without bothering you with the mysticism of ever volatile percentages, I would like to point towards the most simple basics: - most students, after 4 years in the hallowed halls, will depart this best possible of all such good institutions

well equipped with the best possible existential disciplines. Nor is there much doubt that contemporary society will accommodate the achievers (with relatively few exceptions) at the highest socio-economic level. Happy the journey that ends so well.

Meanwhile, the working men and women of CUPE local 1392 will stay where they are, barely earning their daily enriched bread and generously chemicked beer, or in the case of those with small children- well skimmed milk...

The expensive employer is vigorously pursuing a policy of a questionable nature:- the employees are to have as little reward for their efforts as possible.

I deign to ask:- should the academic effort not have as part of its vital support-structure the subliminal aid of a happy and well-cared-for, and thus able and willing, labour force? And if this fortuitous situation is desirable-should not the student body exert some slight force on behalf of this small group of workers?

Would it be too much to ask that you dispatch a message to the negotiators at the Halifax Chateau, expressing the support by the Dalhousie Student Union for the claims of the men and women of CUPE local 1392?

At the very least, it would be a noble gesture in the general direction of a just society.

Confucius reputedly did say:- it is far better to light even one small candle, than curse darkness.

With sincere salutations,
Al. N. Dicipetris

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