

# Ward commends Saga for food service in residence

By RON STEWART

"The food being served is good 98 percent of the time. Saga Foods does a heck of a job considering the price of food."

That was what Mr. I.B. Ward, Dean of Men's Residence, had to say when asked about complaints against Saga Foods. He added that the few complaints he has received are of a minor nature having little to do with the food itself but more toward menu adjustments. Ward approved of the job Saga was doing in the men's residences and commended them for it.

The Dean of Women, Mrs. Kidd, had much the same view. She, too, said the complaints were of a very minor nature having little to do with the actual food or the service.

However, SUB director Kevin McKinney, said "cleanliness was a problem that would be rectified." Other than that, he had no complaints against Saga for its services. The cleanliness problem McKinney referred to was the garbage that collects in the coffee shop. It was his intention to have Saga put more man hours into cleaning up the tables.

Mark Steepe, food service manager at the SUB, admitted that his staff was not doing a 100 percent job. He stressed that students are making the coffee shop what it is by not making any effort to put their garbage away as requested. Steepe said he rated the student co-operation in this matter

at zero.

Saga says they are in a tight spot this year. When the contract was negotiated in January the expected increases in costs were evaluated and the contract made on those expectations.

Food prices took unforeseen jumps and the minimum wage is about to go up (which Saga had no idea it would do at contract time in January). Steepe said that food prices could be coped with but the increase in minimum wage will hurt the most. Because of the minimum wage increase, labour distribution will be difficult. This in turn makes items such as table clearing nearer and nearer to impossible.

Steepe said he heard little in the way of complaints. He reiterated Saga's willingness to accept whatever criticism students may have, adding that they are telling the right people about their complaints.

Talking with students eating at McConnell Hall revealed a general attitude of being satisfied with the food served with the occasional exception when a new dish is served that no one likes.

Interviewing students at random showed that the food and service appear to have improved over last year. It also revealed the fact that most people realize the food is "mass produced" to feed hundreds of people and can't possibly be like mom's home cooking.



Photo by Ron Ward

Saga Foods should be commended for the work they do in the residences says Dean of Men, Barry Ward. A quick survey among the students indicated satisfaction with the present operation.

## Fall Festival arriving soon

By LEE FRASER

For those of you who haven't looked at a calendar lately Fall Festival is just around the corner.

This year it's scheduled to take place November 12 to the 17. Pat Flanagan and Alex Mersereau are the chief organizers of Fall Festival this year.

Red & Black will be held the first three days in the Playhouse. It seems there has been a larger turnout of talent this year than in past years so it should be quite good, according to Steeves.

Also on Wednesday there will be a movie and three color cartoons, as well as a movie scheduled for Friday night.

Thursday a slave day will be held in the SUB Ballroom, where girls will be auctioned off to the highest bidders. The Ballroom will be the scene of a Marx Brothers pub to be held Thursday night.

On Friday there will be an

Italian dinner in the SUB, room 26 at noon.

At 1:30 a Treasure Hunt will be held. This starts from room 102 in the SUB. Later Friday night there will be a nightclub. This will be held in Lady Dunn Hall.

Saturday morning there will be a warmup pub for the UNB vs X game to be held at 2:00 p.m. There will then be a steak dinner to be held in the old student center. This will be followed by a Sadie Hawkins pub to be held in McConnell Hall.

Sunday is designated as sports day for the sports in the crew.

The sports events will include a car rally and sky diving.

There is also the possibility of a photo contest and a raffle being held during Fall Festival.

Tickets will go on sale for all events the week before Fall Festival. There should be more details appearing in the near future.

## Saga serves salt substitute

By RON STEWART

A salt substitute, to be taken under a doctor's prescription, was mistakenly served by Saga Foods.

Mark Steepe, food service manager for Saga at the SUB, confirmed the report. He added that the salt substitute had only been on the tables for about two days before it was discovered by a customer. Steepe said the error occurred in the delivery since the salt was brought to Saga as ordinary table salt.

Following discovery of the substitute, it was immediately removed from the tables. Samples were sent to health officials and

are now in Ottawa for further testing.

It seems that the company producing the salt had changed its packaging which added to the possibility of mistaking the substitute for actual table salt.

Saga ensures its customers that all the salt packets concerned have been removed and that there is no cause for concern over the salt now on the tables.

Sifto Salt Co., (a subsidiary of Domtar Chemicals of Canada Ltd.) makes the salt substitute.

Steepe mentioned that other centers in the area had received the substitute as well and that this was not strictly an isolated case of the mishap.

## Aitken House attacks Saga Foods

By DERWIN GOWAN

Dave Anderson and Ross Maund of Saga Foods were under attack by the "Men of Aitken" Tuesday night in the Aitken House basement.

Topics discussed ranged from the type of stoves used to the water spots on the silverware to the financial standings of Saga on this campus.

The first general topic was the dishes and silverware at McConnell Hall. It seems that there are complaints about the cleanliness of the silverware. However, Maund stated that the silverware had been inspected by provincial health authorities who said they were sanitary.

The water spots on the silverware are due to an overheating of the washer. Also broken dishes were discussed - any broken dishes found in the dining halls are likely due to the fact that

the dishes have been washed thousands of times, and after awhile they develop weak spots.

With respect to quality control of the food, Anderson and Maund said that they follow specifications set by Saga Foods and the Department of Health.

There were also questions of leftovers being used from one day to the next, to which Ross replied - "I defy you to go through my coolers and find leftovers."

Some other interesting facts were let out, which include: tang has as much food value as frozen orange juice; the hamburger served here is 85 percent beef and 15 percent fat - with no bread; unused pudding is dumped at the end of the day.

McConnell Hall can go through 160 dozen hamburger buns in one meal. There are many other things such as this which can't be measured here.

As far as finances go Saga Foods is not faring very well on this campus. They went into the red last year; the loss being absorbed by other Saga enterprises.

This year, if things go as they are now, they should make a profit, or at least, break even. However, in their contract, they agreed to pay minimum wage which has gone up since then. This, combined with inflation, could change the matter.

The resident student pays \$2.20 per day for meals, which is less than what three meals cost. Saga depends on a good proportion of skipped meals to make a profit. Prices are expected to go up next year.

Ross and Dave said that if anyone has any complaints about the food or service, to let them know.

The two were well received. They started at 8 p.m. and left with applause at 10:30 p.m.

## Board of Governors changes tenure of office

By DERWIN GOWAN

The Board of Governors has passed a resolution which changes the tenure of office of one of its student members to 1 year. The representation breakdown is one person from the Fredericton campus elected for one year; one person elected for two years; and one member from the St. John campus elected for one year.

Under the old system, both members were to be elected for two years, with their terms staggered, so that, each year, one seat would be up for election. The other representative would still have one year to go. This was to provide continuity on the Board from one year to the next.

However, Mike Richard explained that this system was not working out. This was because people in their last year of university were ineligible for the Board, as they couldn't run for a two year period. This cut out a "sizeable chunk" of the student population.

In making one two year term, and one one year term, all students are eligible to run, while at the same time still providing continuity through the two year term.

This view was supported by SRC president Roy Neale, who said that while the original scheme was very plausible when drawn up, it had some "bugs" to contend with. He also stated that the new system should clear up this problem.

Former student senator Maria

Wawer also expressed the same view, saying that the situation was "ridiculous" when several "semi-active" students, who would otherwise run for the Board, could not, for the simple reason that they were in their final year.

This resolution passed by the Board weeks ago, was drawn up at a meeting of representatives of the Board, Senate, and the SRC with the Dean of Students, Frank Wilson.

## Xaviera loses appeal

Xaviera Hollander, author of the book, The Happy Hooker, has lost her appeal against an immigration deportation order.

The judgment was handed down here by the Immigration Appeal Board.

Miss Hollander, 30-year-old author of the book detailing her life

as a New York brothel keeper, had been ordered deported from Canada shortly after her arrival here last February.

She announced that she will appeal last week's decision to the Federal Court of Canada which hears appeals against judgments of federal boards and agencies.

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