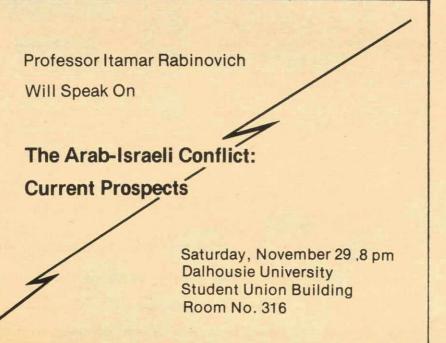
The lunch bucket



by Alan McHughen

This week will be a little special in that I will answer only one letter. The note was probably one of the most logical and sincere I've received this year, so I will treat it with respect. The rest of the column



Professor Itamar Rabinovich will be speaking under the auspices of the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East. He is Professor of Middle Eastern and African History, Director of the Shiloah Institute, at Tel Aviv University, and the author of Syria under the Ba'th.

will be filled with some of my favorite unanswerable letters.

Dear Box,

I think that the time is here for a cost accounting on SUB food prices. When the price of a bun (flour, water, and sugar) rises to 50c we have reached the ridiculous. Why, with potato prices down are french fries (cold, greasy, and often uncooked) 35c for a small handful? Why is coffee (water and reused coffee grounds) 20c? Question- does SAGA pay for electricity, water and space or does the Dalhousie Student Body graciously pay (through the nose) for these commodities? Let us see (full page in the Gazette) a complete cost breakdown of food costs, labour, and overhead. It will probably show that Robber Barons are not dead but alive and well at SAGA Foods.

Anon It would take more than a full page in the Gazette to analyze all of the goods in the cafeteria. Also, to pick out a few items is dangerous because the are not all priced on the same scheme- ice cream will have a different breakdown than french fries, for example. However, after consulting with Pat Hennessey of Saga Foods and John Graham, General Manager of the Student Union, these figures were released to me for publication. It is the total financial picture for the cafeteria since they started this summer, up until September 25.

Sales — \$61,368 — 100% Cost of product — 28,939 — 47.16 Labour — 22,828 — 37,20 General (paper, laundry, dishes, etc.) — 12,322 — 20.08 Management — 4,353 — 7.09 LOSS — 7,074 — 11.53

Dear Box,

Let's face it- The food here sucks and there isn't anything you or this crazy column can do about it. I don't like your attempted wit, either. As a Biology Honours student, have you ever taken -a bacteria count? -an I.Q. test? -a pap smear? Print this, Alan, pretty please. Bradley

Dear Box, Why doesn't the SUB cafeteria start selling food. (I mean food). Hungry

Dear Box,

Yogurt like a running brook, Steak like a piece of hide, SAGA's a bloody crook. Peas taste like formaldehyde,

Malt Whitman

Dear Box,

Just sitting here eating a stale donut (45c), cold french fries, and a distilled coke. Keep up the good work.

Starving Student

Dear Box,

Is it possible to have a big toaster available for student use (perhaps somewhere near the coffee machine)? I'm certain a lot more toast would be purchased if it were not necessary to wait so long in the "fast food" line just for toast. Perhaps there could simply be an extra short order cook on in the morning to make just toast, muffins, etc. Try it or else.

Patti Hearsı

Dear Box,

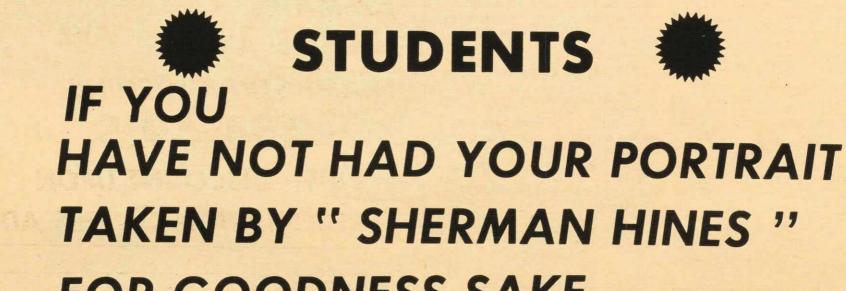
Please turn down the music played through the loudspeakers. Anon.

Dear Box.

Lo though I walk through the valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil. Because SAGA feeds the bad guys. PPW.

Dear Box,

I find the atmosphere in the cafeteria is quite intolerable. When I sit down to enjoy a very delectable order of french fries and a refreshing glass of water it would be nice to know that all the girls are *Cont'd on page 7*



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