

Lunchtime at Thackeray's

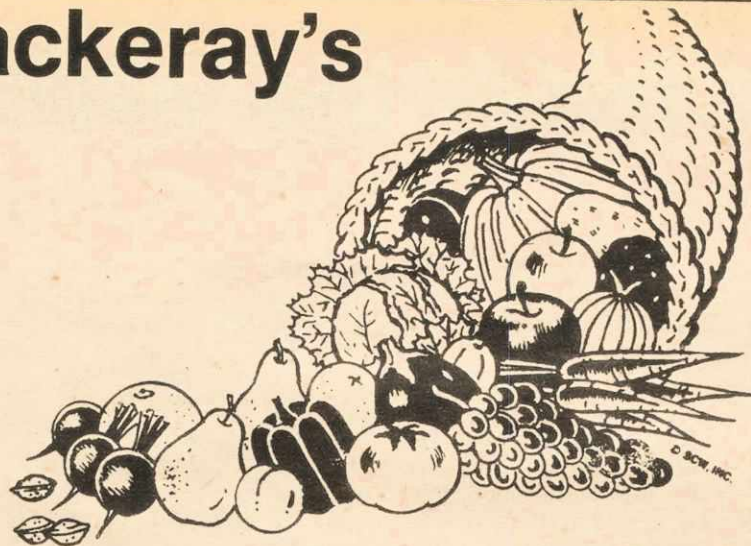
by J. Gaskell

Everytime I passed Thackeray's, I saw people eating in the cafe, but I was too intimidated by the Tiffany lamps to go in. Then, one wild, wet day, I "threw caution to the wind" and trekked to Thackeray's from Dalhousie. By the time I got there, my blue jeans were soaked. I fully expected to be informed of a dress code and asked to leave. Instead, I was greeted with one of the warmest smiles I have ever had from restaurant personnel. I was even offered the choice of being seated upstairs or in the cafe, the windo-bordered room facing the Technical College.

Thick slices of French bread and butter were brought to my table immediately; the bread is made in the restaurant. I

ordered the Garden Patch Salad and the Seafood Crepes. The House wines are Alpenweiss and Castelli Romani, a very subtle, dry, red Italian. The salad was served within five minutes of my order being placed. A cool, crisp combination of lettuce, cucumbers, radishes, and tomatoes, it was topped with a divine creamy Italian dressing.

The crepes arrived about 2 minutes after I had finished the salad. (In fact, the efficiency of the service impressed me throughout the meal.) Such crepes they were! Light and tender — stuffed with an abundance of seafood including salmon, lobster, scallops, shrimp, and halibut! A rich, creamy, Jaarlsberg cheese sauce complimented them. I savoured them so slowly, the waitress



probably wondered if I ever would finish.

Delectable dinners deserve desserts. (Actually, it was lunch, but I like the alliteration.) All I can say about their Ratner's New York Chocolate Marble

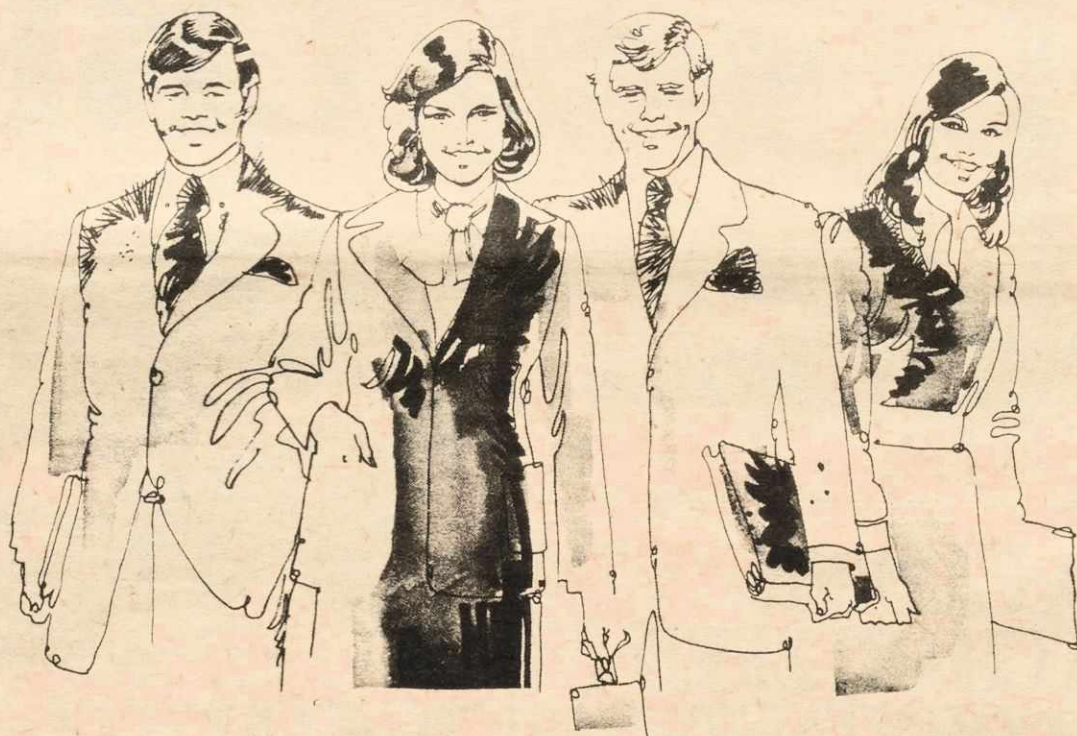
Cheesecake is said on the menu, "a graham cracker shell loaded with rich cheesecake filling and swooped through and through with luscious dark chocolate." The temptation to devour a second helping was

only overcome with difficulty.

The cost was a little steep for my budget: \$1.95 for the salad; \$4.25 for the crepes; \$2.75 for the cheesecake, but then I would have been perfectly satisfied with about half of what I ate. I shall definitely indulge in another meal at Thackeray's. Let's see... if I skip lunch on alternate days... Perhaps next time I will try their Tourtiere and trifle. After all, what more could one want? Thackeray's has a warm atmosphere, superb food, and friendly, efficient waitresses. Truly, an epicurean experience.



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Atlantic Conference Entertains

by Walter G. Speirs

October is here and bigger and better bands will soon be coming to Atlantic Universities!

Marie Gilkinson, Dal's full-time activities director, brought the students responsible for entertainment at the various student unions together 3 weeks ago for the Atlantic Entertainment Conference.

Forty-seven people including every entertainment agency in Metro attended the two-day conference that started on September 25. The object of the Atlantic Entertainment Conference was to help familiarize the students with the 'business' of the entertainment industry.

The various entertainment agencies answered questions about the available recording artists, bands and acts they represent. The conference also served as a workshop for the students to discuss past problems such as booking bands and scheduling.

The universities in Halifax did some 'block booking' in order to organize last week's OKTOBERFEST, the extravaganza of entertainment at Dalhousie, Mount Saint Vincent, Technical and St. Mary's University.

As advocated by the conference, block booking is going to be the way universities in the Maritimes can attract better entertainment from outside the region. A hot, imported band will then be able to play Nova Scotian universities during one week at a good price for students.

The conference ended with Dal's successful Double Decker featuring the Mason Chapman Band in the McInnes Room and a showcase of talent in the Garden including McGinty, Jarvis-Benoit Quartet, the Ellis Brothers and the Canadian Outlaw Band.