

WORDS FROM THE WISE...

Beaver Foods — gastronomic blight

To the GAZETTE:

In a recent Sunday splurge, I was treated to some of the better service offered by the Beaver Foods organization. This fantastic service included: no salt on the tables... no serviettes... no forks... no steaks... no yogurt... no tomatoes... no fruit... no vinegar... cold water for tea... inoperative Coke machines (a blessing, actually)... extremely BAD-tasting fish... burnt and cold chips... hamburgers sitting on the

grill from 5 to 10 minutes waiting for the customers to come in and order them...

You were lucky if there were ten clean tables in the entire cafeteria.

I went up and asked for a plate of chips, on a china plate, and was given a paper plate on a china plate. Somehow, the chips managed to get into the paper plate, but that was one of the few things that managed to happen that didn't require a divine act, or similar prodding.

This type of sickening service is the rule, not the exception

with Beaver Foods. When I complained earlier in the month to BF management about the excessive usage of paper plates and styrofoam cups (and the grumbling of the BF staff whenever I asked them for china cups) Robin Jones, manager of the service in the SUB, wrote me that the paper sped up the service during rush hours (Really? Wonder why the line-ups are so long at noon-hour, then?), and that styrofoam, despite it not being broken down entirely during combustion (it forms a neat plastic blob when it burns), was at least partially destroyed, and was far less polluting than any presently-known type of commercial dishwasher soaps which are water-soluble, and therefore pollute water. Air and ground doesn't count.

Mr. Jones should know that bio-degradable detergents can

be removed from sewage by proper treatment. Of course, he would probably say that Halifax HAS no proper sewage treatment.

One therefore can only suggest to Mr. Jones that if he wishes to preserve his "good citizen" image, he should begin to follow a policy of polluting less, and serve the people to whom BF caters at banquets on paper plates... and use plastic cutlery. Then the students can use plates that have to be washed, cups that have HANDLES on them, and reap the benefits of cutlery that doesn't decide to start decomposing in your mouth.

What the SUB really needs, though, is a wholesale riot... food riot... similar to the one held at Howe Hall (where a great food-recycling programme was begun). Service has improved



tremendously over there since then, I am told.

The Beaver Foods contract is up for removal soon (that should be renewal, but let it stay... it fits). If the people responsible for screening the renewal application (SUB Operations) let BF back into this place, then the students can be sure only one thing will remain the same... gastronomic blight.

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Ken MacDougall

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Council editorial contradictory

To the GAZETTE;

With regards to your recent stand of boycotting Student Council elections, I must say that your position is somewhat contradictory, when compared to the recent stand you took in urging "a more democratic Campus Police Administration".

How can you possibly justify your stand of more democracy in the Campus Police, while at

the same time you want to do away with democratic Student Council elections.

Unfortunately, while you work yourselves into a frenzy downgrading the present system of student reps, you fail to offer a plausible and representative solution to the problem.

While I have reason to doubt that many, perhaps a majority, of student reps are not fulfilling their roles as they should, I

believe it is up to you to point out these shortcomings where they exist rather than suggesting the abolition of the system.

In closing, I would like to leave you with a thought from Benjamin Disraeli who once said, "It is much easier to be critical than to be correct."

Hopefully you and the student body will take this message to heart!

Bill Munro

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