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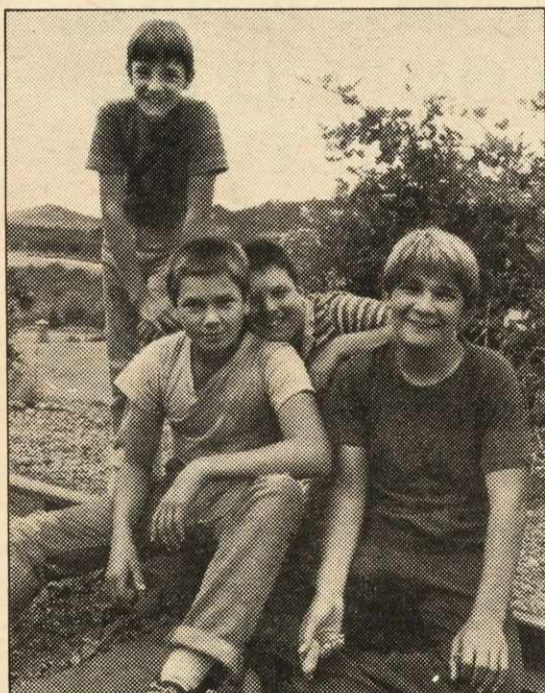
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A Look Beyond the Dam

By ERIN GOODMAN

It's 11:45AM and students squirm uncomfortably in lecture halls, trying unsuccessfully to quell the untamed lion in their empty stomach. As various grumbles and growls drown out the lecturer's final words, thousands of students are already leaping to their feet, anticipating a hearty lunch provided by Beaver Foods Ltd.

Whether you love them or loathe them, Beaver Foods has been a campus tradition for the past fifteen years. But few students question the complex process that delivers meals from the supermarket and food warehouses to their plates, or realize that their compliments and complaints can influence the meals they are served.

Walter Schori, Chef Manager at Shirreff Hall, has been on the food line to 450 female residents for the past three years.

Walter describes his job as, "very challenging and very rewarding", and credits his staff of twenty-three for their commitment to often hectic jobs. "Up to now, we haven't had a big (staff) turnover. . . They're interested in their jobs."

Although he must deal with the odd complaint, Walter generally finds Shirreff Hall residents friendly and helpful, and tries to accommodate food preferences. The sixteen-year veteran of Beaver foods is truly interested in the student appetite and looks forward to serving many future meals at Shirreff Hall. "I'm quite content here."

Simon Stern, newly-appointed Campus Food Service Director, spends most of his time in an office in the DSU rather than in a kitchen.

Stern is essentially a liaison between beaver Foods Ltd. and Dalhousie University, and reports to John Graham, assistant vice-President of University Services.

He explains, "We are here to provide not only a product but a service to the students, faculty and staff in the entire Dalhousie community at large."

Stern was involved in the food council meetings for Howe Hall and Sherriff Hall, held on the 18th and 25th of September. The meetings allowed the Deans of



Walter Schori

Photo by Ariella Pahlke

Students, Beaver Food representatives and representatives chosen from the student body to voice their concerns. Stern says he found the sessions very productive.

"We are receiving direct feedback from the students. . . We make adjustments to our program to meet their needs and demands."

Stern has the difficult job of trying to accommodate every student's needs and requirements, a task that is not always possible. But while a small minority of students may not always be completely satisfied with the food service, Stern is confident the majority of Dal students appreciate Beaver Foods.

"I think we're very successful. . . that is reflected in the positive feedback that we've received."

The Food Service Director says his company is always striving for improvement, and cites their future objectives as being, "able to serve people more quickly, more efficiently, in modern, updated surroundings."

Although Stern is a newcomer to Dalhousie University, he has confidence in Beaver Food's future on the campus.

"Being in my first year, I'm very impressed with the continued support and interest in the food service program that is shown by the Dalhousie community."



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