

## In cafeteria

# Staff nice prices not so nice

While the SUB cafeteria is carrying on pretty much as usual this year, there are a number of unfavourable situations and changes worth considering. It is the student, as main user of the cafeteria, that these changes do not favour.

A number of these unfavourable practises have to do with beverages. A university cafeteria especially should be offering at least competitive prices. And yet the beverage prices do not compete with prices offered not 50 feet away at the vending machines. Pop (in cans) costs 35c at the cafeteria, 30c from the machines. Pop (in paper cups) costs 25c at the cafeteria when one may obtain a slightly larger cup for 20c from the machines. Only tea and coffee are competitive. Juice is quite expensive from the machines. One move by the cafeteria which would certainly be appreciated by students would be to offer juice (real juice) at less expensive prices.

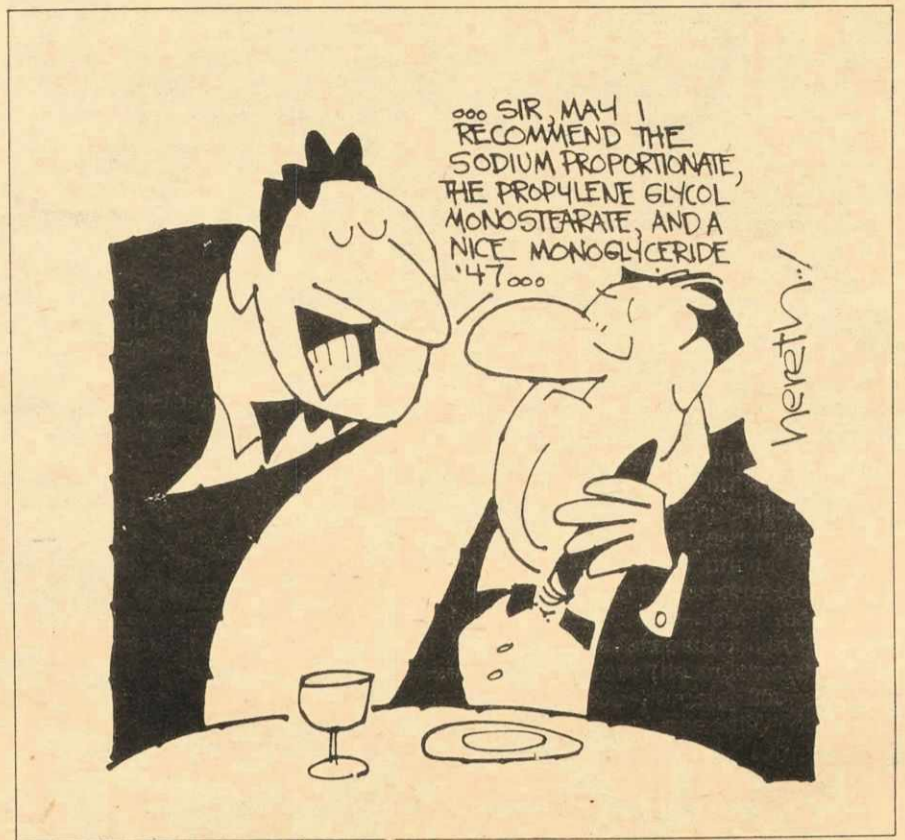
There are also a number of unfavourable situations to do with food. The hot food line serves dinner-type food (as opposed to lunch-type food). This is a valuable service for students who are used to

eating their main meal at noontime. However, while dinner-type food is prepared, lunch time portions are served. A friend recently paid \$1.20 for one-half a boiled potato, and two small fish cakes. While this is a fair price for a dinner-type meal, it is not a fair price for the portion.

The grill and deli-bar remain a fair deal this year. However, many people do not like to eat grill food all the time. Another service which would probably be appreciated is a larger selection of salad plates and perhaps some kind of a salad bar.

While lots of junk food snacks are available (chips and chocolate bars) there is little in the way of health food snacks. This is not to say people should not eat junk food snacks but that alternate snacks should be available. A suggestion is to provide cut up carrots or celery, or to do some baking with whole grain products.

The SUB cafeteria is a good one. I find the staff consistently friendly and helpful. With competitive prices, fairer portions and a little more variety, it could be even better. While a student catering business is obviously concerned with the business of catering, it should also be concerned with students.



## Student forced out

Dwayne Hersheerger, a graduate student in Russian, has had to return to his home in Massachusetts because of his inability to financially support himself while studying at Dalhousie. Hersheerger left the country last week in hopes of finding a job and saving enough money to return next year so that he can continue his studies with Yuri Glazov (Russian department chairperson), who he once worked under at Boston College.

Glazov described Hersheerger as an 'excellent' student and considers

the incident very unfortunate. Hersheerger was enrolled as a one year special student, since the Russian Department does not offer an MA program. He planned to enter the History Department's MA program next year.

Hersheerger could not find a job because he was American.

Glazov knows of other former students in the United States who were planning to come to Dalhousie but he no longer wishes to encourage them.

## AFS backs International students

Sackville (CUP)--The Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS) joined with other student organizations across the country in opposing differential fees for international students when they agree that such discrimination is "regressive, and generally harmful to post-secondary education". Their opposition to differential fees was consolidated at the recent AFS conference on October 31.

At present, no Atlantic institution charges differential fees although the matter has been discussed at some Nova Scotia institutions. In Canada, only Alberta and Ontario

are charging differential fees for international students.

International students are the non-Canadian students without landed immigrant status. Differential fees means charging a higher fee for the international student for the same program as their Canadian counterparts are charged.

Austria is the only other country in the world to charge differential fees specifically for international students. Their differential fee, however, applies only to students who come from a country which also has a differential fee. The United States State Colleges and Universities charge a differential fee for out-of-state students: there is no distinction between American out-of-state students and out-of-country students in the fees charged.

While decisions about differential fees have, in the past, been made by individual institutions, the trend seems to be for provincial governments to initiate this move. On October 21 Nova Scotia College of Art and Design president Garry Kennedy suggested that the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) would be asking that a differential fee structure be imposed.

The Atlantic Federation of Students has decided to prepare a brief detailing its opposition to the concept of differential fees, and will present this brief to the MPHEC. Doing this, the AFS joins the Atlantic Association of University Presidents, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and the Canadian Bureau for International Education protesting the idea of fee differentials.

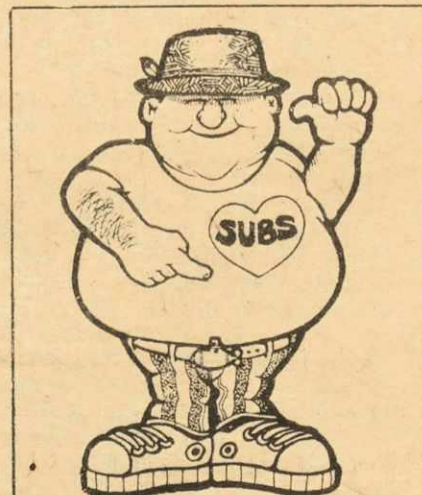
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