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JUNGLE JOTTINGS

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Those who care are wondering how much longer residents are going to have to put up with the brand of crap that the cafeteria has been dispensing lately. (Before proceeding, it should be added that the administration has been known to respond to complaints of this sort by flatly declaring, "If you don't like it, Leave"). The majority of complaints have been about the food, not necessarily the type of food, but the way it is prepared and served, cold, mangled, overcooked, lumpy, dry, etc. As if this were not enough, the staff compounds things by giving their CUSTOMERS more grief than is warranted. For example, it quite often happens that they will open for business five minutes later than the published time. This wouldn't be so bad except that they viciously enforce the closing hour, turning away all students who show up a minute or less late.

Those of you who are never around at the appointed hour, might wonder what important duties the staff has to perform that the serving area is transformed into a Mrs. Hubbard's cupboard in two seconds flat. Fans of ribald poetry will remember what the dog did to Mrs. Hubbard.

It seems that our conscientious and careworn staff must rush off to their breakfast (lunch or supper) and a leisurely smoke in the cafeteria — which is something else again — Howcum the staff and any visiting hotshots, such as the executive of the Benevolent Polish Society, or the Association of Mendicant Friars, can puff away on their cigarillos, panatelas, stogies, briars and hookahs while the students, who pay 73c a meal, and thus support the place are not entitled to a relaxing after dinner cigarette with their coffee and conversation? . . . to get back to the closing hour. May we humbly suggest that the staff show a bit more willingness to be agreeable and to provide a service for which they are certainly being paid, and to keep the joint going long enough to provide for the barely late arrivals of busy and indigent students who can't always afford a make-up meal in the Coffee Shoppe. Either that or open the goddamned doors on time. . .

We started to do a survey of the lavatory facilities in the residences but were appalled and consequently stalled at the can on the first floor of Memorial Hall. There are twenty six full grown males on the floor. Their facilities include two showers both of which are defective in one way or another, are unpainted and often left in a filthy condition for days, two urinals, one of which overflows from the top, the other from the bottom, and three toilets. One of the toilets has no door, another's seat is detached, and tends to displace any unwary occupant, while the other works, but is very overcrowded. Mac's "Bulshit Mutterings" strongly recommends that this situation be cleared up. Two of the floor's residents barely escaped an attack by giant maggots, while another claims that the lineup for the one can are so long that he doesn't bother any more. He just fudges his undies, and throws them out the window. His roommate, who is constipated, complains that he only has a 50% shooting average. . .

Protests over the running of the election were more numerous than usual this year, but suggestions for improving the process were not forthcoming from either the SDUSU President or the chief electoral officer, Edic the Dunn (also prefect on 1st floor Memorial) . . . Terry McGarragle was up in arms about the unconstitutionality of it all. Fair play and all that you know. Like we do in Toronto old chap. He's right though, there were a lot of blunders this year, and the Executive should make sure that it doesn't happen again—unless of course they favor one candidate over another. . . Good news about the Red and White getting more money from the Council. Tom Greene can't see it though. He claims that most of the stuff the newspaper (DeCoste hates that term) prints is garbage. He's right, but the SDUSU can't very well afford the loss of prestige that would occur if the paper were to fold. Anyway the letters to the Editor indicate that there is definite interest in the rag and what it says. . .

Intramural sports are certainly interesting this year. Both the basketball and the hockey leagues have had more than their share of fights, eye gougings, leg biting, etc. However it's all in fun. Sports are supposed to develop character, but nobody said what kind . . . If some boob hadn't ski-dooed all over the place the football field would have made an excellent outdoor rink . . . Apparently the sign over the Coffee Shoppe in Main Building is looked upon as some part of prize by a certain element on campus. It was already heisted once, but the constabulary quickly recovered it.

A sincere and hearty upright middle finger to the dope who decided that the hockey championships should be held in the SMU arena instead of in the Halifax Forum which has more than twice the capacity. . .

Congratulations to SDU's small but loyal band of cheerleaders. On a limited budget they managed to get two sets of uniforms and to make road trips to away games in all the major sports. They received an especially enthusiastic reception at Saint Mary's and at X on two basketball trips . . . Et le mot pour cette semaine—"Les Canadiens serons là. . . 1—P.J., Red and White, Vol XXII, January, 1

FACULTY ASSOCIATION SNUBS
RED & WHITE STAFF REPORTER

By T. A. McGarragle

In the interest of the Father of education whose virtues are TRUST, OPENNESS and SINCERITY, I relate to you the following incidence and a few reflections concerning it. Such questioning is relatively unimportant to most students because students are told, on the whole, that this is none of their business. Well. Well?

Last week, a Red & White staff reporter asked the Chairman of the Faculty Association of S.D.U. to present to the Faculty members at their February meeting a petition to permit a R & W reporter to report on their meeting. The reporter suggested that the Chairman conduct a vote on this petition with respect to the members in attendance. After the reporter left the place where the meeting was to be held, the petition was put forward as a motion. It was seconded and a discussion ensued. The discussion that followed did not favor the petition; in fact, the nature of the discussion did not favour the virtues of the Father of education and the motion was promptly extinguished by the Chairman. Consequently, no vote was held; no reporter was allowed to enter. . .

Apart from any consideration concerning the proper procedure with regard to the motion on the floor, I would like to dwell upon, for a few moments, the implications that arise with respect to the refusal of the Faculty Association to adequately and soberly discuss the petition. It would seem that the motion (i.e. the petition) did not appear to violate their constitution; that is, the constitution does not stipulate that the meeting is to be a closed affair. Then, it would only seem matter of civility to re-

quest such a petition. It appears that the scrutiny of the campus press is not welcomed. It also gives one the feeling that all is not well in the Faculty Association.

The nature of the Faculty Association meeting includes certain personal, private matters such as salaries. Although this item is considered by the R & W reporters as totally unnewsworthy, we would gladly exclude ourselves from that portion of the meeting when such issues were being considered. However, there are many other issues that concern the student and the university directly, and these deserve an airing on the university campus. Does the Faculty Association presume by some drift of the imagination that many problems such as, curricular and lecture material and form, or, academic freedom and responsibility are not of a pertinent and relevant nature so as to concern students. Yet, these matters are especially critical at a time when students and faculty must co-operate if the university is to remain an academic community in light of the composition of the Senate of the new university. I cannot see the Faculty Association remaining an exclusive affair without fostering a ghetto-type attitude towards academic matters. This would only sow the seeds of mistrust and apprehension and promote a unilateral relationship between faculty members and students.

I see, therefore, the task of both students and faculty to be the elimination of this unhealthy mistrust by promoting the virtues of the Father of education. This can be sought after on the practical level by exposing the absurdity of the fears that some faculty members hold towards open meetings of

their Association. It would give the campus a first-hand glimpse of the reality of the faculty as a group, the issues that they consider important, and the alleviation of the need of students to rely on hearsay, etc., to justify their bizarre images of the faculty.

The Student
Council and You

By T. A. McGarragle

The Student Council meets almost every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of Memorial Hall. It is always an open meeting—this means that any student is guaranteed by the constitution to be allowed to take part in any discussions that council brings up. You may also bring up for discussion any subject that you think warrants the attention of council. So let us speak our mind at the proper place rather than complain to those sympathetic listeners one may chance to meet on campus on problems the nature of which can only be solved at a Student Council meeting.

The last meeting of the Student Council made quite a sensation. The president was accused of violating the constitution and a few other people on Council were looked upon in a rather dim light. Even a few 'spectators' engaged in a heated discussion concerning the lack of communication between Council and students; for, that night displayed such apt critics as Ron Jackson, Mary McNally, Joan Sutherland, and George Bobb. Out of the whole 'argument' or, if you prefer, the constructive criticisms, the Council decided to sponsor a series of lectures by well-known speakers on issues pertinent to students. A committee was set up composed of Virginia MacDonald, T. A. McGarragle and Mary Power as Chairman. Any suggestions concerning speakers?

Perhaps, if we look deep enough, we may see the birth of a quiet revolution. At least, there is, if I have been even a slight bit accurate, a future which holds immense undertakings, decisive, rapid changes, and an intermingling of new faces and new ideas rich with the promise of a new and great University of P.E.I.

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