

Editorial

by Frances Smits

Everyone has a beef and sometimes when the large ones become too brain taxing to grasp and control, the little ones take over. Something like, yea, like a small revolutionary coup. In this pressured establishment called a university, students combat deadlines, mid-terms, finals, hangovers, the weather, and the opposite sex. One cannot battle these adversaries daily and not lose some degree of sanity.

In march the little beefs to act as pressure release valves. These little beefs are an interesting, amusing and perhaps psychologically relevant study of the university student.

Did you know that there is a student on this campus who is convinced that gnomes are invading UPEI? They are the little people who steal one sock out of the washing machine, drink that last beer you were sure you left in the refrigerator, submit your name to Rumour Hath It, and turn off your alarm when you are sure you set it for 8:30 a.m.

The weather is a constant force to combat. It cre-



ates an obstacle course and therefore is a beef-filled subject. Various purposes have been proposed for Lake Blanchard the most ingenious of which is turning it into a duck pond to which a student can retreat to meditate on final exams. With a few ducks

and swans, a little white bridge across the lake and a reproduction of Rodin's "The Thinker", it has a distinctive cultural aura. But university is not only culture so, perhaps the lake could be stocked with trout and become a sportsman's paradise. freeze

it, perhaps, and hire the Ice Follies instead of a Pig for a thursday night.

Attendance at puddle jumping contests could compete with the basketball games and soaked feet are a good excuse for skipping classes.

Beefs can manifest themselves in many forms such as the subtle art of revenge. Slink into a gloomy corner of the library and underline all the unimportant parts of your readings for that week so evryone else will miss the point of the essay. If you like to operate on a larger scale, join senate and propose that the home economics department achieve school status or rescedual the March break to end a week earlier so that it ends before it ever gets started, samthing like the semester does. Better yet, reprogram all the computers and then try to convince your professors that the gnomes did it.

Little beefs do release tension. In fact, I feel much better after writing this. To complain about the little problems in life somehow makes the big hassle diminish in importance. A common ground of comlaint also gives students samthing in common to get riled over, to laugh about and, believe it or not, increases the school spirit and helps disipate apathy. This is accomplished just because little beefs generate some feelings, get the blood flowing, bring the senses back to life. Never let the big beefs or the little beefs get you down. Laugh at them and this will lighten the load just a little.

Feedbag

Disarmament at Dal.

Dear Editor,

Last Fall a new society was formed at Dalhousie Student Project Ploughshares. The society's aim is to inform students about the pros and cons of disarmament through seminars, films, discissions etc. This is in preparation for a referendum Dalhousie Student Council is sponsoring

in the spring of 1982. If there is anyone on campus who is interested in forming such a society, please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you. Sincerely, Maura Green Research Director Student Project Plough shares Student Union Building Dalhousie University Halifax, N.S.

Emergency appeal

E M E R G E N C Y
Dear Friends,

We have been informed by the head of Logistics Department at our headquarters in Lusaka Zambia that the food situation in Southern Angola is critical. The South African Army continuously carries out raids in Southern Angola making it difficult for us to cultivate our food, the present situation in terms of food availability is desperate.

We therefore make this SPECIAL AND EXTRAORDINARY

APPEAL to you to contribute as much as possible, so as to alleviate atleast some of the shortages. A contribution of \$50.00 will provide food for one person for one month. Please be generous as you can in this situation. We hope to airfreight the food supplies by the first week of March if not sooner. Thanking you in anticipation- Yusuf Saloojee Chief Representative-Canada Canadian Mission Box 302, Adelaide Postal Sta. Toronto, Ont. M5C 214

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