

THE GEM

"Jewel of the isle"



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Kraft Dinner beyond 'some students' means

HALIFAX (CUP) — Dalhousie student council is organising a food bank to feed students who don't have enough money to feed themselves.

"We've already received some distress calls since we announced the food bank would be starting," said Reza Rizvi, Dalhousie student council vice-president. "This should show those people who say it isn't needed that they are wrong."

The council gave out meal tickets to three students who came to the offices looking for food last week.

So many students are broke because the Nova Scotia student aid department still hasn't processed all the loan applications, Rizvi said. The student aid department computerized this year and has been several months behind all year.

"The student I saw today just found out he didn't get his loan

but at this point he said he cared enough about his education to go without food in order to pay for tuition," said Rizvi.

Rizvi says another problem is the attitude that people in the Western World don't starve and that they are often too proud to admit they don't have the money to buy food.

"But if we can have a real outpouring of generosity to people in Ethiopia, why can't we care about those who sit next to us in class?", he asks.

The local media has paid lots of attention to one student caught stealing food from the women's residence garbage, but many council members feel the journalists are missing the real story — students who are not doing anything to get food and who are suffering from malnutrition as a result.

Meanwhile at Simon Fraser University, a food bank, or-

ganized by two Catholic campus groups, has been operating since December 1984. The two groups placed boxes for tinned food in all campus retail food outlets and put money tins in the pub and

restaurants.

Terry Fowler, a member of the student society, said money collected from the tins is used to fill in gaps in food donations. "We have a special problem getting

protein — we get spaghetti but not spaghetti sauce," she said.

Fowler said students needing food have included married students with families, single parents and international students.

Prank leaves 5 chickens dead

EDMONTON (CUP) — Two University of Alberta agriculture students will appear in provincial court Feb. 20 in connection with the death of five chickens during the university's engineering week.

Reginald Shandro and Earl Greenhough were among five students who, acting independently of their faculty club, tossed a bag of chicken feathers and then five live chickens off the second floor balcony in the student union building during a noon engineering week rally.

"They thought they would flutter down," said director of campus security Doug Langevin,

"but they fell like rocks."

The chickens were "half-dead" said engineering students' society executive Dal Hildebrand. "Two of them couldn't even lift their beaks off the ground."

The engineering students running the event disposed of the chickens by wringing their necks and tossing them into a dumpster, Hildebrand said.

Greenhough and Shandro are charged under section 402 of the criminal code with willfully causing unnecessary pain, suffering or injury to an animal or bird. The maximum penalty is a \$500 fine or six months in jail.

"We didn't want to hurt anybody or the chickens," the two told the Gateway, U of A's student newspaper, last week. They said they organized the stunt "in order to maintain the ongoing rivalry between the ags and engineers."

They thought the chickens would land safely because chickens can fly short distances.

The chickens were brought from a local farmer. "We told him it was engineering week and that we were going to use the chickens in a prank against them," the students said. "He said he didn't like engineers either."

"Gem" and Events survey

By Jonathan Orlowski

"If nobody knows the band they won't come, it's like that around here." That's how one student described the attendances at the 85-86 main events and pubs in a recent "Gem" survey.

Of the 79 students surveyed 32% don't attend at all, 49% attend most all the time and 19% attend SOME of the time.

Why only some of the time?

"Thursday nights the Barn is in just too much competition with Jim's," said one student, I go to Jim's.

Other years when one pub or main event was over I couldn't wait for the next one" said a student. This year ... the interest is not there.

Another student commented "I can tell you where the interest lies, it is that Barn is out to make a profit, like a regular bar. Whatever happened to the 'homey event' where you could socialize with everybody instead of cliques. The interest should be in attracting people by turning profits into the Barn facilities. A new interior

would do wonders for our pride and it doesn't have to be expensive or get special things going like renting pool tables."

Other students couldn't agree more about special events.

"Look at the Engineers, the nuts and bolts pub, now that's an original idea. They know how to have a good time" "why not a

beach party pub?" "How about a Sultace Social Pub where you buy tickets for a dollar on a trip for two to Halifax and whoever's name is drawn has to be there at the pub ... EVERYBODY would be there".

"Say for Valentines Day Pub ... All the ladies attending bring a spiffily decorated box lunch, have a mini-auction, a whoever buys the box lunch, has a date with that lady for the evening ... could really make cupid stretch his bow, eh!"

"Another criticized the Barn's organizers. "This year is not well planned at all, they should get rid

of the present committee, because of the lack of advertisement." But,

as one student puts it "Advertisement is not the secret, it is the idea that is the secret."

63% of the students who attend the main events or pubs some or all the time say that they are not expensive while 24% say that they are expensive, 13% of those who go say some of the pubs are expensive.

The majority of the pub goers, 67%, believe that "Draft" once it has arrived will make a difference in attendance. 24% said that it won't make a difference once the novelty has worn off and 9% were undecided.

Thursday night is still the popular evening to have an event 59% preferred Thursdays, 22% Fridays 11% Wednesday and 7% chose Saturdays.

All pub crawlers would attend their preferred night.

Our newspaper is now changing the name "The Netted Gem" to THE GEM and adding the sub-

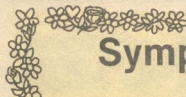
title "Jewel of the isle."
In the same survey "THE

GEM" asked for comment. 85% said that they like the GEM while "Jewel of the Isle" received 82% of the votes. "I like it," said one student, "it's cute small and concise." Another commented "It breaks the stereotype of being associated with the potato and farmers."

"The Netted Gem" made us sound like a hick town."

There are some staunch supporters that said "What's wrong being associated with a famous potato, were is your Island pride?"

Others thought that "Jewel of the Isle" was a pun from the movie JEWEL OF THE NILE and also thought that it was dumb and corny. But they were in the minority.



Sympathy

The University community was saddened to learn of the death of Lowell Stewart, 19, of Winsloe. A student at U.P.E.I., a member of the U.P.E.I. Soccer Players, as well as a part-time sportscaster for CIMN Radio, Lowell will be missed greatly by those who knew him.

On behalf of the University community we wish to extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends.