

Food Feud Ferments

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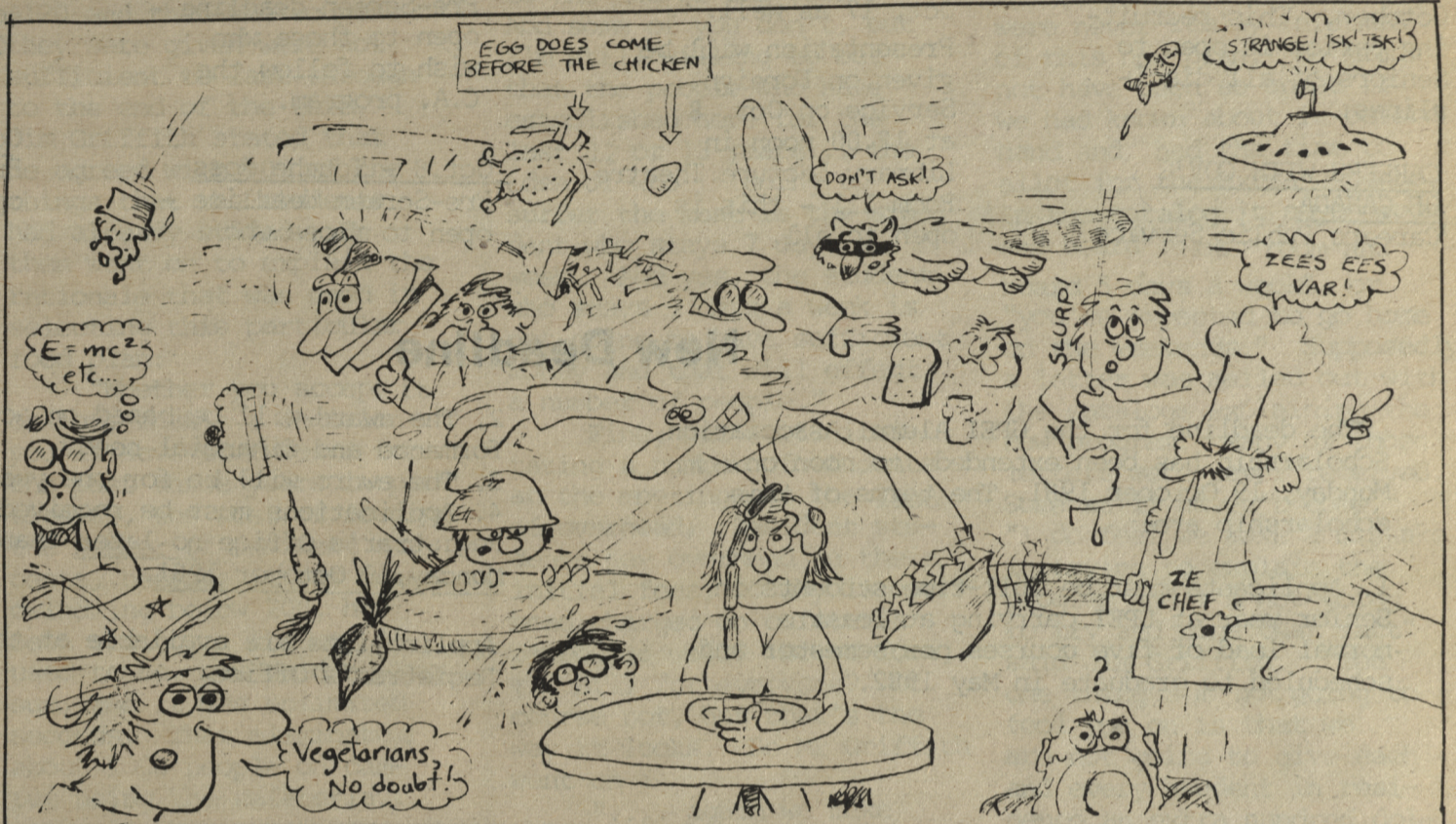
On Wednesday night, September 23, a collection of 100 or more students gathered in the UPEI cafeteria - and they weren't there to catch the daily special. It was the first food committee meeting of this school year and it was proclaimed as an "open meeting". Jim Griffith, Director of Student Services, stated that in the 14 years he had been at the University, he had never seen half that number show up for a meeting. Also present were Mark Ouellette, regional representative from Saga Foods; Andy Dean, Unit Manager; Dave McCloud, head chef; and Reuben Cross, Chairman of the Food Committee.

The entire meeting lasted 1 1/2 hours, although it probably could have gone on much longer. Many topics were discussed and I have organized all that was said at the meeting into 17 main questions that were posed by the students and the replies that were given by administration:

1) The prices in the cafeteria aren't high compared to restaurant prices, but they are high for the amount we have to spend. The suggested increase in prices, due to rising inflation, was supposed to be 16-20 % this year. On the average prices went up only 6-7%.

2) A lot of people have 8:30 classes and the cafeteria doesn't open until 8:00.

People have come and said that they have to be out early to teach or to make classes and I've let them in the back door and fed them in the kitchen. It's not worth it for me to pay a staff for the extra half hour for only a few people. The field hockey team needed food late and it was arranged that they



could put in an order and take it with them. If you come to me (Andy Dean) one on one, I'll do my best to help you solve a problem.

3) The scatter system doesn't work. The lines are still long and our food still gets cold. I still feel the scatter system does work and it gets you through faster than the line-up. As I understand it, there were line-ups out to the door at times last year and it still hasn't happened this year. We do have two cash registers, but one is still out on repair.

4) A microwave oven would help to heat up a cold meal. It has been ordered.

5) We could use a cooler with canned juices and pop.

I can get the cooler. We have a jet spray machine already set up. We haven't much space but I'll do all I can.

6) Things are not prices. We don't know how much we're paying. We ran into trouble getting letters and we're still finding that we can't get sufficient letters for the menu board. They messed up

the order we sent in and it took two weeks to get here. We're continuing to work on it.

7) Is the garnish necessary?

We're sold as a food company on the appearance of the product and we feel that the garnish does something for the plate and it's very inexpensive.

8) It's hard to get in between the long tables with a full tray. If necessary, some of them can be removed.

9) Why do we have to pay 10¢ for a pat of butter?

There is no longer any charge on butter.

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Blood Flowed

by Mary Driscoll
Chairperson

Last Thursday, the annual Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic was held. Our quota was 150 units, but only 131 units were collected, not counting the 23 rejected. These 23 were prospective donors who could not give blood due to having colds, certain diseases, not weighing enough, etc. The Freshmen won the interclass competition, and will thus receive \$50. from the Student Union. The class breakdown is as follows:

Freshman	38
Sophomore	37
Junior	33
Senior	20
Engineers	28

Many thanks go to those who donated blood, and special recognition goes to the Engineers who rounded themselves up and came down to the Barn together. Special thanks also to those who helped organize - these efforts are greatly appreciated!

Although Holland College beat us (152 units), this year's clinic was a fairly good turnout considering the circumstances. Many people expressed interest in donating blood, but just could not make it within the time scheduled. Let's turn these good intentions into something more concrete for the second semester's Blood Donor Clinic! Keep watching for more information.