

# The Professor's Diary

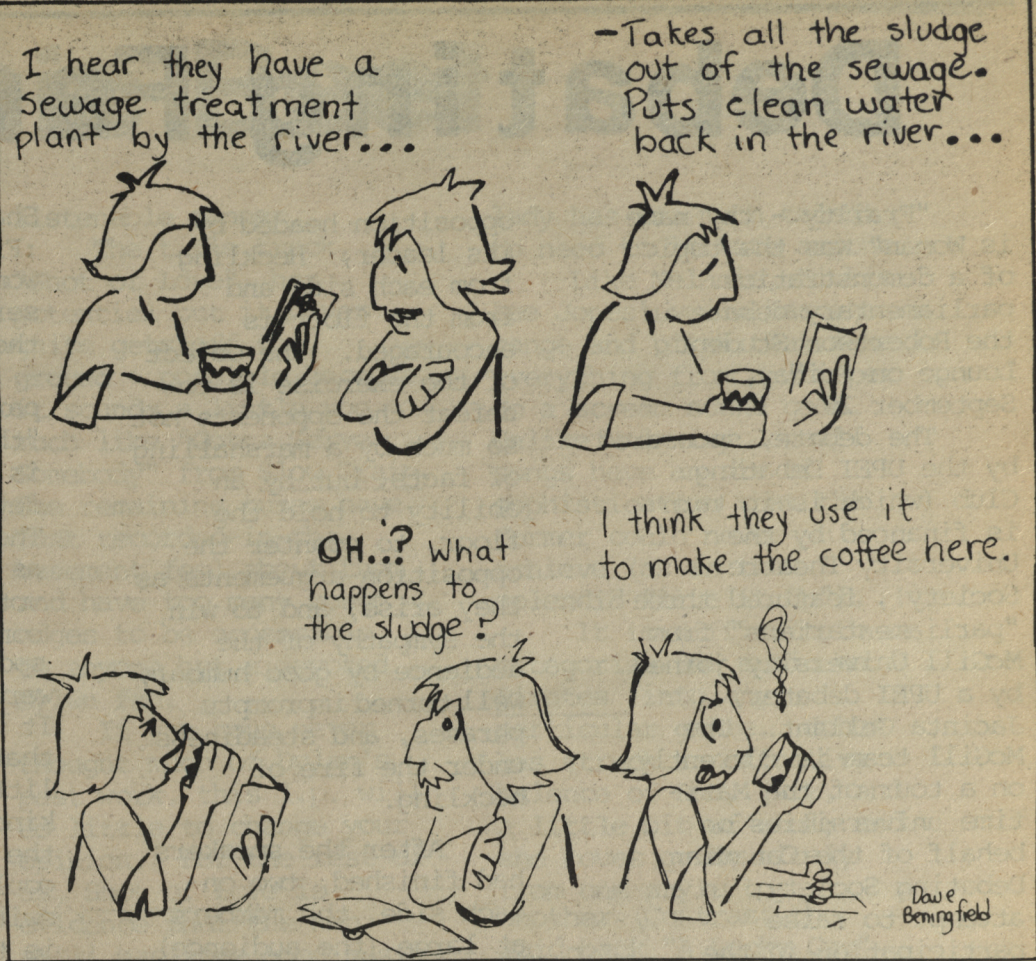
Monday: So now they've put Extension where Sociology was, Sociology where English was, English where Mathematics was, Mathematics where the students were, and Student Services where Extension was. Proponents of this merry-go-round argue that at least it will get students out of our hair for a while because they won't be able to find anything. I'm not so sure. I had some trouble finding the washroom today.

Tuesday: Locked myself out of my office today. As usual went to Security to get a spare key. But when I asked the man on duty to supply me, he informed me rather airily that I had blundered into a class in Canadian Studies. It seems that the person I addressed was a fellow professor, the Security office was now a classroom with students in it, and that I must go elsewhere for my key. I went in the direction he pointed and found myself in some sort of pestiferous, evil-smelling warren beneath the Main Annex, the place, I suppose, where they put old professors away to moulder. How I got out I'm not sure. Altogether a distressing day.

Wednesday: The girl who said she read my article - MacDonald her name is - sits in the front row every class. Such a nice wholesome thing. Not like those lollygagging lizards in jeans you see so often these days. She stayed a few minutes after class to enquire about extra reading.

Thursday: Professor X, my arch-rival in the department, came into my office today, ostensibly to ask the time. Without so much as a by-your-leave, he picked one of the books I'm using for my new course off my desk. "Of course you're aware," he said, smiling in that horrible way of his, "that this work has been totally refuted by later scholarship? You must have read Gumpert, 1974?" Admittedly, using a text with uncut pages is a little old-fashioned, but poisoning would be too sweet for such a swine as X. I shall watch what he drinks at Happy Hour tomorrow.

Friday: Spent most of yesterday evening marking the year's first assignment, and so missed "The Muppets." When did students first begin the execrable habit of folding over the top left corner of their answer pages, making two little rips in the fold, then folding the bit between the rips the other way? The system holds together about as well as a certain Arts department not a thousand miles from here.



## On the Positive Side

To: Residents of Marian and Bernadine Halls.

On behalf of myself, the management of Saga Foods and Mr. Cross, Chairman of the Dining Hall Committee, I wish to express our sincere gratitude to all the students who attended the open meeting of the Dining Hall Committee on Wednesday, September 23rd. The large attendance (approx. 175), as well as the list of issues which were raised that evening, certainly made it quite clear that there are particular problems with the present coupon system of purchasing meals for residence students. I was most impressed with the manner in which the meeting was conducted. The orderly and systematic approach which you used in making your points known to the administration is certainly a credit to the student body of this institution. You are to be commended for your actions.

which you have been issued for the purchase of meals. I also suggest to each and every resident that they have a very conscientious Dining Hall committee, and the members of this committee are there to represent your views on a continuous basis throughout the remainder of this year. I urge you not to let an issue become a problem, but rather, bring it to their attention, or go directly to the manager, Andy Dean. He will certainly do his best to give you an immediate solution.

I understand that a number of people left the meeting with the distinct impression that little or nothing had been accomplished. This was certainly not my feeling, nor was it the feeling of the Dining Hall Committee. I believe that as the weeks progress you will see a difference in the approach to utilizing the coupons

I was very pleased with the meeting and thought it was a very positive one. The criticisms were constructive and well deserved. With your future help and co-operation, I'm sure that most of the issues which were raised will work out to the satisfaction of both the administration and the residence students. I welcome your continued input into working out the problems which exist around our present meal plan and look forward to hearing from you as the academic year progresses. My office is located on the first floor of Main Building. Please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

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