

Reviews...

Status Quo

Remember around 1968 when there was a hit single, "Pictures of Matchstick Men" on the charts? Well, it seemed that it was to be the first and last we ever heard of STATUS QUO. But six years later, this British group is back with the release of their new album, "HELLO!".

STATUS QUO has gone to the heavier sound over the last few years. Their music is good old rock and roll but it tends to get slightly repetitious and is reminiscent of J. Geils. One thing can be said for the group, their expertise on the instruments can't be denied; they are definitely top rate musicians.

"Roll Over Lay Down" has a hard pounding beat. Variations in the melody add to its originality.

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The lyrics seem played down and do not come across as clearly as they might.

"Claudia" eases the beat somewhat and the entire cut tends to sound like an early Stones hit. The lyrics are clearer in this song; the English accent comes through loud and clear. If any cuts on the album were released as singles this would probably be choice #1.

"A reason For Living" turns to the rock and roll sound again. There's a great emphasis on the bass and it sounds like J. Geils plus BTO combined. Lead takes over in "Blue - Eyed Lady" and takes the cut right into raunchy rock and roll. It's a super cut!

"Caroline" comes in strong and maintains it

with excellent rifts of drums, lead and bass. It's Stones music with Beatles' vocals. Quite a combination!

"Come on sweet Caroline
Take my hand
Together we can rock -
n - roll"

"Softer Ride" is the best example of repetition within a cut. It starts out quietly and suddenly breaks into raunchy rock and roll. Instrumentals are good but the repetition kills the cut - half as long, and it would be the best tune on the disc.

"And It's Better Now" tames down a bit and resembles "Reason For Living" in styling. It would possibly make a 45 release.

There's nothing like winding things up with a Bang and "Forty-Five



"Hundred Time" is it. It's a long cut but its real rock and roll and makes an appropriate finale.

"HELLO!" is a good album but it all depends on your taste. J. Geils' fans will find the album similar to much of the stuff that group released but if you're not a devoted rock and roller, you could probably leave this album sitting in its jacket after 3 or 4 times on the turntable.

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Canton Cafe

This will be the first in a series of articles reviewing eating establishments in Charlottetown. We hope to answer questions as to the where, when, why, who and what of eating out. These views will be designed to emphasize students needs and preferences at all sorts of places from "MacDonald's" to the "Showboat". We look forward to receiving any reactions or opinions you may have, in the hope that these will lead to more informative and interesting articles.

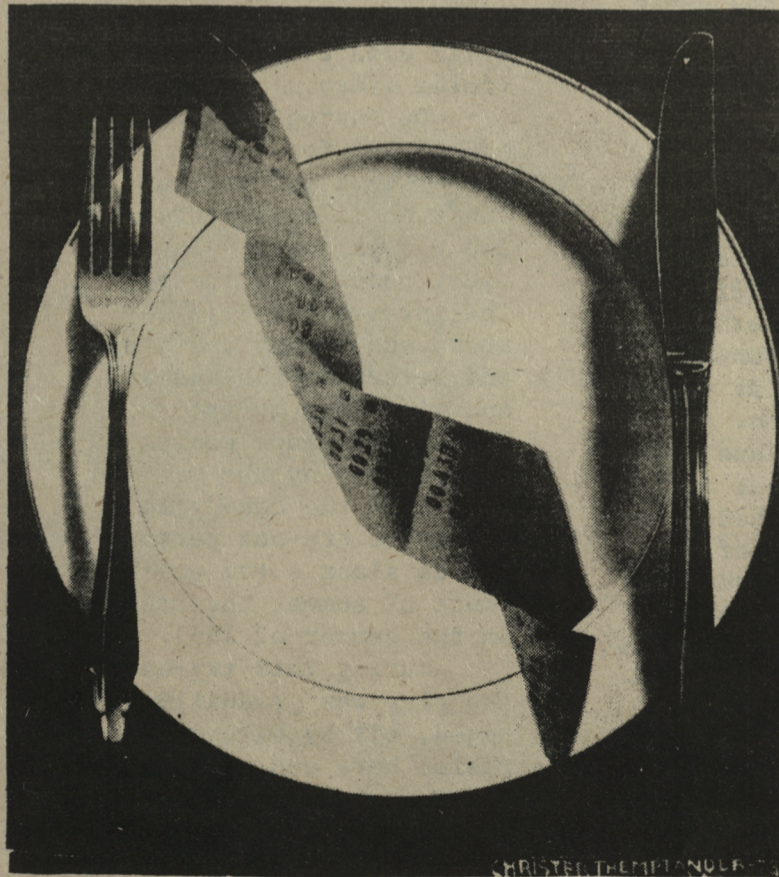
We begin this series with a review of the "Canton Cafe", a popular Chinese-Canadian restaurant. This establishment situated on lower Queen St. almost opposite the downtown liquor store has a solid reputation for quality food and service.

We dined there on Wednesday night to check this out. The restaurant itself is reasonably plain; it cannot be classed as any specific type as the decor is neither

elaborate nor formal, but is suitable for almost anybody; couples, larger groups, formal or informal dress. The atmosphere is friendly and cheerful though a bit noisy at times.

On our visit we found the food tasty and the service excellent. We ordered the Dinner for two priced at \$7.20 which consisted of an egg roll, sweet and sour pineapple chicken, garlic spareribs, chicken fried rice and diced almond chicken. The food was served quickly in no more than ten minutes after we had ordered and it was delicious. Everyone else it appeared received similar service.

The Canton in our opinion serves the best Chinese food to be found in the Charlottetown area. These dishes, well prepared and in the cleanest surroundings where even the most common dishes have something that makes them undefinably different. The Canton has a wide range of prices, for the less expensive preparations in



the \$2 - 3 range to the more elaborate 4 - 7 course meals of seafoods and meats which usually cost between \$3 - 6.

A good idea if you are out with friends is to order different dishes and to try a little of each with friends, making a savory combination of your own.

The portions are big and filling so a half order in many cases is all you will need or want.

To sum up we feel the Canton is well suited to your needs and as such we recommend it highly.

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