

Running out of meals: a sad story

By Carolyn Ryan

"I'm living on Kraft dinner. I hate cats and I wouldn't feed a cat Kraft dinner."

So speaks a disgusted resident of Bernardine Hall, one of the many this term who are finding Saga's allocation of meal coupons insufficient.

More so than is usual for this time of year, students from all residences who are on the coupon plan have run out early and are cooking for themselves.

"You used to be able to buy (coupon) books from girls who didn't eat much for \$5 or 30 dollars," says one respondent Marian Hall resident, "but nobody's selling them anymore."

This is not strictly true. The Business Office has books for sale to residents on the coupon plan for \$50, a reduction from their \$61.50 value, but some students refuse to pay that much.

Saga issues eight booklets containing coupons which are used in place of cash per semester to students who have paid regular room and board fees in Marian and Bernardine Hall. The cafeteria management has repeatedly said that this is enough for the average eater who does not stay on campus for weekends.

Traditionally, however, male students have come up short on coupons at the end of each term. In the past, they were able to buy extra books from light eaters, and

both sides were reasonably satisfied.

Prices at the cafeteria went up last fall, though, and the amount of coupons issued remained the same. To compound the problem, this semester is longer than usual, and residents have had to stretch their food resources to cover an extra ten days.

"We've posted a schedule of the approximate dates students have been picking up their books. They really should have used that to budget their coupons," is the official stand of the cafeteria management.

Regular fees for room and board at Marian or Bernardine, based on those occupying a double room, were \$1200 for each term this year.

"I object to paying an extra \$50 on top of my fees in order to eat at the cafe for another week and a half," said one soured resident of Bernardine, to a room of similarly-minded reluctant cooks.

Particularly hard hit are those girls who sold books to faculty or off-campus students at the beginning of the term, and now cannot afford to buy groceries or eat out.

It seems unlikely that an adjustment in allocation will be made at this late date, so residents will have to accept the situation and either pay full price for an extra book or take to the kitchenettes of Bernardine Hall.

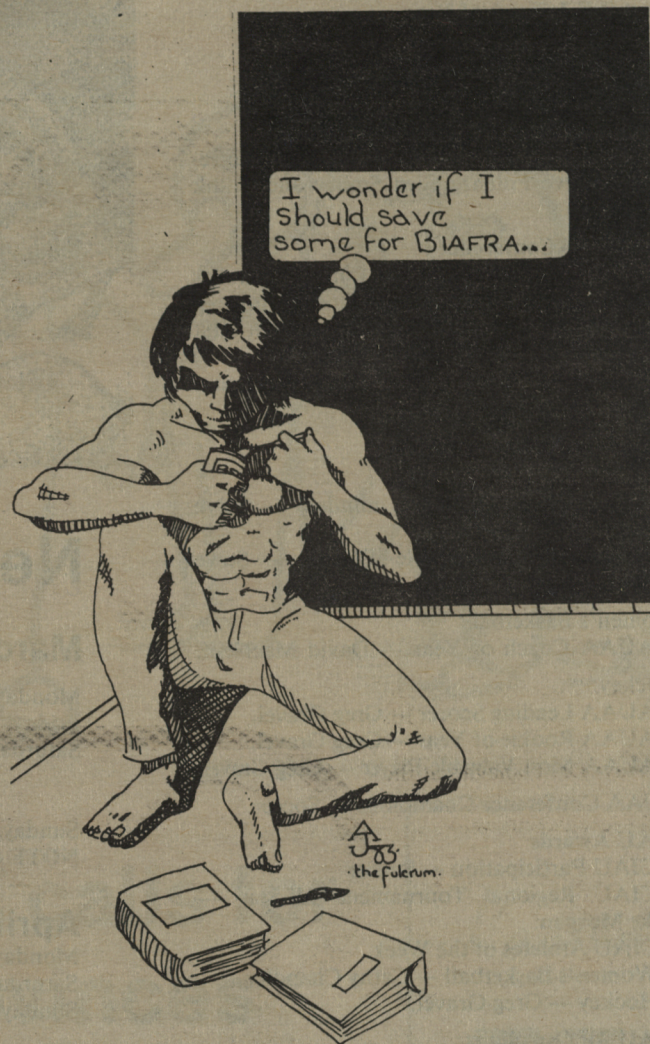
One optimistic freshman has retained her sense of

perspective, though: "I do believe this would be a very good time to start that diet..." she muses.

Tuesday evening, Jim Griffith of Student Services announced that students in residences would be permitted to buy

one book of coupons each at \$35.

Because many students do not have even this sum, Griffith will allow them to leave the \$35 on their accounts for next fall, or pay it back over the summer.



CAMPUS COMMUNITY

General meeting cancelled

The general meeting of the UPEI Student Union planned for Monday was postponed until Wednesday because of a poor turnout.

The meeting was supposed to take place at 12:30 in the Robertson Library lounge. The agenda would have included the ratifying of the SU's new constitution, a moment Council has been anticipating all year.

Quorum of 10% of the student population, or 170 students, was not reached, however, so Speaker Mike Trainor announced the cancellation at 12:45.

Only about 90 students were in the lounge, and as at most general meetings, the majority were there to eat lunch, not to participate in an assembly.

By presstime, we hope to have a bulletin on the results of the Wednesday meeting, which was scheduled for the same time and place.

At the meeting, quorum need only be the same number of students present on Monday, plus one.

The meeting was held on Wednesday. The executive gave their reports to about 100 students, and Speaker Mike Trainor announced that the new constitution will take effect in a week, unless students circulate a petition to the contrary.

Two challenges

The Junior class offers a challenge to all classes and sub-organizations to match its \$100 donation to Kim Hendricken.

As well, the Business Society wishes to remind sub-orgs of its own challenge to them to match a \$100 donation to the Senior Class. That donation will be presented Thursday night at the Business Society Main Event.

Res Life Award up for grabs

Nominations for the Residence Life Award must be submitted by April 13, 1984.

The award is given each year to "a senior resident student who has shown exceptional promotional ability and outstanding leadership in the improvement and maintenance of a high quality of residence life."

The recipient will be chosen by representatives of the House Committees, members of the Administration, and Residence Assistants. Nominations should be submitted immediately to the Head Residents.

Grades to be collected

Second Semester grades for full-time and part-time students who expect to graduate on Sunday, 6 May 1984, may be picked up at the Registrar's Office beginning on 30 April to 4 May (10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.). Any marks not picked up will be mailed after Convocation.

Research list compiled

The Office of Research and Development is preparing a publication which will record all research and scholarly activity undertaken by academic staff between January 1, 1977 and December 31, 1983.

An attempt has been made to contact all part-time sessionals and lecturers on campus for contributions. If, however, you have been overlooked, please contact Linda Burke in Room 216, Main Building, telephone extension 131.

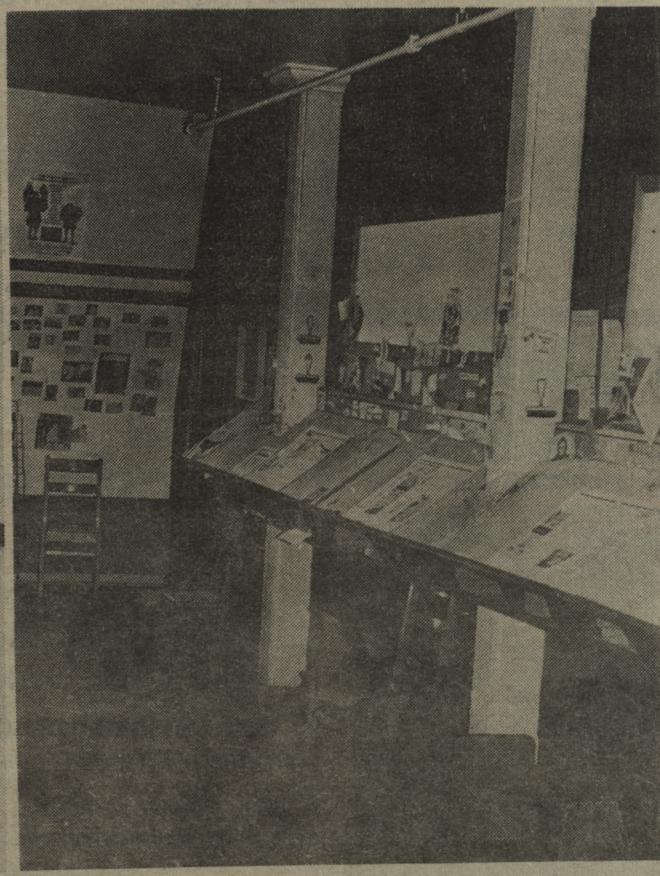
CFS cards in

A limited number of Canadian Federation of Students membership cards have arrived at the Student Union Building, and can be picked up by full time students on a first-come, first-served basis.

These cards entitle students to discounts from the 25 Island businesses participating in the Studentsaver program.



Contrary to the wildest hopes of Gemmies Anonymous, they are not building us another office on fourth floor Main. Maybe we can infiltrate this new lounge and reading room for Sociology/Anthropology ... (Photo: Grimmer)



But that's all right, because we're happy right where we are. Believe it or not we don't mind living in squalor. If you do believe that, would you be interested in buying a Planeterium at cost? (Photo: Grimmer)