

AFS/FEA expanding

This Sunday representatives of the Atlantic Federation of Students-Federation des Etudiants Atlantique (AFS/FEA) will be appearing before student council to seek 'emergency' funding for the organization. If they do not receive a commitment from the largest student union in Atlantic Canada it is unlikely that the smaller institutions will be able to loan or grant the difference.

AFS/FEA is trying to get a commitment of both a grant and a loan so that work can commence on fee referenda this spring.

In the past the organization was hampered by a shortage of funds since, until this fall, the budget for the entire Atlantic was approximately \$1300. At the meeting in early November delegates doubled fees pending the decision of last week's meeting. Last weekend, conference delegates past a motion to seek \$1.00 per student for a budget total of \$25-30,000.

Since each student will be asked to contribute the price of a beer and chips, FEA/AFS delegates felt that it would be money well spent on student aid, housing, employment, government finance of post secondary education and other common problems of students.

The Dalhousie Gazette hopes that the student council will endorse the concept of a student organization in the Atlantic and show their sincerity by loaning and granting money to FEA/AFS at the meeting this Sunday.

by Allan Zdunich

Bomb scares are no joke

Last Monday the campus had three bomb scares.

The Dunn, Arts and A&A buildings were cleared when the university was alerted to the potential bombs placed there.

Large semi-public places like the university are very vulnerable to anonymous threats like the planting of a bomb.

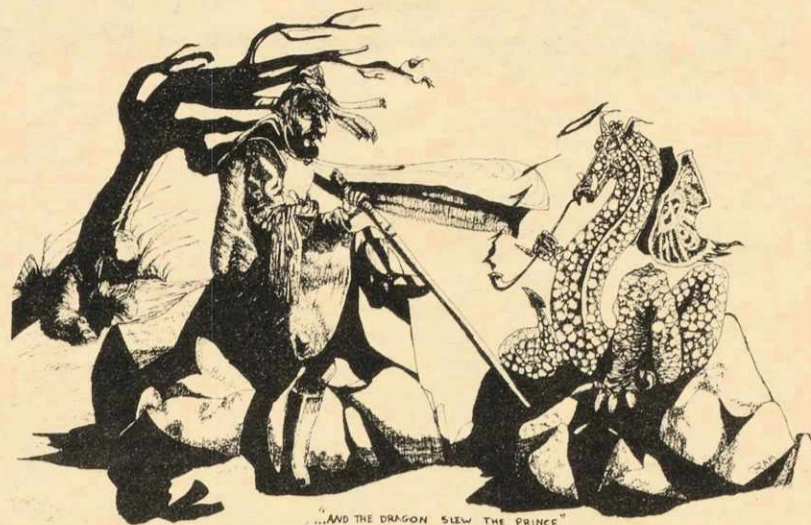
Bomb scares are an example of attempts by people to strike out at those they do not like, yet still retain their anonymity.

False fire alarms are bad enough but bomb threats pose a more serious threat since it is much more difficult to determine if they are false or not.

The worst thing is that bomb scares are a pretty foolish way of objecting to 'society'. And they pose a serious threat to a lot of people who are not the intended victims of the bomb.

We can only hope that if someone has a complaint they will direct it elsewhere; possibly directly to the party they disagree with.

by Allan Zdunich



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Persons submitting letters must provide their name and a telephone number or some other method of reaching them, should there be some question about their identity. Anonymous letters and those with false signatures will not be printed. The use of pseudonyms will be considered in some cases. Deadline for letters is Monday noon.

Letters

AIM progressive

To the Gazette:

Now that I'm sitting down, a few remarks on the CUP article "AIM FIGHTS CULTURAL GENOCIDE". The American Indian Movement deserves our support. I've had experience working with it's organizers, notably on Calgary with Ed Burnstick and Roy Littlechief, and what is moving progressively in the Indian Movement is moving because of AIM. Their actions in Alberta over the past year have broken ground not only for Native Rights but for those of all minorities. I refer here specifically to the work of Ed Burnstick, Roy Littlechief and Nelson Small Legs Jr. (Nelson is now dead. The past summer he committed suicide to protest the plight of his people. A man of 23, he understood with his heart and head the problems of our society). The point following is this: The work of these 3 organizers is useful and works precisely because they all look upon Canadian Society as not divided by skin color but rather by class. Ask Roy. He knows its Monopoly that keeps his people in place. And Ed? Lets just say he's read his Marx.

Struggle breeds difficulty. Outside of Canada, in the United States, in California the United Farm Workers Union is fighting for the rights of peoples for so long clinging to society's bottom rung. Finally...they are winning! Don't think however that the Farm workers are without internal strife. Sure their victories are great. But the militancy generated has, to some extent in certain individuals, been misdirected. The UFW as well have their Alex Akiwenzie's. Militants wearing brown berets instead of the Red sported by Alex; inverted American Flags instead of the Maple Leaf worn on faded denim. Both cry out solely against White racism. And that's all.

Alex Akiwenzie must learn to understand Canadian Society in terms of class. Otherwise how else will he explain away the White poor, the White housing shortage, the White...

It is all too easy to blame one race for all of the Native peoples' problems. Indian militancy so misdirected by Alex will not get the movement anywhere desirable. Racism does not increase one's chance for justice no matter against whom it is directed.

It is only through united action by all progressive people including AIM that we will be able to attain a society free from racism - from class struggle.

Hop on the Socialist Bandwagon Alex. We need all the fellow travellers we can get. Its a fight for a just future.

David Gutnick

Save Gazettes

To the Gazette:

I see that, for the second occasion, the promoters of the Engineers' Ball have hijacked the Dalhousie Gazette and defaced its covers. Just who the hell do the Engineering students think they are? Obviously more stringent security precautions must be taken to safeguard our sacred right to a truly free press.

Perhaps a wise student council might hire several assistants to the Circulation Manager, and arm them with night sticks and .38's.

Power to the People!
name withheld by request

'uninformed'

To the Gazette:

Allow me to suggest that the next time you engage the services of one or more people to review a concert for your paper, that a single requirement be fulfilled before their enlightened views are made public -- namely: that the person or persons shall attend the performance.

One can only assume from

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