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# DSU Pres welcomes everyone



Welcome,

I would like to welcome you to Dalhousie. The Student Union has been working full time through the summer and with everyone's input through the year it looks as though things will be falling into place. The success of Orientation Week and the Shine-rama Campaign should indicate what is yet to come.

As you can well imagine, the Dalhousie Student Union will have a number of complex issues to deal with. Two foremost on our agenda are tuition fee increases and the development of a ten year strategic plan.

The Dalhousie Board of Governors has struck the Financial Strategy Committee. Its mandate is to draw a comprehensive long-term plan of revenue generation by November 3rd. A major component of their final report will be recommendations concerning tuition fee increases. Their second progress report suggested, among other things, that Dalhousie set tuition fees at 105 to 110 per cent of the Nova Scotia average and charge differential fees. This would make Dalhousie the most expensive University to attend in Canada.

The Dalhousie Student Union responded to this interim report explaining that if such a plan were to proceed not only would many students be precluded from admission to Dalhousie, but a substantial number of others would incur an onerous debt burden by the time they graduated. It appears the Financial Strategy Committee accepted the legitimacy of these criticisms because they have now undertaken to further research the effect tuition-fee increases will have on students. We, undoubtedly are going to continue to be vigilant in advocating the students' position as the committee progresses and welcome your input.

The aim of our strategic plan is to draw a comprehensive statement that reflects how the DSU must develop through to the year

2000. The students of Dalhousie can be very proud of their role in creating what arguably is the most effective student union in Canada. With our twenty-year history it is time to evaluate our strengths and weaknesses, and in doing so, launch a strategy that guides us through the 1990s.

In closing, if you want to get involved in any of the DSU's activities or pass on comments regarding our operations give myself or anyone in the office a call. If you prefer, drop in, the more the merrier. And, again, I hope September is the start of a very enjoyable year at Dalhousie.

Yours very truly,

Dave Shannon

President

Dalhousie Student Union

## Backwards

To the editor:

It would appear that the world has completely reversed itself! What once was called good is now called bad, and bad is now called good. If a man is a gentleman of good manners, he is called a wimp. If a woman chooses to stay home to care for her family rather than to pursue a career of her own, she is labelled "odd," "strange" and not belonging to the permissive "me" generation. The Bible says a man is to be head of his household, to love and respect his wife, to apply discipline to his children with a firm but kindly hand, not harsh or cruel, so as not to alienate them. The woman is to love and respect her husband, to rear her children to be kind, caring and respectful persons. Too few little children today can run to their mothers to have their hurts kissed away. They are much more likely to be confronted by a stranger and to be told not to be a "crybaby." The damage this can cause to a small child's personality is incalculable. Thousands of young people have never known a sense of security or belonging. This is the

pattern they carry into their adult lives. They give no quarter and receive none, resulting in the crime-ridden, violent world in which we live today.

An increasing number of women have become heads of governments, colleges, large corporations, banks, etc. They have become TV anchor persons, judges, lawyers, and are found in the pulpit. Even military and police forces are not immune from this invasion. Before this onslaught, men are increasingly being relegated to lower positions; some even don aprons and are called "house husbands," while the wife becomes the breadwinner! The old saying that "behind every successful man is a woman" no longer applies.

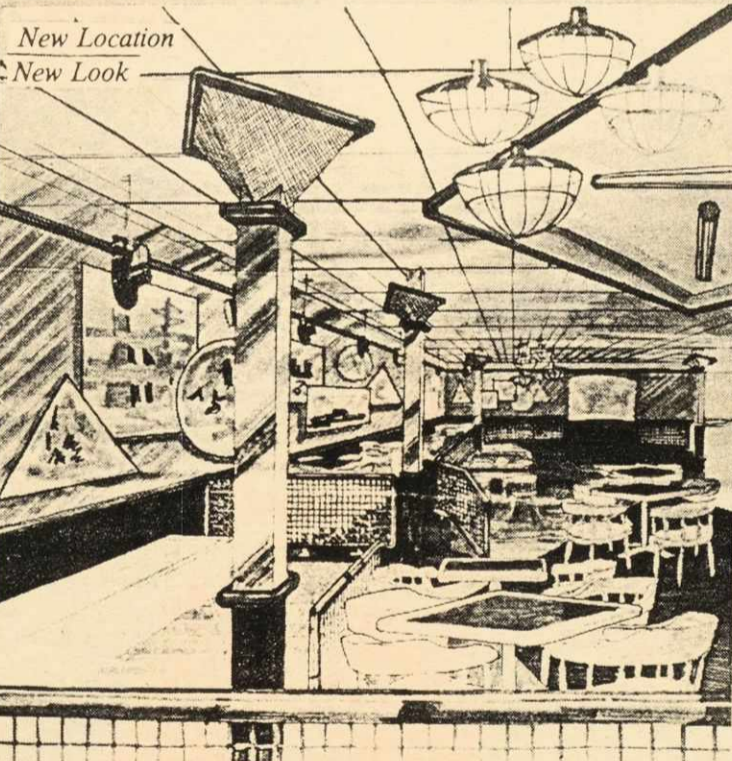
We cannot all be rich — the Bible says the poor will always be with us — but with all the relief agencies and social programs in our western world, no one needs to go hungry or be without shelter. But we consider ourselves deprived if we do not have our color TV, microwave ovens, automatic dishwashers, etc., etc.

In a TV interview, a prominent member of Women's Lib told how she had taken into her home a single parent with a small child. She said that the joy she received when arriving home to be welcomed by this small child made her wonder if W.L. was as attractive as she had once thought. In another interview, the mother of another noted advocate of W.L. wondered if her daughter, as she grew older, would receive the comfort and understanding she needed from a cold typewriter! As the number of abortions increase and the Women's Liberation movement grows — wouldn't this suggest that the western world will ultimately be faced with a serious problem of under-population?

It would appear that man/woman made laws are not working. Lawlessness and disrespect are classic examples of what is meant. Isn't it time that we turned our world back to its proper order — the one that our Maker ordained from the beginning of time?

Shalom,  
Gladys Barrett  
Guelph, Ontario

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