

Another Council gem of genius

The GAZETTE has just learned that our revered Student Union (in its infinite wisdom) has struck again. The Summer Student Union, which consisted of the Executive would seem to be a veritable wealth of good, useless, ultimately wasteful ideas. Yet they have managed to unearth one more — one which proves to

be the crowning achievement of an already spotted (mottled?) career.

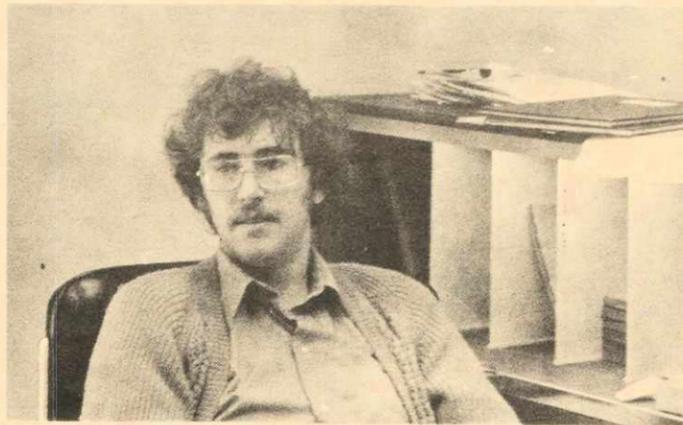
What is this that our stalwart band of heroes has managed to visit on the hapless student body at Dal? Have they been party to another fee hike? Have they called the cops in for another bust? Set up more committees, or perhaps committees to study the committees? No. These

things they have not done — yet.

The problem, people, is matches. Yes indeed folks, matches. Take a gander at the cute little box of matches nestled prominently on the Inquiry Desk on the main floor of the SUB. See the pretty matches all black with shiny gold letters and a lovely silhouette of the Student Union building on the back?

Well the Student Union has ordered 2 1/2 million of these little gems of technology from the Eddy Match Co. Remember the matches that were given away free of charge at the desk? (It seems so long ago now). They were given free by the MacDonald Tobacco Co., but no matter, all that is past now.

These matches will cost \$2000 in the long run, but don't worry about it (if you worry the council might take it upon themselves to give the matter some thought, and that would doubtless give them ulcers; we



(dorothy wigmore)

Digitized treasurer Ian Campbell

don't want to be responsible for that, do we?)

At any rate, not to worry. Treasurer Campbell expects all things to be bright and beautiful in eight to ten years. Of course we won't be here then and neither will he... One is driven to wonder what the council of next year will think of this year's pet project, but according to Campbell it doesn't matter: "It's done and they're stuck with it." Again one wonders what else they and the rest of the student body will be stuck with next year.

But Campbell & Co. are not worried; in fact they have a solution. Just so you don't lose tremendous amounts of money, the Student Union is charging you for these matches! Two books for one cent, a cent for each book thereafter. Of course

the logic behind this financial masterpiece escapes us, but then we're not as experienced as they in such matters. Why we should have to pay twice for the same thing is somewhat of a mystery, but we may be sure that the powers that be have an answer. They always do, leaving it to the students to decide if the answer is the right one or even an answer at all. But does it really matter? As Campbell says, "It may not have been right to do it, but it's done now." In effect, up yours kiddies!

Those of you who can find the time might take a look at the Student Union budget for the coming year. Perhaps you could find an organization there who could put the money to better use. At least they wouldn't buy over 2 million books of matches.



Campaign on abortion

by Emmi Duffy

Prime Minister Trudeau may be confronted by a demonstration to repeal the abortion laws when he comes to Halifax October 23.

Ruth Taillon, a Dalhousie student formerly from the Toronto Women's Caucus, suggested at an Oct. 4 open meeting that his visit be used as a focal point of the abortion issue. The purpose of this would be to show solidarity with similar campaigns across Canada. If this fails a conference may be held in connection with the nationwide

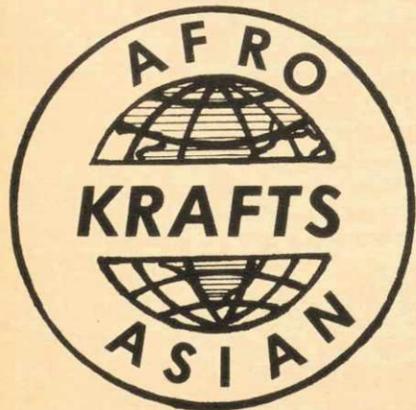
November 20 action which is being staged.

A second meeting was scheduled for Oct. 12. Representatives from Planned Parenthood, the Voice of Women and an Unitarian minister were expected to attend.

Taillon stated that she hopes a Women's Liberation group will emerge from the campaign. Women's Lib has been sporadically existent at Dal for the past four years, with political differences causing most of the splits. Taillon, a member of the Young

Socialists, said she doesn't intend to give the group a political line. "All women can agree with Women's Lib concepts — equal pay, education and abortion rights."

At the meeting the success of such movements in Vancouver and Toronto was contrasted to the situation in Nova Scotia. One member stated, "If you mention Women's Lib here, people look at you to see if you're wearing a bra. The only way we're going to become strong is by continually battering against brick walls to make ourselves heard above the snide comments."

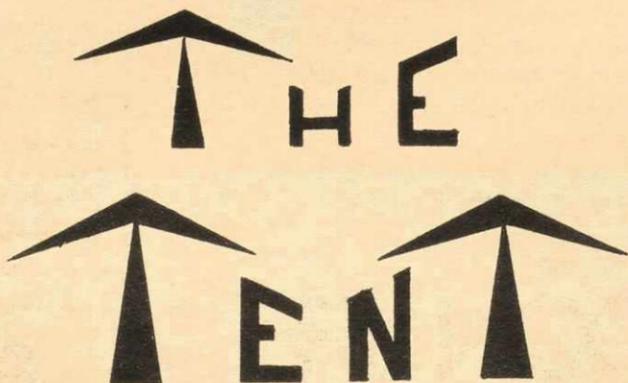


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