

Rabid radical readers

To the Editor:

Thank you for republishing Gerald Ferber's article "The Student As A Nigger". In my opinion you have shown great character in reprinting such a radical article. Maybe some of our professors will take notice of the article.

The realities of the 1960's still exist today. I am a Freshman and I too have become accustomed to the bullshit which goes on between professors and students. Unfortunately, I have played their games in the past. No longer!

We, as students, have a right to a good education. We pay dearly for this right. Capricious professors are not members of a dying breed. Some of these egomaniacs still live among us today. Professors should take heed and "cut out the crap". You, as professors, have the right to be individuals but this should not give you the right to deprive students of their individualities!

Sincerely yours,
A Freshman

Sour grapes

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter as a recently defeated candidate for the office of Vice-President of the Dalhousie Arts Society, a group which I have quickly become disappointed with. However, my defeat is not my motivation for writing this letter, for I feel that students have a right to know where D.A.S. is coming from.

Did you know there was a meeting of the Dalhousie Arts Society this past Friday evening in the SUB? Perhaps, but if you are in Arts the chances are that you did not, for there was very little notice of the meeting even though it was the meeting in which the President and Vice-President were to be elected. The elections were very interesting too. Nominations for the two positions, which had been closed ten days earlier, were reopened under the idea that the Presidential nominations be opened, that the President be elected, and that anyone "left-over" could be nominated for Vice-President. Oddly enough, the society constitution apparently does not contain much information dealing with elections.

Many of you who have never heard of this organization probably wonder what the Arts Society does. I say that they do not do enough (the fact that most of you have not heard of them is evidence of that). Given an enrollment next year of 1200 Arts Students, D.A.S. will have \$6000 to distribute to various

organizations and societies, which seems to be their main task.

As for the meeting in general, it was typical of student societies, filled with the usual senseless "debating" and bickering over semantics, and little was accomplished. The meeting was consumed by complaints that Arts Students do not care or come to the meetings, or by insulting people because they have not been to all the previous meetings which they have never heard about.

At this point though, the society seems content to dole out money and lobby Dr. Betts, the Dean of Arts and Sciences. Because no real attempt has been made to get a large number of students involved, this society has remained a small exclusive group which has a large amount of power in determining society policy, but has been unable to put together any decent well-organized entertainment events so as to serve the students they supposedly represent. The meetings typically attract 15-20 Arts Students (with the quorum being 1% of Arts Students) present, though this past meeting had a few more due to the annual elections.

I want to see the D.A.S. sponsor a regular movie series next year for all students, educational films and other events. This cannot be done by the few. Only if there is significant support and participation of a large number of students can the Arts Society be considered successful. I can only hope that the two recently elected members of the executive, Nick Katsepontes and Gary Clark, President and Vice-President respectively, take action to change the present situation, for this is the only way in which the Arts Society can change from a clique to a popular student organization.

Yours truly,

Geoff Martin
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Long distance runaround

To the Editor:

If you are planning to come to B.C. next summer to work in the fruit industry, while enjoying the mountains, the lakes and the sun, here are some facts which may interest you:

When you arrive in the Okanagan (Vernon, Kelowna, Penticton, Osoyoos) the first thing you'll hit will be the Farm Labour Pool. (BE CAREFUL!) It is often the place where you get the worst jobs with the worst pay. You may find better by talking to the farmers in the orchards.

The best thing about the Farm Labour Pool is their "Food Voucher" - it's worth \$18 in grocery goods; you get it once a month when out of work. (Something to get fat rapidly, is it not?)

Secondly, you should know that farm workers without expe-

rience can expect to make \$15-\$30 a day in cherries, and \$20-\$40 a day in apples, depending upon your speed. The Minimum Wage Act does not cover farm-workers, so we are usually paid at a piece rate (by the bin or by the bucket).

Thirdly, concerning the housing - many farmers do not supply any accommodation and those who do provide quarters lacking in comfort. A lucky fruit picker will get a nice cabin reserved for workers. A less lucky fruit picker will end up in an overcrowded trailer with a communal stove and fridge, and maybe, a shower. A fruit picker out-of-luck won't get any roof, stove or shower: this last model comes with open-air toilet (on

the side of the tree) and a nice view of the stars at night! So, a little tip: bring your pup tent and a sleeping bag, just in case...

Fourthly, it is important to know that farmers are using lots of chemicals (pesticides and fertilizers) on their fruit crops, and that according to their "good sense." In fact, the government isn't exercising any control over the use of these chemicals. Some of these products are currently being investigated for their possible health-hazardous effects.

Consciously or not, many farmers spray while their fruit pickers are working or resting nearby. In fact, nobody should walk in a sprayed orchard for at

least 24 hours after spraying... or even worse, eat the fruits! Doing otherwise may "fertilize" you... till it sterilizes you. So, again, be careful.

Our goal is not to discourage you from coming to pick fruits, but to inform you of what is going on here. When you arrive, we'll be around to help. So, we'll see you... in the Okanagan!

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Nip it in the bud

TORONTO (CUP) When your relationship with your loved one has wilted, say it with flowers -- dead ones.

A Toronto researcher has a budding new service helping miffed lovers stem their relationships. Inspired by Washington's Dump-a-Date, Barbara Klo offers her clients a box of dead flowers and a note of their choice.

Klo said when she started Ditch-a-Date there were the inevitable creeps and loonies but also an encouraging number of people who wanted to say "enough is enough."

Many clients are women who had been pestered by men they weren't interested in. Many were business associates or relatives, she said. Messages often just implored the man to stop phoning, Klo added.

"Roses are dead, our relationship too. This is simply to say, I won't see you," read one good bye ditty. The cost of weeding out a bothersome beau: only \$15.

Business is blooming.



FILE PHOTO

"Let him eat roast" was the previous edict for another presidential-type, who is now a Liberal Senate backbencher.

Domus Legis: coming back from the depths

by Cathy McDonald

An upswing in popularity may be putting Domus Legis back on its feet.

Julia Cornish, newly elected president of the law fraternity, said a turnaround in attendance has helped Domus begin to pay off its large liquor-purchase debt to the student union. It currently owes \$6,800, according to student union treasurer Kevin Feindel, having paid \$2,000 since the debt reached its peak in February.

Attendance at the Domus was "way up" this term, with large numbers of law and non-law students and professors frequenting Domus' bar. "It's not a

publicity problem now," said Cornish, since people have become aware of the seriousness of Domus' financial situation.

To facilitate increased membership next year, Cornish wants membership dues to be reduced from the current \$27 to \$20 or \$25 next year. A membership with the Grad House is \$20, and that house attracted 50 law students this year as opposed to 30 last year.

After being fired in order to reduce costs, bartenders have continued working on a volunteer basis to keep the bar open regular hours. Cornish said tipping has increased in consideration of their contribution.

There is a "slight possibility" the university may want to put the house to other uses next year, Cornish said, as a result of the space study currently being undertaken to determine the most efficient use of Dalhousie's buildings.

The house has not been offered up for sale, a fate which befell the Dentistry House. However, John Graham, Director of University Services, has indicated to the fraternity it should be aware of the possibility.

Domus has an eight-month lease with the university, from September to May each year, and houses four students.