

## Youth education is the key

"Community Development Through Youth Education" is the motto of the Cultural Awareness Youth Group of Nova Scotia (C.A.Y.G.).

This is an independent, non-profit organization founded in 1983 to foster the educational, cultural and career development of Black youth in Nova Scotia. We the Black Canadian Students Association of Dalhousie/St. Mary's are a branch of CAYG. Since we are directly affiliated with the students of these universities it is our

duty to promote Black Canadian culture as well as our fellow students.

Over the past four years the Black Canadian Students Association have brought in various speakers from outside the university as well as from Dalhousie's very own medical and law schools, to speak to the interested student body. We hold an Open House at the beginning of every school year to introduce the group to the Dalhousie students.

In 1989/90 the BCSA partici-

pated with a task force at Dalhousie to investigate issues affecting Black and Native students on campus. Members of the BCSA have also met with the president of Dalhousie to discuss Black issues and participated in conferences hosted by Dal and the Student Unions of Nova Scotia. As a result of these types of things the request for a Black Student Advisor was fulfilled. The post was filled on Dec. 3, 1989 by Beverly Johnson, not only the first such position at Dal, but the first in Canada.

The group has hosted two Martin Luther King Jr. nights in the McInnis Room located in the Dal Student Union Building, as well as several dances and socials.

More recently we have started a mentorship program with Black high school students to show them around the campus and get them familiar with the surroundings. Some of our members are also volunteers as peer tutors, assisting younger Black students in the Black community with their schooling.

These are only a few highlights of the Black Canadian Students Association and every year their contributions to the Dal student body become greater and greater.

Saturday, Mar. 23, 1991 marks the date when we will be hosting a "Night of Firsts" to commemorate Nova Scotia's Black pioneers. It will be held in the McInnis Room from 7 p.m. until 1 a.m. This evening will include a reception, awards ceremony/cultural show and dance. Tickets are available from any of the BCSA members and will be sold at a later date in the SUB. We hope to see to you there and ask for support in our years to come.

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Black Canadian Students  
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### Politics and Government

Kenya was a multi party state until 1982 when the present ruling party (KANU) successfully prevailed upon Parliament to amend the constitution to a one party state with a parliamentary system of government fashioned out of the British Westminster model. The three arms of government: the Executive, the Judiciary, and Parliament are independent of each other and derive powers from the constitution. Parliament is elected for a term of five years by universal suffrage. The President and members of his Cabinet must be elected members of Parliament.

Last year's unprecedented winds of change in eastern Europe reverberated far and wide into the continent of Africa. In Kenya, calls for pluralism in politics became centre stage culminating in a recent launching of a political opposition party not withstanding Kenya being a de jure one party state. Unless and until the constitution is again amended to provide for a multi party state the newly formed opposition party cannot receive legal sanction.

Kenyan Students Association

## Kenyans interact

### Kenya Students Association

The Kenya Students Association is now a little over a year old. It was formed last year with the following objectives:

1) to provide a forum for social and academic interaction between Kenyan students in the Halifax Metro area Universities and their Canadian counterparts.

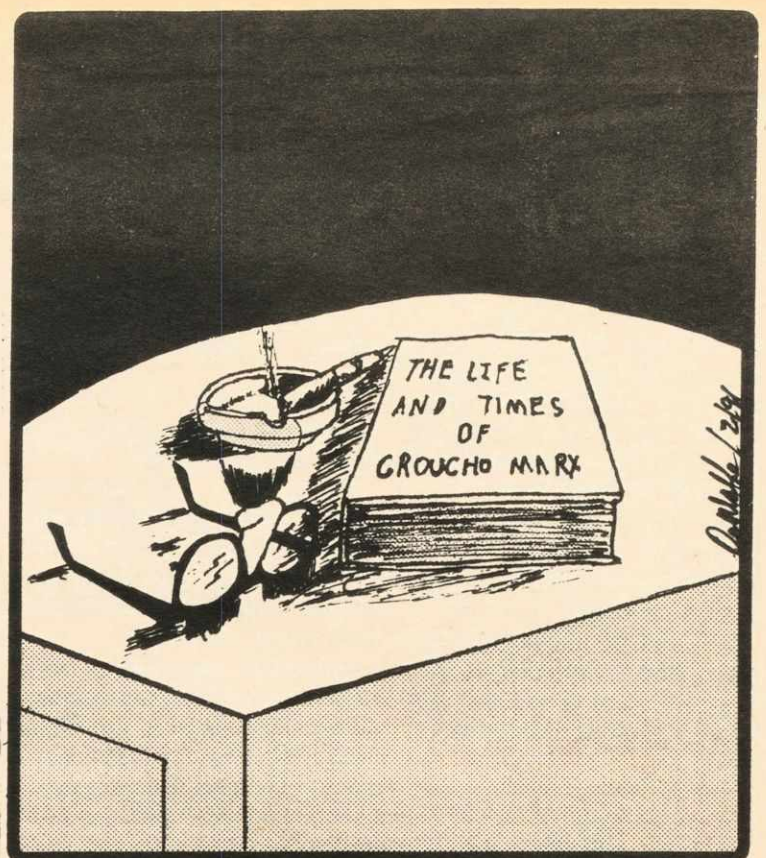
2) to provide an effective channel of communication between Kenyan students in Halifax and their diplomatic Mission in Ottawa

3) to provide a home away from home for the Kenyan community in Halifax

The Kenya Students Association is registered with and operates under the auspices of each of the Student Unions of the respective Metro area Universities.

### Kenya

Kenya is a multi-racial, multi-ethnic country on the east coast of Africa with a population of 25 million people. Whereas different parts of the country may speak ethnic dialects, *Kiswahili* (the national language) and English (the official language) are spoken throughout Kenya.



Tariq Aziz's Night Table

## Caribbean Society

BY MICHELLE JACKSON

The Caribbean Society is for students of Dalhousie and Mount Saint Vincent University from the Caribbean, of Caribbean descent or for any other students who wish to join.

During the year, the society holds parties and other events to raise money to subsidize student payments for the various activities, such as Apple Picking at Acadia University in September and a ski trip, which was organized by St. Mary's University at the beginning of February. Not all of our money and time is spent frivolously. This past Christmas, we adopted a black Nova Scotian family through the Salvation Army and provided them with a turkey and presents for the children. The member who picked out the items said that doing this was certainly one of the high points of her holiday. Several members of the society are also involved in the Branches of Youth tutoring programme in the local schools.

At the present time, most of our members' efforts are directed towards the organization of our annual society night, Caribanza, on Saturday, March 9, in the McInnes Room. This year's show, "Creme de Caraipe — To Be Or Not To Be A West Indian..." promises to be unlike any other.

On a more serious note, many Caribbean students are enrolled in the Bachelor of Commerce and Business Administration programs at Dalhousie. It has been brought to our attention, and it is to our understanding, that in the coming year Dalhousie intends to make these programmes Co-operative. We sincerely hope that this decision will be considered carefully as it will have serious consequences for new international students.

The executive committee this year consists of: Lucinda Lake (President) from Antigua; Karen Sigsworth (Vice-President) from Jamaica; Renee Benjamin (Treasurer); Quinita Francis (Secretary); Vanessa Persad (Public Relations — MSVU); and Michelle Jackson (Public Relations — Dalhousie), all from Bermuda. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building. At this time we discuss preparations for current events and issues which face us. It also gives us the opportunity to socialize with others from the region.

### You Are Not Alone

Have you been told that you have no sense of humour when people have made suggestive remarks or when you have been pinched or touched? A sense of humour has nothing to do with it; sexual harassment is not funny — it is humiliating and degrading. It is also unacceptable behaviour at Dalhousie University; procedures exist to deal with sexual harassment. Call the confidential sexual harassment phoneline at 494-1659 and talk to someone who knows how to deal with these situations.

## EDITOR (S) — WE NEEDS 'EM

Nominations for the position of editor(s) ('91/'92) of *The Dalhousie Gazette* (Dalhousie's one and only bastion of free press) opened last Monday. These very same nominations close Monday, March 4/91. Screening for those nominated during this, the aforementioned nomination period will take place on Monday, March 11/91. Elections for the editorial crown will take place over a three day period, commencing Tuesday, March 12/91 and ending Thursday, March 14/91.

Anyone who has worked on, or contributed to, at the very least three or more issues of *The Gazette* is considered eligible to vote.

Speak now or forever hold your peace, dude...\*

