

Another Year, Another Look

by M.P. MacKenzie

The Dalhousie Gazette has undergone a massive facelift since its final issue last year. The Gazette staff hopes the new format will make the paper more readable and enjoyable as well as visually more aesthetically pleasing.

Those students who were not here last year or those who have forgotten what the old Gazette looked like will notice a remarkable change in the look of this year's front page from that of the front page we have pictured here. Where the inside of the paper used to have 5 columns there are now four. This was done to make the paper more easily readable with less strain on the already overstrained eyes of students.

The entertainment supplement and T.V. Guide were fazed out last year and have not returned. There will continue to be feature stories, and hopefully more of them, and they will continue to be used as a centre spread.

The changes in the paper are meant to improve the quality of the Gazette and are the result of much hard work on the part of Bill Westheuser, a design student at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. Last spring the Communication Design class at N.S.C.A.D. submitted several proposals to Gazette for a possible new layout. Bill Westheuser's design was chosen by staff members and over the summer months he put in long hours adapting his design to the peculiar problems Gazette faces.



Old Gazette cover

The old front and back covers are gone and the "news" on the front page is now plainly visible to all. Having fewer columns will hopefully shorten layout time for the overworked and underpaid Gazette staff, and getting rid of the old boxed pages should make our advertising more attractive both to

you, our readers, and to prospective advertisers.

With a new visual look to the paper it is more important than ever that Gazette attract new and enthusiastic staff members to fill the pages with copy. As usual Gazette needs staff and we are making our annual plea to the student body to come forward and help out. This is your paper, you pay for it, you read it (at least we hope you do) and we'd like you to contribute some of your ideas and energies to it.

Copy is always in short supply so any students interested in journalism or even in just improving their writing ability should drop into the office and talk to the staff. Reporters are always needed to cover any one of the numerous events that are going on in the university community and the community as a whole. It is amazing how much faster one can turn out a term paper when one has churned out stories for the Gazette on a regular basis, ask any staff member.

For those of you who are not interested in journalism, or feel uneasy in front of a blank sheet of copy paper there are numerous other jobs to be done getting a paper out once a week. Business oriented people are needed to solicit advertising and help run the financial end of the operation. Artists are needed to help with graphics and cartoons for the paper, as well as with the actual layout of the Gazette. Anyone who can brush glue to a piece of paper and measure straight lines with a ruler is needed to help with the awesome job of pasting down copy and ads. The office needs to be staffed during the week to take messages and welcome new and interested students and the editors' class schedules often leave them without time to sit around the office to answer the phones, etc. People who can read are needed to go through the numerous papers that come in the mail every day and find new and interesting story ideas for future Gazettes.

Publishing a weekly paper is often an awesome task and the staff of Gazette are full-time students as well as hopeful journalists or whatever. With more staff members we will have a better paper as well as having less harried and cranky editors. Please drop in to the Gazette office and see what we're up to. If it seems a little insane at first don't worry - it's always like that!

We welcome new staff, and hope that all our readers will enjoy the new design of the Gazette.

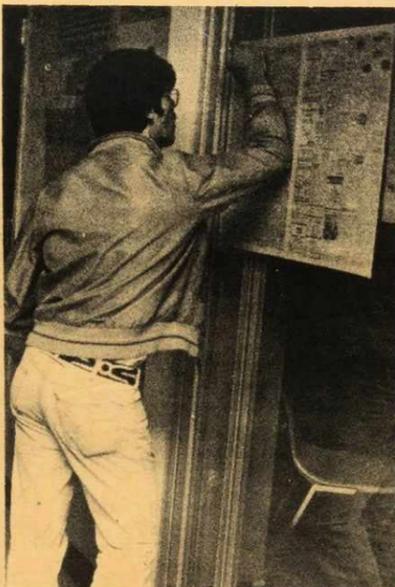
Housing Crisis

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students polled said that they would attend another University if Dalhousie was unable to provide housing.

Last year, plans were drawn and funding obtained for the construction of a residence high-rise, between Howe Hall and the Dunn Building. For unclear reasons, this project has been temporarily scrapped.

What solutions are there to the housing problem? Clearly, construction of new on-campus accommodation is essential. The University should realize that it has a responsibility not to enrol a person in Dalhousie unless it can provide suitable accommodation or can be assured that suitable accommodation will be found.



Housing Office, 3rd floor, SUB

Here we go again:

New council meets

by Mary Pat MacKenzie
On Sunday March 9 the recently elected Students Council held their first meeting. Many of the old council members were present on the sidelines, contributing advice and humour to the proceedings. Lorne Richardson presented the Vice-President's report for the past year. He outlined several of the accomplishments of the Task Force established by the past executive, including separate convocations for the health professions. Mr. Richardson recommended that the Lower Campus Task Force be continued and possibly be expanded to include the Grad Students. The report was not discussed at great length but was accepted by Council.

The reports of the Communications and Academic Affairs Secretaries were also accepted. Council privileges were again discussed by Council. At the last Council meeting before the election the outgoing Council voted to limit Council privileges to a monetary limit of \$100. per year, per councillor. The new Council voted to set up a committee to examine the practicalities of the new limitation and set up some kind of ticket arrangement that will effectively control any possible abuses. Richard Coughlin was appointed to the Committee, which also includes the Vice-President Ann Smiley, and the Interim Treasurer Barry Ward. Touche Ross and Company were appointed as auditor for the Student Union for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1975. Barry Ward was approved by Council to act as Interim Treasurer until a successor is appointed. It was approved in principle that Council

would rotate its meetings throughout the campus in the upcoming year. Some discussion was generated by this motion as apparently the past Council had tried this last year without much success. Bruce Russell explained that the Council would not move to different locations unless invited by some segment of the campus. Ann Smiley further explained that Council would probably only be invited to other areas when something of interest to that area was listed on the agenda (e.g. Howe Hall would be encouraged to invite the Council to hold its regular meeting at Howe Hall when an issue of interest to Howe Hall was scheduled for that meeting).

Council was asked to appoint members to three committees — Recruitment Grants and Constitution. Past Council members who sat on these committees gave the new members brief descriptions of the committees before they made their appointments. Peter Greene (Grad Studies), a council member several years ago described both the Recruitment Committee and the Grants Committee as "the most important committee" of Council. Mr. Greene was later appointed Chairperson of Grants (no doubt Grants has now taken precedence over Recruitment). Alan Turnbull and Peter Clarke were appointed to the Recruitment Committee, which is chaired by the vice-president, Ann Smiley.

Glen Robertson, Peter Greene, Lynn Fitzgerald and Russ Stewart were nominated for the Grants Committee. Mr. Greene withdrew his nomination when it was pointed out by Bruce Russell that he would be ineligible for the Executive appointment as Chairperson if elected as a member. Russ Stewart and Lynn Fitzgerald were elected to

the committee. Paula Kinley, Derek McKearney and Steve Campbell were appointed to the Constitution Committee. This committee is responsible for helping all Societies, etc. establish constitutions and for maintaining contacts between the society executives and the Council.

Nominations were put forward for the two Council Executive positions. There was some discussion as to whether or not ex officio members of Council could be appointed to the Executive and it was decided that although this has not been the practice in the past it was feasible. Valerie Dyer (Senate), and thus an ex officio member, Helen Spinelli (Senate also), Peter Greene (Grad Studies) and John Hamilton (Medicine) were nominated for the positions. A second ballot was called for and Peter Greene and John Hamilton were elected. Greene was appointed Chairperson of Grants and Hamilton was appointed Chairperson of the Employment Committee.

Mike Bowser a member of the Entertainment Committee, presented Council with copies of a survey he is presently carrying out for Entertainment and asked Council to assist him in getting some student feedback. Copies of the survey questionnaires are available at the Council offices, the SUB Inquiry Desk and from Council members.

Various announcements were made by Bruce Russell at the end of the meeting and the new Council members were encouraged to ask questions about Council either then or to drop in to Bruce's or Ann's offices later in the week. It was announced that there would be a regular meeting next Sunday to appoint the new Executive and Council adjourned.

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Ward 1 Residents' Association

by Roger Metcalf

Ward One residents are concerned about preserving the residential nature of their community.

That was one clear message from the March 5 public meeting organized by the Ward 1 Residents' Association.

Much of the meeting was devoted to presentations on traffic and land use, two areas where the Association has been concentrating its efforts. Both presentations centred on means of changing policies and procedures in a way that fostered preservation.

The Residents Association has other interests, of course. It was founded out of public concern with recreation and open space issues. The Municipal Development Plan, Graham Report, citizen involvement, crime and pollution are also concerns of the association.

However, the most emotional issue is traffic, especially the Northwest Arm Bridge aspect of the traffic problem. A director of the association, Peter Robson, explained current traffic

patterns, and the impact of the Dunbrack Street extension which will be finished within two and a half years.

The Dunbrack extension will be a four-lane limited access highway running from Kearney Lake Road in the Wedgewood subdivision area to the Old Sambro Road in Spryfield. Construction is about to begin.

Mr. Robson then illustrated how a further extension, which the provincial government calls Northwest Arm Drive, is proposed to extend from Old Sambro Road in a curve to the Arm. Every planner's map seen by Mr. Robson included an Arm crossing, and a link between that crossing and the downtown area.

As would be expected, the Ward One residents are not very excited about a bridge coming over their heads, carrying cars that will overload the south end streets. Peter Robson's analysis of the proposed Municipal Development Plan policies found them favouring a different approach, although he proposed some changes to

strengthen the concept of protecting neighbourhoods from new roads.

The meeting gave approval to the association directors' approach of opposing the Arm bridge, trying to strengthen neighbourhood protection and bridge abolition in the development policies, lobbying for investigation of alternatives to the Arm bridge as the solution for mainland traffic problems.

Among the uninvestigated alternatives are concentration of industrial development on the mainland, rail transit, much more efficient bus transit, only a rail bridge over the Arm, staggered work hours in downtown Halifax, an upgraded ferry system.

It is clear that the Ward 1 Residents' Association is to forego a conclusion into one of many traffic alternatives.

During the traffic discussion Ward One Alderman Dennis Connolly was called upon to explain how he would both support the City's pro-transit policy and vote to reduce by \$50,000

the City's support of Halifax Transit. Connolly's first reply was that the reduced support would not force a reduction in transit operations, and that \$50,000 was only tokenism anyway. When pressed about whether his positions were consistent, his explanation was "Sure".

Land use proposals were explained by Association head Rob Smith. The proposals, although general, advocate a wide range of methods to encourage preservation of the residential communities in Ward One.

These methods would include a different type of zoning, to stop encouraging high-rise building and start encouraging low-rise "in-fill" construction. Preservation of historic buildings, encouragement of rehabilitation and restoration rigid containment of industry to the waterfront area, strong and regular building inspection to prevent deterioration — all of which were suggested at the meeting.

Feeling was not as high as it had been for the traffic debate, but it was obvious

that land use carries the potential for conflict within the Residents Association. This is because restoration of the old south end, if not done carefully, would drive out the present residents and bring in the kind of middle-class white paint crowd that is plaguing downtown Toronto.

The large number of people at the March 5 meeting is a good omen for the future of the Ward 1 Residents' Association. March 5 was the first day that people could become paid members, at \$2.00 each, and over 40 joined on the spot. The next Board of Directors will be elected at the annual meeting on April 2 in the McCrea Annex of Tower Road School.

Further indication of the Association's importance might be the presence, in addition to Alderman Connolly, of Alderman Wilf Moore, Ben McCrea of the Municipal Development Plan Committee, Dr. John Graham of the Commission, Hon. George Mitchell, the

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Last year's front page

Secret Paper Leaked

OTTAWA (CUP) -- The Council of Ministers of Education (CME) will meet September 9-10 in closed session in Regina, and one of the items on the agenda at the annual conference of the provincial education ministers will be the report of the federal-provincial working group on student aid.

The National Union of Students attempted unsuccessfully last year to include students in the discussions and preparation of the report, arguing that students should have some input into student aid policy-making.

But to no avail. The federal government and all but a few of the provinces listened with deaf ears, and resisted a move by Alberta to open up the talks to more than the official representatives of the federal and provincial student aid bureaucracies.

The working group remained closed, released no record of its discussions or any materials for public debate. The secrecy of the group was violated only once, when an unknown party leaked minutes and other items to the student press and student organizations last November.

Now it is learned that the report of the group to be tabled at the CME meeting in September may never be publicly released.

A CME spokesperson expressed doubt that it will be, and said that if any agreement is reached between the provinces on the recommendations in the report, the CME will

probably release a statement, but not the report itself.

Meanwhile, there appears to be some attempt being made to downgrade the significance of the report and its recommendations. Last winter federal officials tried to dissuade NUS in its efforts at securing student representation on the group by saying the talks weren't all that important anyway.

Now, John Bonner, who represented Ontario in the talks, says the significance of the group isn't in the recommendations it has made, but that it ever met in the first place.

"The working group was actually the first occasion all the provinces and all of the departments at the federal level involved in student aid could meet officially and all in the same room," he said.

Bonner also indicated that the recommendations of the working group are very general, citing the need for greater federal flexibility in dealing with the provinces as an example of the type of recommendations made.

Whether this is true, or whether the group was unable to reach consensus on the major issues facing it and has reduced the scope of its recommendations, is not known at this time.

And whether anyone other than the handful of bureaucrats and politicians who will get the report will ever know the answer is to be decided at the September CME meeting.