

LETTERS

Sadat commentary was one-sided

To the Editor:

The article, 'Sadat's Peace in the Middle East: the other side of the coin', was properly phrased. The article was one-sided, total opposition to Sadat's peace plans. The article had very little journalistic information. Instead it carried the self-expression of a bitter journalist, Mr. Rezvi. The bitterness and bias in the article was depicted by such choice of words as "zionist forces", "cruel, malicious, terrorist attacks", "mockery of peace", etc. The article, itself, seemed appropriate only for a P.L.O. paper.

President Sadat's attempt to bring about peace in the Middle East is certainly not a 'mockery'. Through the past thirty years in the mid east, only Sadat has taken any steps in bringing about peace with Israel. The Arab states with the PLO could not even bring about the issue of peace because of their unreasonable demands which included the denial of Israel to exist. Anwar Sadat saw the dilemma as a refusal of two nations (Israel and Palestine) to accept the existence of each other. Peace would never have come about with one-track minds of both Israel and Palestine.

Sadat's peace plans did not fulfill every need of the Palestinians and Israelis. However, one should note the fact that Sadat

was the only one in the Arab States that took steps toward bringing peace. Instead of making a mockery of Sadat's peace, the Nobel Peace Prize winner should be exalted as a man who tried to bring peace to the war-infested Middle East.

Faizal Junus

Talent night can't be enjoyed

Dear Editor:
RE: Grawood Talent Night

If the Student Union is trying to encourage more participation and spirit among Dalhousie students, they had better make entertainment functions, among other events, accessible to more students.

The lineup outside the Grawood last Thursday evening is evidence that the lounge couldn't accommodate as many students who wanted to see the "talents" of their fellow students. They were attracted to the show, not only because of its appealing nature, but because of the outstanding publicity the show received. Numerous flyers tacked up around campus were complemented by off-campus publicity by C100.

If the talent show is to include more Dalhousie students next year, perhaps a pub set-up in the McInnes Room is the answer.

Sincerely,
Heather Rosevere



EDITORIAL

Dalhousie is an international campus

Trudeau's ramblings about the North South relations could well be put into practise here at Dal in a cross campus dialogue. We have many international students from all parts of the world to get to know and learn about the countries they come from as they are learning first hand about ours, and why they have come to Canada to study. What is it in countries such as Nigeria, South Korea or Jamaica that makes a higher education harder to come by?

The reasons why many students from the Third World come north for their education may be different. Most come in order to bring back knowledge to aid his or her country's social, political and economic development, another student may find himself here not of his own will, such as Quobose who fled in fear of a government that would have sent him to jail for his student activism, as he told last week's Gazette.

Armando Paredes came to Canada, not as a student, but as a former student whose university was closed last year by the ruling junta of El Salvador, and is currently speaking at Canadian universities.

While Canadian students are taking stock of their education and wondering if they can take it for granted anymore, what better time than to acknowledge that the globe is small. Canada's economic prob-

lems reflect a global economic slump that sees social services and education being cutback in many western countries.

But the Third World has never taken education for granted.

Dalhousie has a unique opportunity to not only provide education to Third World students, but to facilitate dialogue and understanding of these countries within our hallowed halls, within the Student Union Building even. An insight into another culture was given last Saturday at African Night. There was a quiet feeling of pride and majesty in the McInnes Room that night as Canadians and students from Africa in their traditional dress, beautiful flowing gowns and headdresses, revelled in dance and an African buffet. A play entitled "To Tell the Truth" portrayed Africa's colonization by the white man, coming first with a bible and then with a gun. The moving drama described the identity crisis suffered by many Africans under white superiority rule, and ended on a hopeful note with the words "The awareness in Africa is growing, but one still wonders where she is heading."

But mostly the evening was fun and frolic, dancing to the tunes of "Exodus". Good times, and a variety of them, are organized by the International Students Association and its component societies every year.

They're not to be passed up. While foreign students are no doubt quite familiar with Super SUBSs, movies, bars and the usual hangouts, Canadians shortchange themselves by missing out on such things as the International Christmas Dinner in the SUB, and the year's highlight, International Night. These are not "dry" cultural experiences, they're an extraordinary night out and an opportunity to talk to students about their home half a globe away. Dal is, after all, an international campus.

Our representatives in the student movement, the Canadian Federation of Students, should be making concrete steps in acknowledging our common goals with the students in other parts of the world. An effort to move in this direction was embodied in the creation of an International Coordinator at the recent CFS conference in Ottawa.

Students are not that selfish that they are indifferent to whether or not education is available in the Third World, realizing that insufficient means to educate its youth is a factor hampering the Third World's efforts to develop. Here at Dal, it is a small and worthy contribution to sponsor in hospitality and with some of the student union's burgeoning Grawood profits, the student refugees that may find their way to Dal. Already, council has shown its con-

cern for world problems co-sponsoring yesterday's forum on disarmament in the McInnes Room, and international issue in which we all have a stake.

Unfortunately the Community Affairs office, the student union's link with the outside community, has passed up a couple of opportunities to sponsor a speaker from Latin America. One was Adolfo Perez Esquivel, from Argentina, who spoke to a capacity audience at the Weldon Law Building last month, and recently, Armando Paredes will not be coming to Dal, but will speak to students at Mount Saint Vincent University. Carolyn Robinson, Community Affairs Coordinator is nevertheless eager to bring such speakers to Dalhousie students, citing timing problems as getting in the way in these instances.

It is time that CFS and likewise Dal students, are stronger in their international role, bringing back the issues discussed at CFS conferences - countries are in attendance, and by sending delegations to observe and hook up with other students movements working towards accessible education, often where the need is more glaring than our own.

We must facilitate our own North South dialogue as students, where politicians are indifferent or ineffective.