

Honk for better food

Is the food served in the SUB Cafeteria safe? We presume so, since the Board of Health hasn't closed it down. Is it edible? Again, we suppose so, since a fair number of Dalhousie students eat there each day.

Is it enjoyable? Not really. From the vinegar which has to be spooned on to french fries (there aren't any ketchup-style packages of vinegar any more) to overpriced milk (30 cents for 200 ml from the cafeteria, 25 cents from vending machines), the cafeteria seems to be lacking something.

At Dalhousie, the students have control of the cafeteria through the student union. That's something students elsewhere in Canada have had to fight for, and many haven't yet won. The control is pointless, however, if it translates into greasy french fries and 30 cent milk. An expensively redecorated cafeteria somehow seems less desirable than a cafeteria, however dingy, whose food you can enjoy eating.

Beaver Foods, a lot of students eat in the cafeteria you operate. It only seems fair that you try to make your food somewhat more palatable.

Besides, Beaver, like any other company, would like to make as much money as possible. Tasty food—or at least less greasy french fries—will bring you more customers—and more profit, as well.

by Nigel Allen



Letters

were adequately expressed. I was credited with blaming student unions for many of the problems within AFS, this comment was taken completely out of context. One question which must be answered in this regard is who is the executive of AFS responsible to, themselves or the democratically elected representatives of the students on each campus. The answer in my opinion is that for an organization to hold any credibility they must respond to the wishes of the membership.

AFS has done virtually no work whatsoever in New Brunswick, there was not a representative of the organization in our province between March and September 26th of this year.

To the best of my knowledge AFS did not promote communication between campuses. Institutes in Nova Scotia did not know what was going on at the other universities in the province.

Diane Wright is quoted as saying, "Anyone who thinks individual councils can deal with government more adequately than a unified body, doesn't understand the situation". She is right, but the emphasis due to the structure of the provinces must rest with provincial organizations.

Denis Roberge comments that a rotating chair may create problems with block-booking bands. This may be true but AFS has never done anything in regards to entertainment anyway.

AFS was formed in November of 1976; since then they have done little for what has been invested in the organization. Perhaps it is time for a change. I must not be the only one to feel this way as Dalhousie, Acadia, Mount Allison, Saint Thomas, Memorial in St. John's and the University of Prince Edward Island are all running referendums to review their membership in AFS.

Sincerely yours,
Steve Berube,
President,
U.N.B. Student Union

mal atmosphere of the SUB is an excellent opportunity to consider the various points of view in many issues. But for example, to have activities of the political left invading my privacy and personal space every ten or fifteen minutes by thrusting articles of propaganda in my face while making my way to a paid showing of 'Harlan County, USA' last spring is more than a nuisance; it violates my individual rights under the guise of exercising their own. I never did understand how it would be possible to unite the working class by harrasing university students anyway.

If I paid to live in an apartment building and the tenants agreed to ban solicitations, then the solicitations would be banned. I and 8,000 other Dal students, pay to use the Student Union Building, and if our elected representatives choose to ban these solicitations, then they also have the right to do so.

The right to use the SUB for other functions and gatherings is another matter, however, and perhaps warrants a look at how political organizations are classified and why.

As for my original point: for the Gazette, a member of the admittedly socialist directed Canadian University Press (itself a political organization), to misrepresent a cause to which it is opposed borders on irresponsible censorship of the news.

Rory Waite

AFS working?

To the Gazette:

In your September 20th issue my name came up in the article entitled "Atlantic Councils Dissatisfied", I do not believe that my feelings

PC or CP?

To the Gazette:

I found the picture which you printed on the front page of your September 29 issue to be blatantly inaccurate, almost to the point of deliberately misleading your reading audience.

Aside from the fact that the picture was printed backwards (unless the party button on the premiers lapel is of an ethnic origin of which I am not sure) the caption is distorted and incorrect. No paid-up Dalhousie student, except in extraordinary circumstances, can be banned from the SUB lobby or any other area of the building open for public access. Apart from taste considerations (his tie is wrinkled and improperly tied) this person has every right to use the facilities which he would have paid for had he been a Dal student.

I can only presume that the news story from which the caption was derived is the now-rescinded de-classifying of the campus political organizations. This being the case, the caption should note that the subject would be banned from mounting the local soapbox, and making himself a nuisance by forcing literature upon passersby, covering the bannisters and walls with multi-coloured propaganda, and just generally being a pain in the ass to those such as myself who have cause to frequent the SUB on a regular basis.

I agree with freedom of speech and individual expression and I believe that the enriched environment of the university community in general and especially the infor-

CORRECTION

Last week's Gazette quoted Engineering department chairperson E.N. Patterson as saying that first-year engineering enrollment was slightly over 120 students. This should have read "slightly over 150 students".

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