

# Dal Rink coming

It now appears that after two years of red tape and delay, Dalhousie will finally be getting the ice rink that it needs so badly. It is good to see that the administration will not wait another two or three years and try to get permission to build the new rink next to the Dalplex but will instead build it on almost the original site of the first rink that burnt down. It is a decision that is the best economically, practically and one that really should have been made immediately following the destruction of the last Dal arena.

However the important thing is that next year, hopefully, Dal students will not have to wonder over half the city so they can find a place to play hockey.

## CKDU—STUDENT COUNCIL

The debate over whether or not CKDU should go FM seems to have deteriorated into a name calling, 'see who can be sneakier than the other side' type of situation.

The Dal Gazette stands behind the CKDU proposal 110% but the actions of both the council and CKDU have seem to become almost childish in nature. It is very important that both sides remain calm and remember that co-operation is still the key to this whole issue. Regardless of what each side feels about what has happened in the past, and who has ignored who, both sides have to remember that they have a duty to work out this situation as it would best benefit the students of Dalhousie.

CKDU who knows what a terrific benefit this would be to the campus and student life in general have to learn to look at the situation through council's eyes and realize that this is a lot of money and that it should be wisely spent.

Council on the other hand who see the money issue too strongly, must learn to share in the goals and ideas CKDU have in this very important project. Both sides have to learn to share ideas and concerns and not throw them at each other like rocks in a school yard fight.

This FM proposal could be one of the greatest things that has ever happened to the Dalhousie campus. For that reason and that reason alone CKDU and student council have got to forget past differences and sit down to hammer out the best possible situation for all sides.

Would you like to get more out of films or write better film reviews? The Gazette is sponsoring this Saturday, for the

photographic presentation and movement, styles of film-making and criticism, and the role of the critic as a commentator and interpreter. The medium, a child of our twentieth century, has been, and continues to be, employed to record social history and to make social comment. Participants will come away with a broadened understanding of the meaning of modern cinema. Instructor J. Alan Gaudet will have audio-visual equipment on hand to help

illustrate certain technical aspects of making films, such as the restrictions and possibilities which an artist must accept when he uses a camera to capture what he sees in the world.

For more detailed information, interested people should call Alan Gaudet at 424-2584. Please direct written applications listing hobbies, interests, name, address and telephone number to Margaret Little, Dalhousie Gazette, Student Union Building, Dalhousie University. Call us at 424-2584. In order to cover the expenses of the project, a fee of ten dollars is requested.



"AS THE LEGEND GOES, THEY COME BACK EVERY YEAR 'ROUND THIS TIME. HOPELESSLY WAITING FOR THEIR FIRST SKATE IN THE NEW DAL RINK."

## Letters to Gazette

### Misleading comments about CKDU

Dear Editor:

Please allow me the opportunity to clear up some misconceptions that the last issue of the Gazette may have caused regarding the CKDU debate at the Council meeting of January 27, 1980.

The reporting obscured the fact that there is an important difference between a referendum and a plebiscite. The results of a referendum are binding on Council whereas the results of a plebiscite indicate the preferences of the student body on a given matter but are not binding. Obviously, before a referendum is run then, great care must be taken to insure that all available information has been made available to Council and the student body—this was not the case!!! Nobody, least of all Council, has enough information to send a binding referendum to the student body.

When I put the CKDU item on the agenda, it was the intention of proposing a plebiscite on the status of CK-

DU. The executive of CKDU had been told that a referendum on an increase of \$3.00 for CKDU expansion was out of the question because it was misleading. It was annoying to

me to find that CKDU had convinced a councillor to introduce the \$3.00 referendum question after we had rejected it. When the chairman ruled that this councillor should speak before the person who put the item on the agenda, the ruling was challenged. How this translates into "disgracefully mean" politics, I do not understand.

There are many other facets of the CKDU expansion proposal that neither CKDU nor the Gazette mentioned. The first is the common sense motive for not having a referendum at this time. Why should we get involved in the purchase of over \$50,000 worth of equipment when we have no indication at all that the CRTC would accept the CKDU application? Why would any intelligent business (the Student Union) start to raise money for a project that has not been shown to have the support of its shareholders (the students), bind itself to collect an amount that would be insufficient even to cover the capital cost of expansion, or recommend to its shareholders a project which the Board of Directors (Coun-

cil) has not even seen the final figures on.

It is a good thing that CKDU and the Gazette are not running this Union if that is the way they would have us spend the students money.

Sincerely,  
Dick Matthews  
President  
Dalhousie Student Union

### Typo made in Canada

To the Gazette

Concerning the article in the Jan. 31, 1980 issue of the Gazette entitled *Which Way Canada?* You will find a typographical error in the 5th column of this article. The sentence now reads "But while seeking a reconciliation of various interests we must now allow, as is the case in the American system, for individual rights to become elevated over those of the state". The word **not** should be substituted for the word **now**. Although it may have seemed obvious to the typesetter and perhaps many others that now was the appropriate word, this was not the intention of the author and runs counter to the whole tenor of the article.

Sincerely yours  
Chris Flerlige

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