

WORDS FROM THE WISE ...

Our beloved Goldbackers

To the GAZETTE:

In the last couple of months or so, these ears and eyes have been party to a rather large number of complaints directed against Dalhousie's very own local Constabulary. From recent events, it would seem that more and more people are becoming increasingly disenchanted with the performance of this dedicated group of super-students. The fact that a few soreheads pop up every now and again is certainly nothing to go running to the Civil Liberties Union about. Yet, when it gets to the point where such a universally respected journal as the Dalhousie Gazette finds it necessary to print a long irrational dissertation on the behavior of our beloved Goldbackers, then one is forced to take things a touch more seriously.

I hope you don't misunderstand me. I would never even think, let alone suggest, that our Campus Security Force is riddled with incompetents. Granted there may be one or two, possibly even three, but over all they certainly deserve passing marks. Anyone who doubts that statement need only find out about the line-up for the German Supper Party to be convinced. No, it's those damn complaints that bother me.

If you do happen to run into one of the egomaniacs who are able to work their way into positions of power, there really isn't too much to be done. If one happens to be so inclined, it's always possible to attempt to rearrange his nose, or some other part of the anatomy. The trouble with that is, not too many of us care to take the chance of a \$500 infringement on our pocketbooks, and

whatever else they may feel like throwing in. Failing that, one can grin and bear it, which is just the type of person Administrations and Governments love.

Instead of either of these, I would like to take the liberty of proposing a third course. It really isn't anything major, such as beating St. Mary's at something, or stealing all of Henry Hick's clean underwear. Just a minor shifting of responsibilities, like turning control of the Campus Cops over to the Student's Council.

If that were done, we might be able to kill two birds with one stone, so to speak. First of all, it would give the student body control over what they are told to do, and secondly it would give the Student's Council something to do. Last year Council was given the task of preparing a Task Force Report on The Quality of Student Life at Dalhousie University in the City

of Halifax in the Country of Canada on the Planet Earth, or something like that. This year they have managed to dole out some money. Yet so far as having any concrete task or purpose, that remains clear as a muddy pond.

The responsibility for the multitudes of Goldbackers would mean that maybe, just maybe, some sanity might be allowed to emerge from Council. But, first things first. Before anything could be done, it would first be necessary to convince our benevolent dictators that students are indeed mature enough to take care of themselves. Assuming that this can be done, the question to be answered is: Do students really want any responsibility? It would certainly be far easier to put off that fateful day until we are thrown, unsuspecting, into the job market.

Should it be decided that instead of only complaining a portion of the student body is willing to actually do something constructive, then the steps should be taken towards gaining control of the Campus Security Force.

Once the students control this, it might even be possible to create some sort of standing committee to deal with any

complaints concerning our aforementioned group of super-students.

All of this is somewhere in the future of course, but if it were to come to pass, then possibly the Gazette would not find it necessary to print irrational dissertations on a few power-hungry egomaniacs.

Yours truly,
The Sandman

War is "in" at Dal

This Saturday, January 13, a Conflict Simulation (wargames) Convention will be held in the McInnis Room of the Student Union Building. It is sponsored by the Dalhousie University Conflict Simulation Association. The DUCSA has been in existence for two years, but only this year has it been formally organized and accredited as an official club at Dal.

A game simulation strives to symbolically recreate a particular set of "real-world" events and through this

recreation, give the players the opportunity to manipulate the decision-making forces behind those events.

In this case the game simulations are of military-historical conflicts. Here the players can substitute their decision-making ability for that of the original commanders. This enables them to rewrite history by exercising better or worse judgement than the actual combatants with the

additional comfort of not having anybody bleed if you do err.

Several game simulations will be played. A few examples are — Stalingrad, D-Day, Afrika Korps, etc... Air and naval simulations such as Luftwaffe and Jutland will also be played.

Members will be on hand to answer questions, and military displays will be present for public viewing. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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