

EDITORIAL

Surplus for a change

There was a moment of happy reflection at last week's council meeting, and the root of this glee was money. Hagglings last year over increases in student union fees to a level that represented true costs seems to have paid off. This year's financial situation looks incredibly healthy.

According to Kevin Feindel, the student union treasurer, the Games Room has made \$5,000 more than budgeted for so far. Similarly, Bar Services will earn between \$5,000 and \$7,000.

The success of Winter Carnival, in financial terms, will pay for the expense of orientation and last spring's graduation ceremonies. Subsequently, a special events contingency fund of \$2,500 need not be used. The contingency fund for entertainment events will certainly not account for one half of the allotted \$5,000, Feindel predicts.

The campus media also has good news. CKDU has had success with its advertising, producing an extra \$1,500.

Advertising has also been good to the Gazette, with this year's goal of \$2,500 in local ads already reached, hinting at the possibility of a large surplus.

Feindel attributes the financial success to the high numbers of students enjoying student union services and events. This year, even Winter Carnival wasn't an embarrassment, managing to take the Dalhousie spirit down off the shelf where it had been ageing undisturbed.

One hopes that students are getting their share of the services they support, and that the people responsible for this success receive their due credit.

In light of the regularly depressing news which comes from the administration, it's possible to think that "surplus" is a word of the past. If the student union's success could spread to other parts of the university's operations, the faculty and administration might well join in on the Winter Carnival activities, pub crawl and all.



LETTERS

Gazette integrity questioned

To the editor:

With reference to the article on the Health Professions Pub in the Sub written by Cathy McDonald in your last edition before Christmas, we the committee involved with the planning and organizing of The Pub in the Sub were displeased with the report made concerning our efforts.

The opening statements were accurate in recording our aims in promoting unity and good relations among the health professions, Medicine and Dentistry. However, the *Gazette* quoting of members of the various faculties was very disturbing to say the least. In regards to the quote made by a Physiotherapy student

that doctors "treat them like shit", we question the integrity of the editor in allowing such a statement to be printed as it was anonymous and none of the PT students present at the Pub admit to such a statement. As well it might be the opinion of one person, but certainly not that of the entire profession as was implied.

The Medical students were appalled at the implication that they were "on their high horses". This is a false and unfair view: medical students are no different than any other student body and do not wish to be looked upon any differently.

The false impression given of the Pharmacy Society as being

introverted is ludicrous. Not only were they one of the major instigators of the Health Professions' Variety Show "For the Health of It", they were the driving force behind this committee, composed of members from Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, Medicine and especially Dentistry, Nursing and SAHPER, who weren't even mentioned in your article.

The Pharmacy Society is also involved in University and other outside events and were the recipients of the Henry Hicks Extravaganza award for Participation, hardly the activities of an Introverted Society!

SAHPER, students association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, were not given proper recognition of their participation as your article stated that only Recreation students were involved. A university newspaper should definitely know what the letters of a student society stand for, especially one of this size.

In light of the committee's initial objectives which were made known to the editor, we fail to understand how such a successful event could come across in such a negative manner, especially when all those who attended felt the opposite. We, the committee, feel that the animosity created by the *Gazette's* article among the students themselves was unfortunate and based on misunderstanding, but was soon resolved. It has now been redirected as animosity towards the *Gazette*, and we stand unified in this position. This incident has resulted in closer

communication between these professions.

In fact, plans have been made for a second "Pub in the Sub" based on the response generated by the first.

Adele Wallace
Kent Pottle
Krista Connell

Editor's reply: The *Gazette* has received flak for not covering student activities. Now it is receiving flak for its coverage of student activities. Journalists must report an event on the facts as they discover them, as objectively as they can. The reporter in question sought to present the situation which was the root of disunity among the health professions in the first place. The reporter

stands by the quotes, which express attitudes that were backed unofficially by organizers of the event. If you want to promote your activities only according to what you want people to know about them, do your own press releases and the *Gazette* will try to find room for them.

dear John

Mr. John Logan
President,
Dalhousie Student Council

Dear John:

Re: The article in the issue of the *Dalhousie Gazette* of 21 January, 1982, entitled *Council fails to attract Sheriff Hall observers* by Heather Roseveare.

Inmate looks for communication

To the Editor:

I'm writing this letter to you in regards to getting my name and number printed in your paper. Before I go any further, let me first explain my situation to you. I am presently confined here at London Correctional Institute. I don't have many living relatives and my friends here are few. It seems to be standard that if you're serious about changing your life but you're in prison then you're a square. Well, to say that it doesn't bother me would be untrue. I'm just like any other human being, I need normal conversation too.

I don't have money available at the present, but I'm hoping that you can give some consideration to my situation and print my name and number so that maybe, someone at your school might find it in their heart to lend a moment to write about things in general-friendship manner.

Robert F. Whitehead, No.164-080, P.O. Box 69, London, Ohio, 43140-0069, seeks pen-pal to correspond with this lonely prisoner.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Whitehead

Faux Pas

The *Gazette's* attention has been drawn to the article "Province to pay 16 per cent more" in last week's issue, in which **Dean Betts** was quoted out of context, saying "universities should not respond too seriously to students' demands as they tend to fluctuate." Betts was referring to changing needs of students that should be kept in mind when increasing faculty size, but did not intend to convey that students should not be taken seriously.

The *Gazette* wishes to apologize for any misunderstanding caused by the article.

In this article, you are quoted as having said, "seem less keen because they feel they won't win it." The context in which this quote was used by Ms. Roseveare leads the reader to think the "they" refers to the Newman Society and feminists. We understand this was not your intention. We would appreciate it, therefore, if you would write a short note to the *Gazette* explaining that the aforementioned quote is misleading and a misrepresentation of the position of the Newman Society.

While it is true that we consider that the referendum may not be taken seriously and would thus

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