

Protest!

Saturday is International Women's Day—it is a day to celebrate women and, equally important, it is a day to protest.

Protest the underrepresentation of women and the low pay they receive in our national work force. Protest the backwardness of our family law legislation and our human rights legislation respecting women.

Protest that there are no laws in Nova Scotia guaranteeing women equal pay for equal work, that Nova Scotia's day care centres are in such a deplorable state, that the Nova Scotia Task Force Report on the Status of Women has been so inadequately implemented.

Protest that only 16 percent of the faculty at Dalhousie are women, that only 20 percent of the members of the Board of Governors are women, that all of the senior administrators at Dalhousie are men, that women are paid substantially less than men at this university.

While we do not usually look at them in this way, the facts show men in power in our society to be the perpetrators of a kind of sexual colonialism wherein men reap enormous economic and social profits at the expense of women.

Men in power—Trudeau, Buchanan, Dalhousie president Hicks and president-elect Andrew MacKay. Leaders of our community, people who are supposed to be models to youth, they participate in a kind of exploitation which may cause future historians to distinguish our culture as sexist and undemocratic.

This is not just rhetoric. Look at the facts. If you believe women should be treated as equals within our society, at our university, you should be angry, because they are not.

Join the International Women's Day March to the Court House on Saturday, write a letter to president Hicks or at least think about the way you too may be contributing to a discriminatory society.

Only through a demonstration of public support for women's rights is change possible.



Letters to Minglewood Gazette mobbed

To the Gazette:

Since my graduation from Dal's hallowed halls in 1976, I have attended exactly two (2) functions in the S.U.B., the last one quite recently. I had the unfortunate opportunity to attend the Minglewood Band "dance" on Thursday, Feb. 21. This certainly topped anything I had experienced during my student years. If a "dance" is advertised, one expects a dance, not an overcrowded, uncomfortable mob scene. Also, it should have been clearly stated beforehand that there would be no chairs available. I did hear a rumor early in the evening that the reason for this was that the S.U.B. staff didn't want a repeat of the recent Glace Bay fiasco. I'd say they were very lucky that the unhappy crowd didn't smash the few tables that were available (to hold drinks?).

According to my information, the band was supposed to play from 9 till 1. They began playing at 9:50. I must say they were excellent as usual. Just after the second set started, some fool pulled a fire alarm. We spent the next hour trying to beat our way out of the building; freezing to death at midnight with no coat is not my idea of a good time. I wonder if any of those attending who were harassing the Fire Department members made any effort to think what they would feel like if they were hauled out at midnight and forced to deal with a group of silly drunken children who insisted on insulting them.

After the false alarm was announced, we went back in for about fifteen minutes, then decided to leave before anything else could happen. As we went out the front entrance, we were closely followed by a flying body which missed me by several inches—someone being thrown out, we surmised. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank an unidentified member of the S.U.B. staff for putting a fitting end to a wonderful evening.

Needless to say, it will be a long time before I subject myself to anything as terrible as a S.U.B. dance again.

Sincerely,
Susan Rahey
B.Sc. 1976

Stag and Stein under attack

To the Gazette:

I couldn't believe it when I first found out that Student Union fees had been used to stage a pornographic event in the Student Union building, and that the occurrence is to be repeated this year! Is this Dalhousie, or the Harrad Experiment regurgitated?? The next thing will be legalized, subsidized prostitution on campus! One has to draw the line somewhere, and I think the Engineers have already gone way past the limit.

The letter from Anne Duns-worth in this week's issue of the *Gazette* made a valid point: a crowd of drunken, horny, sexually frustrated En-

gineers and their followers wandering lecherously around the place after such an event is not a safe situation. If anything can be done to stop the said ridiculous event, it certainly should be. A few more signatures on the circulating petition might help.

I would like to close in stating that it has always been my opinion (and will remain so) that the pathetic males who make use of pornography are, in actuality, the ones who are unable to get "the real thing"!!

Very sincerely,
Helen F. Jones

Engineers again

To the Gazette:

The Dalhousie Student Engineering Society are back in the news, having made the last two issues of the *Dalhousie Gazette*. They have done well generating three articles and one letter to the editor. The news generated evolves around the desire and intent to promote a particular display in the MacInnes Room, March 7th.

It is of interest that this display has become one of the most talked about topics on campus in recent weeks; and one to which many students are giving serious thought.

This activity besides creating a great amount of thought and conversation, also contributes very much to the image of the engineering student at Dalhousie. Unfortunately, it doesn't contribute to building a positive image.

I am curious as to why a group of people would work so diligently to create a negative image of themselves and those they represent. Is it so important to be known as a stud... a respector of neither person

nor property? Why hang this kind of albatross around the necks of their members?

By training and profession engineers are being prepared to contribute in a positive way to the common good of society. Theirs will be the responsibility to prepare the space society needs to live in, its means of transportation, etc. Their technical training prepares them well for these tasks.

Would it not also be excellent preparation if the Engineering Society were to select extra curricular activities in such a way that their talents and energies could be directed toward other needs in

our society? There is certainly no lack of energy and imagination for such projects.

May I draw your attention to the fact that another student society at Dalhousie has recently successfully completed such a useful project. The Dalhousie Medical Student Society (who are no less virile than the engineers) organized a fun evening—built around an auction. They raised a respectable \$5,000 which they donated to: The Pioneer Village and Landmark East; two organizations responding to the needs of deprived children. This reach-

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