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Mumbling In Print

"We crave your attention for a little while, to endeavor to state the aim of our paper," began the first Dalhousie Gazette. (1869)

"Our first issue, we must plead, labours under some disadvantages . . . owing to our not having received articles from among the ablest of our contributors".

A century later, the disadvantages remain: however, that Joseph Howe was unable to meet his copy deadline provides no reason to suppose that our own contributors have been offered the same privilege.

Unlike our predecessors of 1869, we make no promises to defer the writings of such "distinguished gentlemen" to future issues; such gentlemen will con-

tribute copy on time, and the results we hope, will satisfy our readers.

It is our ambition that news of current issues be objectively presented in a clear and concise manner, to most effectively reflect the life and activity of Dalhousie -- and if it may arouse comment, so we hope, will the comment arouse discussion, and the active participation satisfy all.

Features may be varied -- provoking, amusing, dynamic, classic, or ridiculous, -- primarily to provide a creative outlet in stimulating student thought.

We believe, as our 19th century predecessors recorded, that "The Dalhousie Gazette is to be

conducted mainly by undergraduates, and graduates of the college . . . Its aim is two-fold, viz: the cultivation of literary taste among ourselves, and the establishment of an organ in which free expression can be given not only to our own sentiments, but to those of others who may interest themselves in our progress, and prosperity. The prosperity of a University is the prosperity of a Nation. The training, and mental tastes formed there extend their influence to succeeding generations, and give to the national character, tone, and direction."

Our goals, then, of creating an organ both of literary taste, and of free expression, are defined; we invite you to join us in seeing them completed.

HICKS OFFERS WARM WELCOME BUT..



Dr. Henry Hicks
Inaugurated
President

Dalhousie University
1964

I am glad to offer a hearty and sincere welcome to the students entering Dalhousie University this year. You are commencing your University education at a most exciting time, when universities all over the continent, Dalhousie included, are growing more rapidly than ever before and reaching out into broader and more exciting developments in post-secondary education.

The University offers to those fortunate enough to be able to attend, opportunities not equalled in any other institution in our society. Here you may continue your education in a great many different academic disciplines. Here you should also grow and develop in your relations with your fellow students and in the acquisition of those qualities of mind and character which produce the cultured and cultivated members of our nation.

I hope you will all avail yourselves of the many opportunities for extra-curricular activities, but I cannot but repeat what I said to last year's Freshmen when I told them that they should put first things first. Until you have been here long enough to be able to measure your own capacity, you should see that your work in the classroom and laboratory receives priority among the competing demands on your time and attention.

I am sure you will find many things of the greatest interest during the years ahead. I wish you well, both personally and on behalf of the Faculty of the University.

Henry D. Hicks

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AS PART OF A FACT FINDING TROUBLE SHOOTING PRESIDENTIAL TEAM SENT OUT TO SEEK WAYS OF RESTORING BI-RACIAL COMMUNICATIONS IN SOUTHERN CITIES I WOULD LIKE TO REPORT OUR FINDINGS.



NO. 1- IT IS OUR CONCLUSION THAT SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES ARE SEMANTIC. THE NEGRO COMMUNITY HAS DROPPED THE USE OF THE COURTESY WORD "SIR" REPLACING IT WITH A WORD FOUND TO BE FAR LESS APPEALING. IMMEDIATE REINSTATEMENT OF THE WORD "SIR" MIGHT WELL OPEN OTHER AREAS FOR DISCUSSION.



NO. 2- IN TALKS WITH WHITE CIVIC LEADERS IT BECAME CLEAR THAT INCREASED TENSION WAS DUE TO NEGRO LAPSES IN THE TECHNIQUE OF NON-VIOLENCE. SOUTHERN MODERATES FEEL THIS TO BE "A BETRAYAL OF THE NEGRO REVOLUTION" AND INSIST THAT ONCE THE NEGRO COMMUNITY SURRENDERS ITS ARMS OTHER AREAS FOR DISCUSSION MIGHT WELL BE OPENED.



NO. 3- SOUTHERN MODERATES DEEM THE CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT OF NEGRO CHILDREN IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO BE A DELIBERATE PROVOCATION. RETURN NEGRO RELIGION TO THE HARMLESS PURPOSES IT WAS DESIGNED FOR AND OTHER AREAS FOR DISCUSSION MIGHT WELL BE OPENED.



FINALLY WE FIND THAT WHITE CIVIC LEADERS REMAIN PERTURBED AT OUTSIDE AGITATORS- A PRIME EXAMPLE BEING THEIR ANGER AT OUR FACT FINDING, TROUBLE SHOOTING PRESIDENTIAL TEAM (WHEN IT TRIED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE NEGRO COMMUNITY. THE DISSOLUTION OF OUR TEAM MIGHT WELL SERVE TO OPEN OTHER AREAS FOR DISCUSSION.



OUR PRESENT ATTITUDE IS THAT THIS MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE SHOULD BE CONTINUED.



Introduction to Lunacy

Civil Health Chairman R.B. Parsons recently issued a statement of formal praise to the newly appointed Dalhousie Council of Students; the speech however, while lauding the activities of the Council members in general, implied serious condemnation concerning the council executive.

Those "power hungry individuals", Dr. Parsons said, were "irresponsibly jeopardizing the lives of tomorrows' leaders by their irrational demands of intensified Council effort, and production." Discarding student President Herrndorf's interpretation of Council's responsibility as "pernicious egotism", Dr. Parsons ( a Dalhousie graduate) said "I resent the megalomaniacal new frontiersmanship that has so shamelessly bared its bald and ugly head through the restful calm of our Dalhousie waters. Never have students in the past had reason to view their elected Council as a responsible representative body, and I see no reason why the future should call for so radical, and extremist an interpretation."

In a final vitriolic attack against Herrndorf's "foreigner" policies, "so seriously endangering the health of Dalhousie stu-

dents", Dr. Parsons gave his unqualified support to the majority of Council members, and to their "highly commendable" beliefs that the primary purpose of Council activities should not merely be exhausting exercise for the leaders of today, but rather, should provide occupational therapy for the leaders of tomorrow.

Further suggestions for general improvement included that:

1. Council meetings should be held Saturday afternoons. (This motion was tabled until final rescheduling of the Johnny Jelly-bean Hour.)

2. Council meetings should be held in shifts of 47 minutes each, (according to Dr. Parsons' research on shifting vertebrae, this represents the longest period for which any individual may remain safely motionless.)

3. An 86 minute recess between the above shifts be permitted, to allow the serving of warm milk, and dietary biscuits. (We assume that this latter would be compulsory.)

-- it should here be noted that Lois Leverman, (Nursing rep.) was eventually located, asked to provide sanitary cots in the event that council accept a motion mak-

ing naps compulsory after every speech. (This proposal resulted from the agonized pleas of Council members, as the clock hands swept past 10:30 p.m.).

4. Council should commission Don Messers Jubilee orchestra to record soothing lullaby's to be piped into the Council chambers.

b. Council members be provided hourly with four ounces of fresh bubble-gum. (A recent survey, conducted by the Truro University of Agriculture has had great success with similar experiments in group efficiency.)

5. Council should appoint a recording technician to tape council members views in the privacy, and comfort of their own homes. Margie MacDougald, the Canadian Union of Students (C.U.S.) representative however, took a strong stand against this point, and quite logically demanded, "but what I don't understand is, say, if a council member has a landlady who doesn't have electricity, then what I think is that we should get a recording machine with batteries, because of course, what I mean is, it really wouldn't be fair not to have every one fairly represented". Lynn Black said nothing.

COUNCIL PUTS OUT WELCOME MAT

Peter Herrndorf
President,
Students' Council
1964-65



It is my pleasure to welcome you, the new students, to Dalhousie University, and I offer you my best wishes for success during the coming academic year.

It is my sincere hope that university life will fulfill the expectations that you have entertained, and justify the sacrifices which others have endured to make your university career a possibility.

However, university is more than just lectures and text books. It is an opportunity to make new friends, and above all, an opportunity to learn about the world in which you live. It is also a place to spend the best years of your lives . . . A place where intellectual skills must be properly balanced with social and athletic opportunities.

As we enter a new year of projects, endeavors and activities, it is my hope that you will remember that your student government is dependent solely upon your participation and active support. The events of freshie week have been specifically designed to welcome you to Dalhousie. We hope that you will take part and enjoy them.

I look forward to meeting you.
Peter Herrndorf,
President,
Dalhousie Council of Students