

GoodNews Week

This week's **Dalhousie Gazette** is trying to look at the 'good news' aspect of the news.

People have complained that **The Gazette** is dealing only with 'gloom and doom'; we consider that somewhat of an overstatement, but thought we would show you that we can give you a 'good newspaper'.

"Within every dark cloud there is a silver lining," so to turn that phrase into a reality, we decided to pull back the edge of the cloud and let the silver peek out.

As well, there is at least one more side to each issue; for example: when the university raises tuition fees it is a setback for students, but it also is a step forward for the university. So, to focus on the "good news" aspect, we would only have to talk about how the university is turning a profit this year, and rather than being pessimistic, it would be "optimistic about the position of the university." Gloom and doom then becomes joy when we look only at the administration's position.

Thus in the example given above, the same basic information can be handled as if it is an accomplishment or a setback; one is 'good news', the other is good 'news'.

The news is, of course, what you make it. We at **the Gazette** could focus only on entertainment or sports events and forget about the politics; but that would be too much like sticking our collective heads in the sand. Entertainment and sports events are what makes our lives enjoyable, but it's the politics (of the province, dominion, city and student's union) that push us around. It's the politics that decides if we can afford to return to university, or if we are here, how well we can live. It's the politics also that decides if we receive a fair deal in our courses, if our favorite professor gets rehired, if we get accepted to graduate school, if we get a second chance, if we get a first chance.....

While news might not seem to be the most pleasant side of campus life, we feel it is important that students look out at the world around them and make the link-ups. It is not an accident that when the provincial government cut its summer employment program more students did not get work. And that when the B.C. government also cut down on hiring students in the summer it affected students in Nova Scotia. Why, because they could not go to B.C. to find a summer job because there weren't any, so this year they stayed in Nova Scotia and did not get a job.

What does it mean? It means that they are not back this year to partake of student life, and maybe you should know about it. And think about it.



Sports break

Due to problems arranging proper sports coverage, next week's issue of **the Dalhousie Gazette** may not carry any sports.

The Gazette has decided to use next week to arrange with the School of Physical Education for proper coverage of sports events. Sports coverage has been the weakest part of **the Gazette** this year, and we feel it is crucial to improve it.

To improve it, we will sit down with representatives of the School and try to find out "what the hell is going on", who knows, who is doing what, when, where, and how we can be informed about it.

Hopefully this can resolve it.

If we can't, then we will have to arrange to handle it some other way.

In next week's paper we will furnish further details about what is happening.

To the Gazette:

The article "Mt. A. doesn't pay" VI / 109, p. 16 demands my irate response.

1. The article itself contains a denial by an official of the Mt. A. Federated Alumni that any such promise of funds was made.
2. The article contains no information substantiating the three students' claim to funds.

In light of this, you headline the article and caption a drawing suggesting the claim had more than casual merit. Indeed, you suggest these students might have attended Dalhousie were it not for the alleged offer.

As an alumnus of both Mt. A. and Dal., and as a current student at Dal. I suggest you make efforts to substantiate the article or print a retraction and apology. Unsubstantiated, your article appears to be libelous.

Sincerely,
Olaf R. McLetchie, M.D.

Next week's issue of **the Gazette** will have a news story substantiating the allegations in the above mentioned news article together with additional information about the payments to athletes.

This weekend a member of **Gazette** staff will be in Sackville to gather further information. **Editor's note.**

Thanks

To The Gazette: Thanks to Marandwa Mwendapole for the article "Thanksgiving pointless? (Oct. 21.76) I happen to be one of those people who "are rare to find". Thanksgiving to me is a time that one should thank God for all of the good deeds that he has done for us. After all if it was not for Him we would not be here. We have God to thank for our origins and the strength to grow in His way, the Christian Way.

Thanks again,
Brian P. Duggan
455-0700

Editor	Allan Zdunich
Associate Editor	Valerie Mansour
Advertising Director	Richard Coughlan
Advertising Representatives:	Dave Purcell Debbie Bugden
Circulation Manager	Joe Wilson
Photo Editor	Linda Gagnon
Managing Editor	
Copy Editor	
Features Editor	
Layout Editor	
News Editor	
CUP Editor	
Sports Editor	
Entertainment Editor	

If you have read this far, why don't you join the staff.

Trish Aikens
Nigel Allen
Michael Cormier
Lloyd Daye
Wayne Ingarfield
Harvey MacKinnon
Christine MacLean
donalee Moulton

Paul O'Keefe
Donna Tréen
Anthony Wallace
Mike Walsh
Bradley Warner
Dave Wegenast
Eric Wood
Greg Zed
rab pittman

For National Advertising, this paper is a member of



youthstream.
The Campus Network
307 Davenport Road, Toronto, Ontario M5R 1K5
(416) 925-6359