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The Gazette offices are located on the 3rd floor SUB. Come up and have a coffee and tell us what's going on.

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First the good news then the bad

On the surface the provincial government's recent increase to their summer job creation program may look like a great thing but there's enough chips, cracks and contradictions beneath that shiny surface to dampen whatever enthusiasm students might be feeling. They're only telling you the good news—here's the bad.

If you're lucky enough to qualify for one of these lucrative summer jobs, don't smile just yet. What it didn't say on the application form was the most you can earn working under the N.S. government's program is less than the amount you are required to save if you want to qualify for the provincial bursary.

What the minimum requirement is saying is that *you*, the student, didn't try hard enough or work long enough to deserve money from the government. And there's no help in sight for those of you that have the temerity to live away from home while you work.

It's hard enough to save the required \$1100 while living at home—saving that after paying rent and food is impossible. But in the government's records they'll just list you as someone who didn't economize well enough to deserve their money.

And the good news/bad news doesn't end quite yet.

Although the government seems to have addressed the problem of student unemployment, what about underemployment? The additional jobs recently announced by Rolly Thornhill are only thirteen weeks long. These jobs begin too late to really help university students and too early for high school students.

The provincial government has designed the ideal system for students who want to spend the summer on the beach—one that penalizes students who work. **S.B.**

Gazette participation

Have you noticed anything different lately? What about the last three publications of the Dalhousie Gazette?

Not only has the "face" of the Gazette been through a kind of metamorphosis, but to the insider, things are looking up. Check out the layout of the pages. It's not a hit and miss exercise any more. Instead, it is the careful planning on the part of a few dedicated staffers in conjunction with a co-operative and conscientious staff.

The staffer laying out pages can now start and finish by midnight Wednesday as opposed to the accustomed droopy-eyed completion of the paper at four or five in the morning. We maintain that a visually attractive page can either catch a reader's attention to a story or (God forbid) send them quickly to the Rusty and Dave section.

But content you scream. Thou shall not judge a book by its mere design. We're not finished yet. It's been an encouraging sign to hear the hammering of four typewriters simultaneously. The sound of news writers editing and testing out their leads.

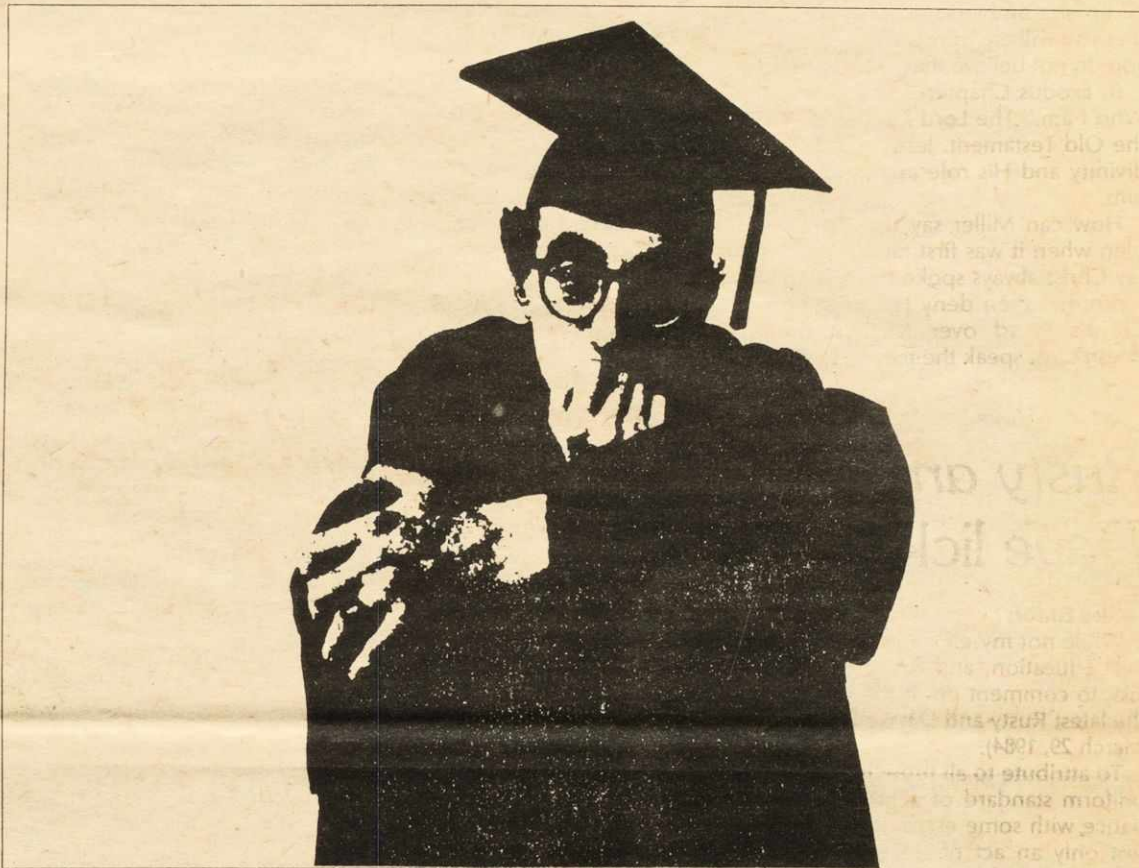
The increasing number of bylines in the paper is reflective of the progress. But there is still a problem—our newsboard has a long list of stories and there are still too few persons to pick up on them.

That's where you come, see?

Why, you may rightfully query, are we running what is essentially a recruitment editorial in the last issue?

Simply this . . . the Gazette has gone through an unstable period.

In recognizing the obvious we want you students who will be returning next year to leave with a healthier perception of the Gazette. Much love and "tangerine dreams." **E.D.**



Friends of Public Gardens fight to halt high rise development

Friends of the Public Gardens wishes to respond to recent publicity concerning the commissioning of wind tunnel tests by United Equities of the proposed condominium development on Summer Street.

Firstly, we feel that City Council should have been the proper authority to commission such a study, thereby assuring a completely objective assessment of the results; the developer would pay the cost.

The City's own Planning Advisory Committee understood the problems with the developer evaluating its own project and as a result recommended in February that Council consider retaining its own experts to independently evaluate the studies. Council has not acted on this recommendation. This is an abdication of Council's responsibility.

Secondly, it is false to run tests on just one building. We know that another tower is intended when the market is right. Other buildings may follow. It is the impact created by highrises on the whole site that has to be determined now, not after Council has lost effective control of the site by changing the Plan and zoning by-laws.

Thirdly, City Council has had a

letter since Sept. 22/83 from a highly respected and senior consulting engineer, in the field of snow and wind control, named Frank Theakston. In his letter Dr. Theakston expresses grave concern for the discomfort to pedestrians caused by turbulence and eddy currents as a result of this high-rise construction and the fact that the resultant wind-carried debris would, in all likelihood, be deposited in the Public Gardens. His letter concludes with a serious warning: "I can expect problems for certain, for I do not know of any high-rise structure that did not affect the area around it..."

Friends of the Public Gardens would like to express its concern for the environmental protection of citizens, not only within the Public Gardens but in the adjacent precincts bounded by Summer, College and Carlton Sts. and Spring Garden Rd. Should pedestrians in the area have to withstand more severe wind conditions than already exist due to the Tupper Building? Should homeowners in the area have to absorb additional heating costs due to increased wind and shadowing? How much visual and environmental deterioration should the citizens of the area have to accept?

City Hall has recently received a petition from the Department of Family Medicine at Dalhousie University supporting Friends of the Public Gardens' stance on the Summer St. development issue. Dr. Hereford C. Still, Doctor of the Year, who signed that petition, states: "...the preservation of the quality and character of the Public Gardens should have first priority in the decision-making process involving any such proposals."

Friends of the Public Gardens is greatly encouraged that the medical community is finally demonstrating the qualities of integrity, leadership and responsibility that we have come to expect from that profession.

Friends of the Public Gardens is pro-development. We oppose high-rise on that site. We support high-density development in character with our 19th century heritage. Our immediate aim is to protect the Public Gardens and surrounding area and the quality of life of Halifax citizens.

Our overriding concern is for a responsible and just planning process; that some authority is identified and adhered to. What kind of city do we want and who is really planning this city?