

More than a rumour Campus unsafe at night

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Comment
by Bill Silver

I have been at Dal for four years now and, as most people, have never written an article for our most beloved University paper and I expect I won't write another. Not that I never felt that I should, it was just that I was affected with a common case of apathy.

Last night something happened to a very good friend of mine that made me think over a few things and I decided that I should try to

clear up a popular misconception. The opinion of many people who have been here a few years is that every spring President Hicks & Company encourages the Dal Gazette and Rape Relief to publish articles to make our sometimes not so careful women more careful. To me, this seems like a good idea and may not be as effective as it should be but if some people read and heed I guess it's worth it.

Now, I will explain why I decided to write, and this is less an

explanation than an announcement. I mentioned before that last night something happened to a friend of mine. Well, she wasn't raped, she was damn lucky, but walking down University Avenue by herself around 11:00 she met a car parked near the Tupper Building, (yes the Tupper Building) AND she went through an experience that was not at all pleasant. She managed to cross the street and get to the Path Institute and phone for someone to come get her. Consequently she was not hurt but she did learn a relatively easy

lesson. If I could I would give you something more specific to watch out for but she was too shook up to notice much about the guy or his car. Except that his fairly old car was a light color and about the size of a Dart.

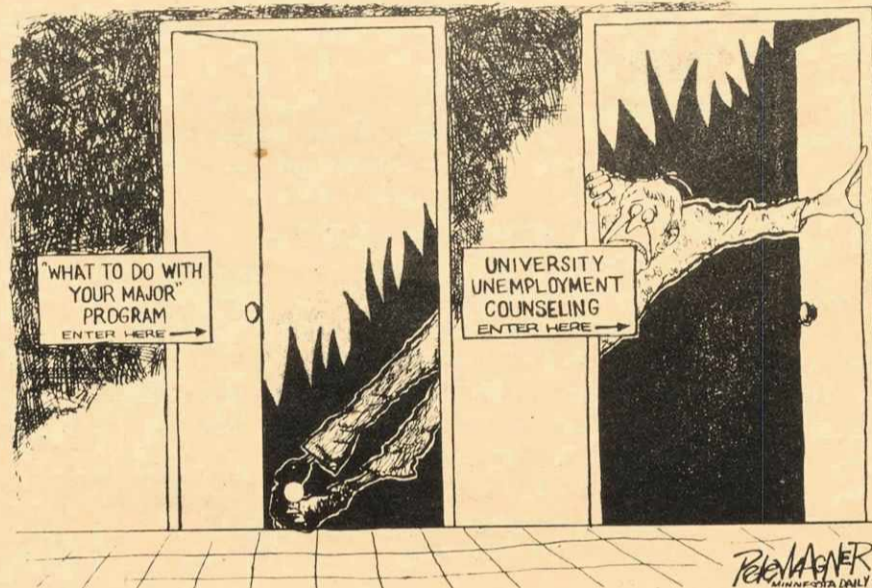
Now I have satisfied my conscience even though I realize this is an old story and probably no one will be bored enough to put up with my rambling. However, I hope someone understands what I am saying and will be more careful.

Summer employment still hard to find

Comment
by Mark Simkins

Last September, a Gazette survey found that 16% of its respondents were unemployed for the summer. The employment situation is worse than ever, so the jolly employers won't be hiring as many eager-beaver students as before. If worse comes to worst, you can get unemployment insurance if (Catch 22) you worked for 10 insured weeks last summer.

Hopefully Allah will give you work, but not unless you make many difficult pilgrimages. Manpower is the first Mecca you should perhaps try. On Wednesday the job board held ads from two Alberta hotels seeking galley slaves and bellhops, an ad for beach boys or girls skilled to save those who lose their rubber duckys, ads for geology students to get lost in deepest darkest Nova Scotia, various government jobs, probably digging and filling holes, and an ad for Law students to spend the summer with the RCMP, probably opening other people's mail. ("Free issue of RCMP uniform" for all you uniform fetishers.)



You can't expect miracles from "Mother Manpower", in fact in our survey last year only 20% of the students asked found employment through it last year. However, Blayne MacLeod, Manpower's acting manager, estimates 1/3 of Dalhousie's undergraduates use it,

and it can give you ideas.

One also has to differentiate between 'regular' Manpower and Student Manpower. Student Manpower now doesn't operate a personal job search service the way regular Manpower does, its main mode of operation is through

bulletin board job notices throughout the campus. Student Manpower just supplies application forms and it virtually ceases operation in April when Student Manpower Centres in the city take over. The locales of these offices have yet to be announced.

After checking with Manpower, if you haven't already signed on with the RCMP, start pounding the pavements. If you want a job, you really have to work for it. Sure write glowing accounts of your life history and send them to prospective employers, but the best way to get a job is to be at the right place at the right time.

To do that you have to single out an employer and keep bugging him, show up and say "Me, Me, Me" until he gives you a job.

Another avenue to eternal bliss is to get a Young Canada Works Program Grant for you and your friends. Hopefully you have more than 3 friends and you too can build a flying saucer launching paid for \$110 a week. The program seems to be a mutate of the old Opportunities for Youth program, dusted off by Bud Cullen for Election year. The deadline is tomorrow so get moving and get your forms from Manpower.

Anyway summer job seekers are all already out, cörsing down the streets, thumping on doors, so if you aren't looking now, —get going.

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Freedom important

To the Gazette:

Our Student Administrative Council (SAC) office receives both the Dalhousie Gazette, and the Brunswickan, from UNB. The Dal Gazette is the first paper that I will pick up and read, because it contains news on a national level, on a regional level, in the Halifax area, and on campus. I find its overall coverage to be adequate and accurate. It attempts to inform its readers of the many things which are important to them.

There may well be a lack of coverage of campus events, but this I believe is because of a shortage of reporters. I would rather see good coverage of important events than a concentrated coverage of on campus events at the expense of national issues. This type of coverage can be seen in other papers.

As you know, the ARGOSY WEEKLY is autonomous. This allows it to write, and report on, many activities, including council, without having to worry about council's reaction. When the ARGOSY worked toward independence it had to do a lot of groundwork so that their presentation would not be laughed off by council. None of its work was done in secret, only in low profile until the presentation was ready. I feel that it is important that a paper, or radio, need not

worry about hurting councils, or certain councillors' feelings.

The Dal Gazette has been critical of Dal's council at times, but it has reported what happens. I have read about most of these physical changes in the Gazette. I have also read about council's, and Sampson's, hesitancy in taking a stand on issues. After watching you at the A.F.S. meeting at Mount St. Vincent I cannot agree with your choice of words: "our work with N.U.S. & A.F.S.". I would say instead . . . our work against . . .

SAC townie rep,
Roger Doncaster
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Gazette paranoid?

To the Gazette:

There is a fine line between proper journalism and paranoia. This gap was easily bridged last week with the unsigned byline, "Protect your privacy"!

Instead of criticizing and defensively preventing the abuses of bureaucracy, the Gazette could do better by asking itself and its readers why such injustices should occur at all. Our own university, supposedly preparing us to be useful citizens, is an excellent place to start. Where else is the bureaucracy so efficiently spawned and self-preserving in its lack of objectivity?

Yours sincerely,
Kyle Jolliffe

Thank you Gazette!

To the Gazette:

Many thanks to Greg Larsen for writing such a complimentary review of the Winter Carnival in last week's Gazette. Tiger's Tare '78 would not have been so successful if it had not been for the participation and cooperation of certain groups and individuals. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in any way, on behalf of myself and the Carnival Committee.

In particular, I am very grateful to Mr. John Graham and Fiona Perina for their guidance, encouragement, suggestions and advice. I was also very pleased with the patience, efficiency and cooperation of Walter Schori, Wayne Cross, Murdoch Ryan, Mike Wile, Rene Pittas Simon, Bev, Pat and Glenna in the council offices, Anita Lathigee, and Gail Rudderham.

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I would like to extend a special thanks to the Carnival committee for their invaluable help. It was really great working with them!

Anju Joshi
Winter Carnival Chairperson '78

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