

Edgar the Anarchist strikes again

The Pied Piper of Halifax?

By the time this is published the results of the provincial election will be known. Even if the most sanguine hopes of Nova Scotia's Left are fulfilled, the Progressive Conservatives will probably have formed the next government. Sad, but true, so what do we do next?

One thing is clear, we have to build on the opposition to the present provincial and federal governments which was demonstrated by five thousand students in Halifax last Wednesday. Their chagrin at the woefully inadequate funding of post secondary education is a sign of things to come. They were not being selfish, they were warning the people of Nova Scotia of a bleak future if education is to be sacrificed to federal and provincial struggles for hegemony. The hordes marched for the first time in three years.

We all know that many of us were effectively disenfranchised, probably deliberately, by the Progressive Conservatives. It is rumoured that Terry Donahoe was skulking in the vicinity of Parade Square, but that he suddenly remembered a pressing engagement somewhere else, anywhere else. He did, of course, give his personal commitment to maintain the integrity and quality of Higher Education when he spoke in the Green Room. But this is subject

to whether or not he is conveniently overruled by the rest of cabinet, or to his likely promotion to another ministerial portfolio. We have to make sure that his definition of quality and accessibility does not differ substantially from our own.

The march and the rally in Parade Square was an impressive show of numbers, but it was not a tour de force in strategic planning. John Logan urged the students to vote federally and provincially to state their opposition to funding cut-backs. But he neglected to publicly endorse a particular party, which will only mean fragmentation of that student popular vote. He and the student politicians from Dal and the other four universities and colleges in the city did a superb job in organizing a single event, but if it remains singular, student politics will slump back into despondency. Something of this was evident in the trek down to the waterfront to launch the symbolic coffin; it was reminiscent of a well known fairy tale.

Personally, I was annoyed by the senseless invasion of Province House. Not because such a building is sacred, but because the invasion was aimless and uncoordinated. Had there been an organized occupation of Donahoe's office, and a temporary borrowing of some of his more interesting files and

memos, it would have had some point. The police were restrained and diffident on this occasion which was a great pity. Nothing sets the heart aflame like a burning police car and barricades on Barrington. When they do not oppress us even slightly we feel redundant.

Still, those heady days are yet to come. Perhaps when student fees reach \$5,000.

In answer to the spineless R.C.M.P. officer who refused to sign his name in a letter to the Gazette last week, no, I will not be joining your force. Im

already employed by the C.I.A. and I do not want a conflict of interest to arise. They took Oswald, so they have to take us all.

Love to all,
particularly Terry

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CKDU decide that they aren't all that knowledgeable in the media, and turn over the horses to hired advisers.

Finally, I would be very pleased to hear from the students, their likes and dislikes about CKDU, so that next year when my firm, and the other media company in Halifax offer to take over the station, we can show the student council proof of things they have turned a blind eye to.

Sincerely,
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An open letter to Dalhousie President MacKay

Dr. MacKay,

Just thought I would drop you a little note to let you know exactly how much I resent your remarks concerning Dalhousie Open House.

As External Publicity Director for the event I had, by August, made arrangements to put booths in shopping malls, for two possible television shows, public service announcements on T.V. and radio, radio commercials and interviews, and I was in the process of having the Dal Open House poster put on the back of every bus in Halifax for the month of October. What hampered the student commit-

tee the most was the fact that your people would not set any definite date on which the event would take place. May I say that it is extremely difficult to formulate a concrete program under such circumstances.

"Not enough time available to mount the program," eh? The student committee began working on Open House way back in April, and in fact I spent my WHOLE summer commuting between Halifax and Amherst so that I could help Robert Stanley make Open House a success. Thanks alot!

Kathy Ann Hagen
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Dalhousie Student Union

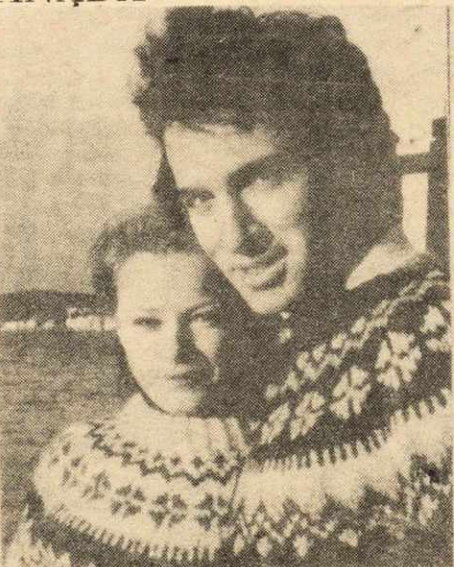
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