



Canada's oldest college newspaper. Member of Canadian University Press. Opinions expressed editorially are not the official opinion of the Council of Students. Official publication of Students of Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

- Editor-in-Chief DENIS STAIRS
Managing Editor MIKE KIRBY
Associate Editor GEORGE MARTELL
Business Manager BOB DAVISON
News Editor Betty Archibald
Associate News Editor Dave Nicholson
Features Editor Bob Ryan
Associate Feature Editor Jim Hurley
Boys' Sports Editor Joel Jacobson
Girls' Sports Editor Bobbie Wood
Associate Girls' Sports Editor Sharon Blackburn
Feature Columnist Peter Outhit
Students' Council Reporter Ian MacKenzie
Copywriter Brian Backman
CUP Sandra Greenleaf
News Reporters: Philip Amys, Joan Stewart, Henry Muggah, Peter Spencer, Bill Dennis, Mary Doody, Jan Martell, Jim Bates, Ralph Ferguson, Marilyn Withrow
Features: Ray Shankman, Sue Herman, Gregor Murray, Rolf Schultz
Sports Reporters: Gerry Irwin, Blair Green, Brian Creighton, Jamie Richardson, Wayne Beaton, Albert Bartlett, Linda Lee, Linda Stoker, Linda Ramsay, Jean Hattie, Kay Tucker.
Managing Typist Penelope Stanbury
Circulation Manager Sally Ross
Circulation: Chris Banks, Joyce Wyman, Jane MacLean, Sharon Connolly, Charlotte Davidson, Heather Corston.
Photography Dave Bissett, Joe MacDonald, Bob Risley

LETTERS

... challenge ...

Sir: THE DALHOUSIE COMMERCE FLAG has somehow found its way into our midst. Being that we are reasonable persons, we will ask you to make a \$15 contribution to the Mental Illness Fund in the name of the Dalhousie Engineers. As seniors on the campus, shall we say that the \$15 is "sort of board" for us putting up with an "inferior" flag in our midst.

You shall have two weeks from today to make your volunteer contribution. We are certain that the Commerce men have enough team effort to pay. We shall expect the receipt.

We have bestowed on you lower "fac" men the honour of our signatures from Dr. Theakston down, on this "rag".

When you are ready to talk business, we will let one of your "men?" come to our Engineering Shack... there is a bulletin board in the



A Pin in a Row

by HUGH FARQUHAR

Mr. Farquhar is a first year divinity student at Pine Hill and keeps in touch with Dalhousie by taking an occasional course. He is a graduate of Dalhousie, having received his B.A. there last year.

"Man himself has no more individuality than one pin in a row, a mere object of general utility..." Thus wrote Karl Jaspers, and as one travels through the countries of the West, one realizes that the depersonalization of man which we attack in the totalitarianism of the East is threatening to weaken the foundations of our Western society.

Common Room on which the receipt may be posted.

We believe Mr. P. Green knows where this is as he so rudely interrupted the "masters of the campus" in the den.

"THE ENGINEERS"

... swastikas ...

Sir: The new S. E. Movement has put up notices all over Dalhousie announcing a speech by Rabbi Dobrinsky. I was shocked to see two swastika signs printed on the notices. I was even more shocked to walk into several classrooms to find similar announcements on the blackboards, also bearing swastikas.

I have no doubt these signs were not displayed with any malicious purpose or any other motive than that of emphasizing the topic of the speech. However, the swastika is a symbol of hatred and prejudice and one that certainly should not appear in the halls of learning. A symbol that connotes so much that is evil and destructive should not be used lightly or indifferently.

VICKI HAMMERLING (Class of '63)

... feelings ...

Sir: Rumours indicate that a few of our fellow students misunderstood our notices mentioning the opening evening of the SEM lecture series tonight. We very deeply regret this misunderstanding, because it was not the intention of this movement to hurt anyone's feelings.

We thought, however, that the thinking reader of our notices could imagine that the mentioning of a Rabbi on them, especially the renowned Jewish theologian Herbert Dobrinsky, would speak for itself. A swastika, under which Germans have murdered millions of people, among them six million Jews, in this way of use could hardly be misunderstood in regard to the lectures by Rev. Dobrinsky.

Just the opposite, we, as members of the younger generation in charge of this movement, believe that this sign should be seen often in order to remember, at a time where Nazism is rising again in some countries, that there should be NO MORE NAZIISM. We should not allow it to be said that 100,000 of our fathers, brothers, and other relatives in Canada died in vain. We even suggest that in our universities lectures be given on what Nazism really means in order to inform the younger generation of which we are a part.

Before we mimeographed our notices we went to a member of this University, who was himself tortured in one of the notorious German concentration camps, in order to find out whether he would be offended by these notices. His reply was, "If Life magazine can print this sign of horror in connection with the Eichmann case, you can do it too. As God forgives, the world should forgive, but it should never forget what bestialities have been done under this emblem."

We again would like to express most sincerely that our intentions were far from hurting anyone's feelings.

The Student Ecumenical Movement

A. W. SMYTH (Dal) E. L. PECK (King's)

(continued on page eight)

Evidences of this are to be found even in the common relationships of everyday life. Personality has given way to utility, and people have become merely what they can give or offer to the great social machine. In the scientific drive to control and manipulate nature, we have also come to regard people generally as objects to be manipulated for private advantage.

Our relationships with people are becoming more and more impersonal and superficial. E. V. Stein says that for many the cashier becomes a hand-with-money, the clerk becomes a voice-with-answers, the wife a cook-with-sex, and the parent in the eyes of the child a disturbing break in the television routine. The warmth, friendliness and personal atmosphere of the "corner store" has given way to the cold and impersonal supermarket. The dialogue between friends and the social life of the family and community has given way to the impersonal gathering of TV addicts. The family has ceased to be the structural cell of society and the center of personal life.

As life speeds up, it become the center of a mechanical existence where the basic needs are satisfied. TV has moved into the British pub, once a place where persons communicated with persons. Even the Church, with its genius of Christian love and brotherhood has for the most part become another efficient cog in the machinery of social activity. The professions are becoming more specialized and are beginning to deal, not with persons, but with minds, problems or diseased flesh. As we move closer to the welfare state, our attitude is to help people rather than to acknowledge their needs as persons.

Thus it seems to me that the principle of social solidarity which makes a society strong is dangerously weak in the western world. We have overlooked the fact that forward strides in science and technology are worthless if they are not accomplished by equal gains in ethics, in the realization of individuality, and in the recognition of the dignity of man.

In view of this I believe that we have to rethink our conceptions of what is and the qualities of freedom and responsibility which constitute what it is to be a person. We have to tear away the facade which hides personality, and through true communication attempt to discover who we are. We must revamp our ideas and values, and attempt, as Kant proposed, to treat humanity always as an end, that is, as persons, never merely as a means. We must re-echo the protests of great men like Blake, Hugo, Dickens, Wilberforce, Tolstoi, Dostoevski, Ibsen and countless others of ages past, against anything which neglects or discounts the human personality.

In the words of Ruskin, "There is no wealth but life, and there is no consummation of life except in the perpetual growth and renewal of the human personality."

Beauty in Distress

GAZETTE editors are as aware as most that the number of beautiful girls on the Dalhousie campus is distressingly small, but we did not realize that the situation is as bad as it would now appear.

No contestants have appeared for the DALHOUSIE GAZETTE BEAUTY QUEEN CONTEST.

The deadline is fast approaching. Dalhousie students are asked to leap to the aid of their college. Let's have some nominations.

♦ ♦ ♦

Political Ostriches

The recent decision by Mount Allison's Students' Council to ban political parties from the campus is a tragic reflection of a country where it is fashionable for the intelligent university student to wash his hands of the dirty business of politics.

Although Council President Aiken's view that the campus parties attempted to control the student government through unethical and unconstitutional practices is no doubt very well founded, this abolition of the campus political party forgets the party's reason for being, and seems to infer that by putting it out of sight, it will disappear not only from mind but from reality as well. Certainly the parties should be limited to politics, and measures taken to prevent their control of the Students' Council. But it is foolishness to take this action "to check the Ottawa-controlled political machines" which "were getting out of hand and have ceased to justify their continuance".

The practice of students disassociating themselves from the national parties, with nothing to put in their place, is often reflected in the campus political organizations themselves. There is often great insistence on the part of university politicians, though it may not be the case this year, to stress their independence, morally or otherwise, of the national party. This is generally highly impractical, and in theory rather stupid. If they fundamentally disagree, then they should call themselves by another name and explicitly reject the policy they find unpalatable.

But if they do not fundamentally disagree, then it is certainly possible to fight a campus election on a few major points of national party policy. In fact at Dalhousie, where political concern is at a remarkably low ebb and the permanent student politician does not exist, this appears to be the only way to continue campus politics and still retain some measure of responsible electioneering. Now is hardly the time to forget about the big bad boys in Ottawa, for whether we like it or not they are running this country and it is obvious that our knowledge of how this is done is essential to any responsible citizenry.

Because of the fantastic time necessary to develop any appreciation of the complexity of the issues at hand, the national parties can be of immeasurable help in contributing information to their counterparts on campus. As insufficient as this is, it is better than what we have, which essentially amounts to nothing.

It is with this in mind the Gazette hopes the major political parties will be much more in advance on the Dalhousie political scene, and that our local politicians will see their programs as having some relevance to the actual governing of this country. We hope to contribute somewhat to this movement to place party platforms on a rational basis, by giving the candidates the opportunity to back up their programs in writing. Certainly much more of this sort of thing is going to have to be done if we are to prevent the re-burying of student heads in the sand or the Maritime Successionists' view that the whole thing is a farce and should be treated as such.

♦ ♦ ♦

Trouble in the Gym

The regular Friday night dance last week was marred by a rather ugly incident. During the final hour there was three separate fights. They were short affairs which were quickly broken up, but they were fights non-the-less.

Last year there was much discussion on the black jacketed crowd which frequented Dal record hops. To prevent this element from continuing to disrupt the enjoyment of Dal students, the Council passed a motion forbidding records and permitting only dances with orchestras. The move was a good one and it went far towards improving the situation.

But now we are faced with a different problem, and a much more pressing one, that of non-Dalhousie stags, under the influence of alcohol, coming in and causing trouble.

There is one obvious remedy to the situation: to permit only couples, one of whom has a Dalhousie NFCUS card, to attend the dances. In particular those who come stag should also be required to have a NFCUS or a Nurses' card.

As a further precautionary measure, the organization sponsoring the dance should employ two policemen, instead of the customary one. For at a dance like last week, which attracted a large number of people, it was impossible for the one policeman on duty to see the whole gym at once. As a result, a good number of blows were traded before the law came on the scene, and by the time it got there, some of Dal's bigger men had already stepped in to break things up.

These two new rules would eliminate the possibility of a repetition of last week. They would also go far towards insuring that Dalhousie dances would be enjoyable for all those who attended.