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male or female? My opinion is that such a child would have emotional problems even greater than its parents.

To end I ask you, do you intend to bring your children up in such a home, and if not wouldn't you discriminate against your children being placed in such a home?

We have to draw the line somewhere!

concerned student
Graham Alynor

platform. I was denied this privilege because of the late time at which I had submitted my nomination. However, any opponents of mine who had submitted their nomination earlier would have this privilege.

Why? I was in time for the nomination deadline and all operate by the same deadline, why is it that all do not have equal opportunity to present one's platform? This is not the fault of the Gazette or of Dal Photo as they are under deadlines imposed upon them by the date of the election. Rather, the fault lies with the people who are responsible for running the election. How can these people have this situation occur and still wear the mask of democracy? The deadline for nominations was extended but why was the election date also not extended? If ALL candidates using this deadline of Feb. 11 were treated equally there would be no argument. However, as some using the SAME deadline could have their platforms in the supplement while others could not, there is obviously not equal opportunity for presentation of one's platform.

As a result, I decided to withdraw my nomination. Undoubtedly someone will ask, "Why didn't you go through with the campaign anyway?" To these people I say, "I want no part of an election where the basic principles of democracy are not observed." Somebody else may ask, "If you're so concerned, why didn't you get your nomination in by the first deadline?" To these people I say, "The publicity was poor and I didn't know about it." This may seem a poor excuse and

may not be considered an excuse at all by some but it is irrelevant.

What IS relevant is the fact that equal opportunity did not exist. The university reeks of apathy, half of our student council was put in office by acclamation. I, myself, have also been guilty of apathy yet when I try to do something about it I am hindered. Ironic isn't it. And what makes it worse is that I am not in this position alone.

Sincerely,
Mark Thomas

was hassled by the SUB staff for thinking that I could attend the event "just because I thought I had status at the newspaper".

I, for one, can see no justification for such a sanctimonious farce. To hear Regan and Hicks carp on about the "fine youth" of university today at an event that we barred to the vast majority of university students, and this only one week after the community denunciation of the Dal Scavenger Hunt as displaying "immature behaviour", was an exercise in hypocrisy. Far from being a commemoration of university students in general, the opening of Intro-Dal was actually a celebration of the non-existent, idealized norm and of the egos of Regan, Hicks and company.

Apparently, just being a student was not enough to gain entrance to the opening of this "student affair". Only students who were well-dressed, well-behaved, bland and working for the SUB could get in to listen to Regan and Hicks snicker about their elite inner circle of "men at the top", and speak proudly of the achievements of Dalhousie graduates (mainly, themselves). That motley crew of ambulance thieves and week-end drunkards, the apparent scum of the university population, were simply not allowed to attend this event, the opening of their own show, to hear Regan or to view, for example, the English Department displays.

Eric Lawson

Unfair procedure

To the Gazette:

Correct me if I am wrong but are the basic principles of democracy not only built upon freedom of speech and equality for all, but also upon the EQUAL OPPORTUNITY for presentation of one's views? Apparently, this is not so at Dal. Let me explain. After three years I had finally climbed out of the depths of apathy. I wanted to become involved in something so I decided to run for Science Rep. on the Student Council.

I submitted my nomination two hours before the deadline on Feb. 11 and promptly went to the Dal Photo and to the Dal Gazette offices to arrange to have my picture and platform included in the Gazette election supplement. I was told that I was too late, yet had I come by earlier I would have been able to complete the necessary arrangements.

The election supplement must be considered as a major instrument for the presentation of a candidate's

Intro-Dal farce

To the Gazette:

I feel that Intro-Dal is an admirable concept, and, if done properly, is a potentially excellent method of introducing Dalhousie to Nova Scotia, ie, to High School students, their parents, the prospective employment community, etc. It is a shame that such a well-meaning project had to be marred by its own opening ceremonies.

President Hicks spoke of Intro-Dal as being a "student affair" and Premier Regan praised Dalhousie students for their "mature" behaviour, and stressed the importance of today's university student in society.

Yet only well-dressed, middle-aged couples were in the audience. The only students in attendance were members of the SUB staff, looking oh-so-fine in their suits and long dresses. I, as a reporter for the Gazette, was there in jeans, and



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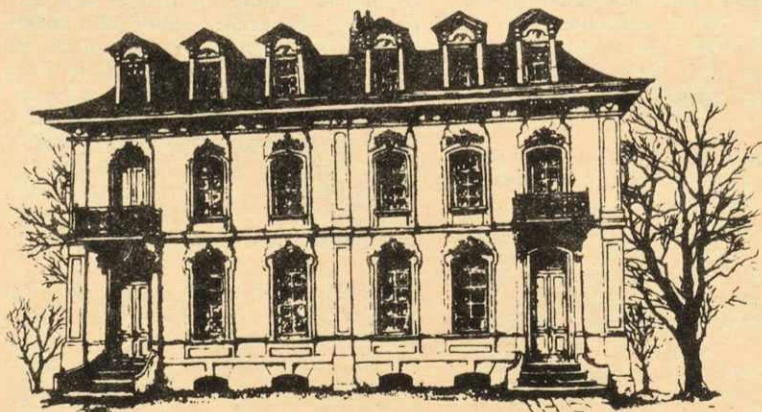
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