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without creating a conglomeration of poster eyesores reminiscent of pre-adolescent junior high school elections.

Failing any real and viable offerings from candidates my vote goes to the tidiest or to the custodian with the guts to immediately remove all but one of each poster from the walls of the SUB, the residences, and the classroom buildings.

Albert P. Chappell
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Screw the Rules

To the Gazette;

I would be grateful if the following letter could be published in your Gazette.

On September 15th, 1974, I registered as a full time student at Dalhousie University for the academic year 1974-75. I was not permitted to register until I had paid the \$40 I owed from last year. I asked for twenty minutes so I could go to the bank and have my loan processed. The answer was no. I would be given the time necessary to process my student loan and I would not be allowed to register until I paid the \$40. So I paid the money.

After the first four weeks of classes I realized I would not have enough money to attend Dalhousie University this year and decided I would have to withdraw from classes and find work, which I did on October 15th, 1974. My professors were notified and on January 4th after being notified by the registrars office that I had not officially withdrawn from the university, I immediately sat down and wrote what was my official withdrawal notice from Dalhousie University for the academic year 1974/75.

In a recent telephone call to the registrars office, when I inquired about a rebate on my tuition fee for the months of October 15 - December 15, I was told that Dalhousie University did not owe me any money according to the "Book of Rules." - Hold it! First I wasn't allowed to register because I owed \$40 from last year. Now I was being charged \$445 for classes I had not attended and which I also had to repay to the Government of Nova Scotia. This meant I would have to pay a total of \$890 for classes I had never taken. Now I do not have that kind of money and if I did I would not give it away to someone for nothing.

From the above I concluded that Dalhousie University is a degree granting institution that functions according to a "Book of Rules." I then asked myself, "Does not intelligence include the ability to adapt the change with the existing circumstances. I mean how can Dalhousie stand there and say "according to the Book," we are right and there is nothing you can do about it and we really don't care what you think. Well this is what I have to say to Dalhousie University. Why does society support you? What objectives defines

your reason to be? How useful are you going to be in helping society cope with the ever changing problems of today with yesterdays solutions which are in need of interpretation? How objectively critical can you be in any situations if you fail to be intelligently flexible enough to see any "Rule Book" as a guide which has to be interpreted? How can you tell me to pay you \$445 for classes I did not attend because I found them too expensive and then hold me responsible to repay that same amount to the Government of Nova Scotia? Just what the absurd relation is between the university and the community becomes confusing to me. Is society suppose to identify itself with the 1,200 degrees you might give out this spring and/or to your specific relations with the individuals of this community?

I fail to see how the academic community of Dalhousie University can agree with the "Rule Book" decision of the registrar regarding my case.

I rest my case.

I would like to thank the Dalhousie Gazette for publishing my letter and would be most grateful for the students who read it if they could express how they think and feel about my case in writing to: Ed Lapiere 1341 Dresden Row, Halifax, N.S. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Ed LaPiere

Ego's Corner

To the Gazette;

I'm writing concerning the letter you published from a Chuck Turner in your February 13, 1975 issue. To me this exemplifies the puerility of a college mind - the desire to give voice to that primal selfish scream of "Look at me," to beat one's chest upon the tower of attention, to focus the spotlight of interest upon oneself. In short, dear editor, you are the accomplice to an act of exhibitionism, the strutting of the poor, infantile ego of said Chuck Turner upon the stage of your letter column.

Yours truly,
David Bryan Hogan Med II
(I wonder if it is at all possible to print my name in large, dark type and also please spell my middle name with a "y"!)

Ms. Popularity

To the Gazette;

Re: Betty Jo Bialowski;

How displeased we are to hear of your unfortunate problem. Obviously your difficulties lie in your choice of residences. Have you tried Pine Hill Res? What do you think they pray for?!?

About your deodorants, have you tried putting it in the proper places? (under your arms)

Another point we would like to bring up is your tattoo. It in itself does not interest us, however the general area does.

To quote from the song, "If you want it, here it is, come and get it."

Signed,
Second North, Pine Hill
P.S. It isn't going that fast.

To the Gazette;

Re: Betty Jo;

I sincerely sympathize with your problem. Sex, to me, has always been a fundamental necessity; something that relieves my body of the terrible pressures of everyday living. I imagine your letter has received many (?) takers since last week, but as a more experienced and interest bystander I just wanted to suggest to you one thing. After a recent raid, Ada on Windsor Street is looking for a few new girls to keep the business going. This, I might add, is an excellent way to save a few pennies while you're having a good time. So why don't you look into it? After all,

Business is my pleasure too,
Josephine Hill

Mandarin's

Defence

To the Gazette;

Although I have never seen myself as the mandarin of anything, especially not the Dalhousie Student Union, the February 13 Letter to the Gazette from Jim Cowan called for a response from "the mandarins of the Student Union". In their absence this letter is my attempt at a response.

Regarding his specific points - city property taxes are related solely to the value of the property taxed, regardless of services received or ability to pay. To repeat one of Mr. Graham's examples, a person's property tax goes partly towards operation of the Fire Department whether or not that person ever has a fire.

About the ability to enter a city without paying taxes to it, the analogy with a student union is so slight that I am not sure there is an analogy. Non-residents cannot use the direct services of a city. It is impossible not to be the resident of some municipality, and to pay its taxes. Through business occupancy tax all who shop in a city indirectly pay taxes to it.

Looking at a student union, many more of its benefits are intangible. It is therefore, much more difficult to restrict their benefits to those who originally paid fees. Much of the Union's work must be done in the name of all full-time students, and all full-time students gain.

The most important difference is that the fees of a student union are self-imposed. A majority in a referendum is the source of the compulsory fee, and a majority in a referendum could end the compulsory fee. However, as was mentioned at the D.M.S.S. forum, no Canadian university has permanently abolished the compulsory fee since a few years without it is enough to convince people that there is great value in a compulsory fee.

Mr. Cowan, you state that "Many have already opted out of everything - except the fee." This statement can only reflect insufficient knowledge about what the Union is and what it does. People can and do participate extensively in the Union without ever entering the SUB or attending a dance at Dalhousie.

Participation in the Union includes a student organization being able to use the Cohn auditorium at cost price because of Student Union contributions to it. It means living in a building that is available to students only through the past efforts of the Student Union. It means acceleration of steps to improve bookstore service in the Tupper Building because Union representatives joined Medical students in pushing for the acceleration. It means that there is a direct line to almost all university governing bodies, waiting to be used when needed.

At the D.M.S.S. forum I stated my conviction that there was no Medical student who tried to take advantage of Union membership and who did not gain from the attempt. No one challenged that statement, and if someone can I wish they would come forward.

On the contrary, my information has been that few students, in Medicine or any other Faculty, who looked into the Union and its advantages were not satisfied that it is worthwhile and valuable. Union officers, staff, etc. are willing to sit down with anyone who asks to discuss the questions raised at the forum and elsewhere. I am sure that all who do so will agree that it is preferable to co-operate and communicate through the Union rather than ignore it and refuse to participate.

Finally, Mr. Cowan, you and most other students are probably glad to hear that the "mandarins" have made the third consecutive restriction on the Council privileges, in a continuing attempt to prevent abuse of the privileges. The majority in favour of restriction including the Medicine rep, Ann Dayton, as well as all of the Union's officers.

It is impossible to use a letter like this to answer adequately the issues raised by Mr. Cowan, but the door is open for further discussion and I hope that it will be used.

Dan O'Connor
Student Union President



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