

## Quinpool Towers moves to limit student tenancy

by Samantha Brennan

An already tight student housing situation is about to get tighter as the management of a large apartment building near Dalhousie moves to limit the number of student tenants.

In a Jan. 25 notice, Quinpool Towers' management warned students not to sublet their apartments as they would be admitting "a limited number of students" next year.

Sadie Bezanger, who works in the tenancy office, said that presently 90 of the 232 units in the building are rented to students.

The announcement came as a surprise to student housing director John Graham. "A couple of years ago they wrote saying that they were pleased to have students as tenants," he said.

Bezanger was also surprised to hear that the number of students in the building would be limited.

"As far as I'm concerned there's been no real problems with the students," she said.

"The only thing is, they tend to triple up in apartments," said

Bezanger, "and we have no real control over that." Students often have four or more people staying in an apartment originally rented to two, she explained.

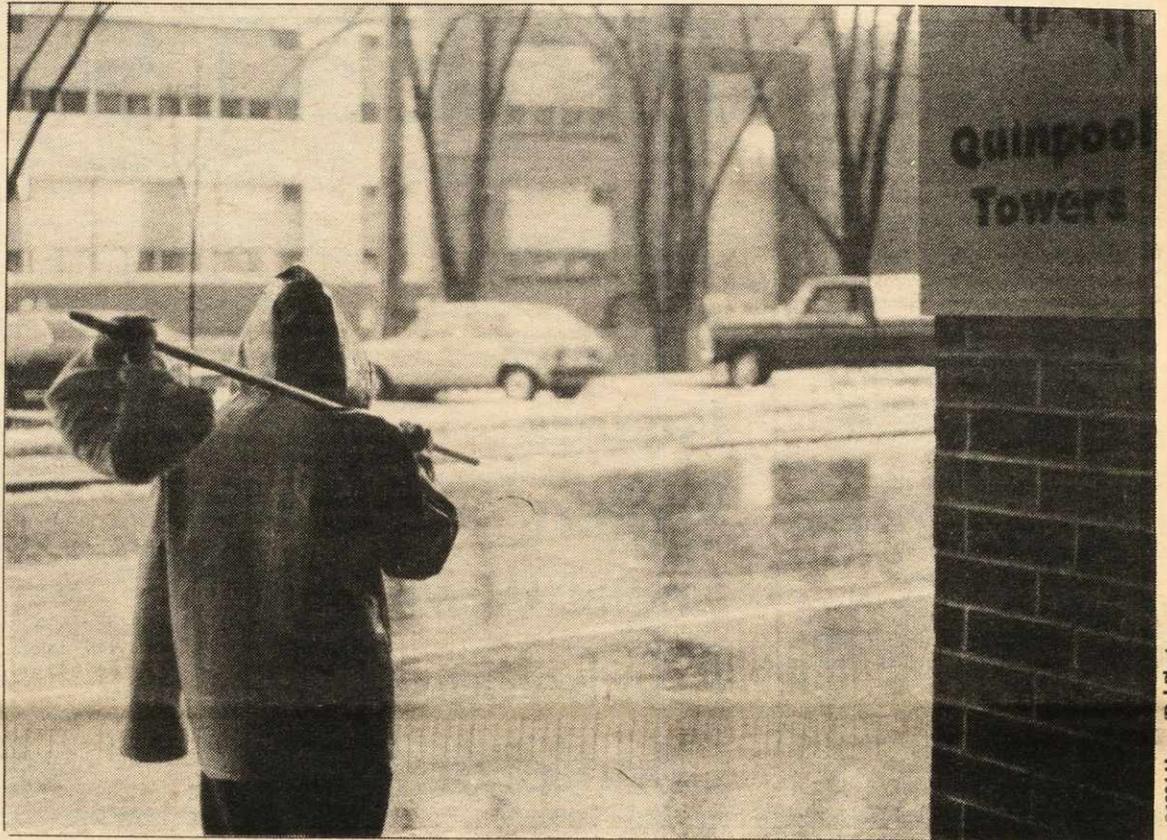
Bezanger said the only reason she can think of for the notice is students tend to go home after classes end in April, leaving apartments vacant through the summer.

Graham said one way of preventing the situation is to put the onus on students to sublet.

The management, however, is one step ahead of Graham. Up until this year tenants only had to give two months notice but now students must sign a year's lease. After staying the year students are then given the option of giving two months notice of departure.

Pat Savage, a second year arts student and tenant at Quinpool Towers, plans to sublet his apartment in April despite the management's warning. "I'm not sure I want to stay here again next year anyway," said Savage.

He is puzzled at the reasoning behind the notice.



"Hit the road students," says Quinpool Towers. Management plans to limit the number of student tenants and has advised students not to sublet or they may not get their apartment back in Sept.

"I don't understand," he said. "I don't think we've given them any more problems than any other tenants."

The effects of Quinpool limiting the number of units are hard to predict until the exact numbers are known, said

Graham.

The building owners were unable to be reached at press time.

## All for one and one for all at the Gazette?

by Lisa Timpf

The staff of the Dalhousie Gazette, following the departure of editor Catherine Ricketts, has decided to operate for the remainder of the year as an editorial collective.

The idea of an editorial collective is not new to the student newspaper scene. The *Ubysey*, University of British Columbia's paper, is an example of an organization which has operated successfully as a collective for a number of years.

The collective concept at the Gazette will involve the division of the duties formerly assumed by the editor among the department heads and other staff members willing to put in the time. Decisions will continue to be made at staff meetings by the group as a whole.

"I think running the paper as a collective is a really great idea," commented interim news editor Samantha Brennan. "It will be a good trial period before the editorial elections in seven weeks."

"We can see how this works and proceed from there," she

said.

"All of the department heads have grown quite competent in their respective fields during the first term," added Bob Morrison, news reporter. "I think that operating as a collective is a very natural step to take."

A good deal of internal tension had been experienced by the staff during the preceding three months.

"A lot of the polarization has dissipated now," said co-Production Manager Elizabeth Donovan. "Hopefully now we can get on with working on the paper."

"The fact that the staff would agree to take this on is an indication of what a strong staff we do have," she said.

Arts editor Bryan Fantie agreed. "It's the first time I've been at a staff meeting where everyone agreed," he observed of last Thursday's meeting. At that meeting the staff unanimously decided to operate as a collective on a trial basis until the elections in March. "That in itself

was significant," he noted.

"An editorial collective is the highest form a paper can take," said Ken Burke. "As long as we don't end up wrestling with each

other for power, it should work out."

As staffer Brian Cox pointed out, the successful operation of the collective concept will

depend on a successful delegation of responsibilities.

But it would appear that a majority of the staff are looking forward to the challenge.

## Feds pay but have nothing to say

TORONTO—A day-long "information session" sponsored by the federal government yielded no new announcements, and left many student journalists at a loss to explain why the session was held.

Over 30 student journalists and a number of student politicians were invited to Toronto for "a variety of 'devious' purposes", in the words of the Honourable John Roberts, Minister of Employment and Immigration.

"We want you to see the problems of young people, and we want to hear from you," he said.

The minister told the students he hoped they would help

inform young people about available programmes.

However, Mr. Roberts faced some pointed questioning regarding his intentions in calling session.

When one journalist suggested that the conference was called for political reasons, the Minister responded, "If you think I think I am going to get votes from this, you are mistaken. I have been in politics too long to believe that."

A number of participants also suggested the day could have been geared more towards employment issues facing university students.

As it was, the journalists spent most of Friday visiting a "Special-

ized Youth Unit" in Scarborough, and a downtown office of the "Job Corps", both of which serve the needs of youth who cannot be placed otherwise due to disadvantages in education and personal background.

The minister also denied a persistent rumour that the conference was called originally in order to announce a new programme to hire more summer student employment counsellors, but the program and thus the announcement were held up supposedly for financial reasons.

The participants were flown to Toronto, housed at the Inn on the Park, and fed at the federal expense during the event.