

Quinpool Question

by Catherine Dyke

Most students hopefully are aware of the Quinpool Road Appeals Fund. For those who are not, briefly: The Quinpool Road Project, approved by the Halifax City Council, is a plan for the development of a complex of high-rise buildings near the corner of Quinpool and Robie. This plan was strongly opposed by the residents of the community since they felt it would produce detrimental side effects in the area surrounding the project. They also felt that the City Council had not given the proposal enough serious consideration and that it was just another example of the haphazard development schemes we are currently suffering from.

Petitions and other means were used to inform the council of the residents dissatisfaction but they had little effect on the vote of the majority of Aldermen and Alderwomen.

The Ecology Action Centre appealed council's decision to the Planning Appeals but again, they met with no success. Then, two persons Mr. Brodie and Mr. Richards further appealed the decision Board of the City of Halifax

to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. They also lost the case and were awarded court costs totaling \$5,000. The residents took it upon themselves to raise the money since Messrs. Brodie and Richards were representing them in the courts. To date all but \$500 has been raised.

On Saturday, November 2, a number of students and Ward 2 residents, held a flea market and bake sale in the main lobby of the Student Union Building. Approximately \$350 was made and the money donated to the appeals fund. Also, the Student Union Executive and the Grants Committee each gave \$100 towards the fund.

It is my opinion that the residents have worked long and hard to find the money. We as Dalhousie Students can do much more and finish the work they began. If 500 students would each donate \$1 the court costs would be paid before the interest on the debt starts mounting up.

A point to consider for those people who do not find that extra dollar is; what effect will this have on future citizen participation in the government and development of Halifax.

Therefore, please bring your monies to either the Community Affairs Office, Rm. 216 SUB, or leave it at the enquiry desk.

Nova Scotia Tech Pro Co-op

by John Ross

Student of the School of Architecture at Nova Scotia Technical College voted last Friday to give financial as well as moral support to the Design Cooperative, an organisation dedicated to providing professional services to those who cannot otherwise obtain them. The

students, through their student organization the Architectural Undergraduate Society, appropriated two hundred dollars to the Coop to help offset the cost of rent in their Barrington St. office. The vote was actually a ratification of an earlier A.U.S. executive vote which had agreed to donate the funds to the Coop. After a good deal of protest from the student body, however, the issue was taken to the students at large in a general meeting of the A.U.S.

The protests resulted from a feeling on the part of some students that the executive had abused their constitutional powers by passing a relatively large money issue without consulting the student body as a whole. After much debate, the issue was resolved with the passing of a motion which requires any such issue to be brought before the entire body for approval.

The Design Cooperative presently serves as a resource alternative to both individuals and community groups providing free, literature, space, people, and expertise in areas of architecture, as well as community and advocacy planning and education. Recognising the weaknesses of the local professional organisations and bureaucracies, the Co-op attempts to provide the means for people to deal with their problems if they lack the resources, knowledge and ability to defend themselves when confronted with a major issue.

It was the Design Co-op, for example, which provided the residents of Ward two with a viable alternative to the Quinpool Road project, in the form of a low-rise, medium density housing project. Although the proposal met with an enthusiastic response from the residents of the community, they were unsuccessful in convincing city council and the provincial planning appeal board of the error of their respective ways. The experience proved, however, that citizens can and should have input into the decision-making process which affects their way of life dramatically.

Garbage Dive



by Bill Cooper

Last Saturday the Dal Scuba Club went on the largest dive in its history. It wasn't a dive on a treasure ship or an exploration of one of the scenic coves around Halifax, but it was a splash into the murky depths of Lake Banook in Dartmouth to collect trash.

Why, you ask, would sane people want to rise early Saturday morning and jump into near freezing dirty water to collect trash? First we were tired of everyone talking of pollution and not doing too much about it. Secondly, it was a heck of a lot of fun and thirdly there was free beer after the dive!

After three weeks of planning, we congregated in front of the SUB at 10 o'clock and proceeded by car to Dartmouth.

Mike Ervin, the director of the club, had arranged with the Scotia Scuba shop in Dartmouth for free air for the club. So all twelve of us trooped into the shop and got tanked up. The Dartmouth YMCA provided a place to change into our wet suits, this was much appreciated because it's a little cold to be running around in just a bathing suit.

The beach in front of the "Y" was a mass of broken glass and other assorted objects of human progress. (tires, beer cans), great stuff

for kids from the "Y" to swim in during the summer. The divers were divided into groups of two or three and went in assigned directions. Some had tanks on and worked the deeper water while others snorkeled for trash for the first half hours the normal trash was brought up. Barrels, old sneakers, bowling pins, pop cans, towels and old pipes.

Suddenly Leon, the Divermaster, began jumping up and down on the beach yelling that someone had found an old canoe. Immediately all of the diver headed in the direction of the find. Half of the canoe was brought up. Soon afterwards a row boat and a little speed boat were found on the bottom. After much effort these were also added to the large pile of trash on the beach. After about two hours in the water it was getting cold and we had collected about a ton of garbage so we called it a day.

The divers changed and showered in the comfort of the "Y" thanks to Wiley Stanton and Lesley Howard of the "Y". A hot cup of coffee was also provided. Thanks also goes out to Peter Golding and Peter Giffen of the Nova Scotia Underwater Council for their help, and to Bob Steele, for his photographic work.



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