

# Council unwise

Last Sunday the Dalhousie Student Council decided to not provide loan and grant money for emergency funding for the Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS/FEA).

Without the money the organization will not be able to successfully compete with the government. Nova Scotians can expect a serious setback in student aid this spring. Unless we begin acting now we will be too late.

FEA/AFS was an excellent opportunity to begin acting. Hopefully the organization will not be crippled by Dalhousie's insularity. If the rest of the post-secondary institutions do Dalhousie's share maybe we will not be any farther behind.

If they don't, then we have only our own student leaders to blame. If student aid is a disaster this fall because the student leaders across the province could not get themselves co-ordinated we the students will lose a lot more than the \$1,000 that AFS/FEA was asking for as a grant.

Student Council's decision seems a bit hasty, if not foolish.

by Allan Zdunich

# Views printed

Sometimes the Dalhousie Gazette prints articles that the editor or staff do not agree with, simply because the articles present a viewpoint that should be stated.

For example, some of the Gazette's staff think that the black population of South Africa is too politically unsophisticated to govern itself. Others feel that South Africa's white government must yield to organizations which claim to represent the black people of Azania (as they call South Africa). But while there is no consensus on the future of South Africa, there is a consensus that well-reasoned and well-written informed opinions deserve to be printed, which is why we carry articles which soundly condemn John Vorster's government.

If we print more leftist opinion pieces than rightist ones, it is because leftist members of the university community seem to be on the whole, more prolific writers than others.

We are not apologizing for articles that certain segments of our readership do not like. But, we remind those readers that the views expressed in signed articles are those of the author, not necessarily those of the editor or staff.

by Nigel Allen

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## Letters

### Quebec separatism

To the Gazette:

Through the ages the national question has obtained varied but mostly forceful answers. Today, perhaps due to the Bomb, the Greater Powers are responding to ethnic demands re self-determination and independence with a seemingly benevolent mix of tolerance and conciliation. The best current example is Kissengerian "new diplomacy" in Africa. Hence, I wasn't a bit surprised when word arrived that Ottawa was considering a "Rhodesian" option for la bellissime province: that is, within the next two years Quebec will be completely turned over to its indigenous black Africans.

Geoff Brown

### Legalize abortions

To the Gazette:

The Case of Dr. Henry Morgentaler  
A committee for the Legal Defence of Dr. Henry Morgentaler has been formed in Montreal. The goal is to raise funds for the legal defence of Dr. Morgentaler, to work towards repeal of the abortion law and to pressure for community birth

Ed. Note: Readers of earlier issues of the Dalhousie Gazette may have noted that at an Atlantic newspaper (ARCUP) conference, we agreed to print some stories in French.

Apparently the story entitled, "Les frais d'adhesion \$1.00 per capita" had many grammatical errors. Our intentions were not to destroy the language, since we sincerely believed we had done an acceptable translation. Since we did not, we apologize.

Blair Dwyer translated the article as a favour to the Gazette, and we thank him for his help.

Please remember that quite often the English in the Dalhousie Gazette is not much better.

control clinics. To date, fifteen thousand dollars have been raised and several thousand signatures collected in the Montreal area.

The committee is now extending their fund raising and petition campaign to a national level. Support is expected to come from universities, companies, labour unions, churches and other groups and individuals.

Patricia Willoughby, a spokesperson for the committee and a Concordia student, said that the Quebec government's decision to set a date, (December 13), for a fourth trial for Dr. Morgentaler has intensified the committee's determination to raise funds for the legal defence and to fight for free safe abortions for all women who want them. "We know that the law discriminates against poor women, rural women and young women. Often they are forced to go to profit-making agencies who charge them three or four hundred dollars. A desperate women will do anything to try to raise funds and, failing that, will resort to back street butchers or self-abortion." In addition, she charged that these agencies further exploit women through giving false pregnancy diagnoses and even through baby-selling when a woman is too far along for an abortion.

"The Minister of Justice must know these abuses exist," she pointed out. "He commissioned Dr. Robin Badgley of the University of Toronto, to investigate the working of the law. We understand the Badgley report is on his desk.

We feel its contents should be publicly debated in the house. The Liberals may try to sidestep it in order to avoid a controversy.

The committee hopes to pressure the government to have a debate through involving people across the country in its activities.

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