

# National Student Day

This week's editorial is National Student Day, NSD for short. If you think this editorial doesn't interest you, ask yourself if you got enough Student Aid this year. If you didn't then keep reading. If you have seen the front page, or read page three, you probably



already have an idea of what NSD means. If you would like to get involved in NSD, or just learn more about student issues, drop into the Student Council meeting, Sunday at 7:00, in the Student Council Chambers, second floor SUB.

The meeting will be a regular council meeting, and that will be a real eye-opener, but the first hour or so will deal exclusively with National Student Day.

Arts rep Bernie MacDonell will be telling Council about NSD, and the Council will be organizing what NSD may mean to Dal students.

If you think this doesn't interest you, then ask yourself if tuition was high enough for you. If you say yes, then: 24 October, 7:00 p.m. in the Dal SUB.

This will also give you a free chance to see your student council in action; they have not been doing much of late, and this may be their one chance to redeem themselves. You may see them make history, they may begin to work, they may live up to what they promised you. And its not just a big 'they', its every damn one of them.

Then, after they have all taken some of the burden of the work, and the job gets done they can bask in the glory.

The average student too has a job.

Do your part to make National Student Day work.

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### Letters

#### Impolite

To the Gazette:

On Sunday afternoon I had the misfortune of contacting, by phone, the Enquiry desk in the Student Union Building. My "enquiry" was about the movies that night. Before I could open my mouth, the person (male) who answered the phone informed me that "we specialize in answering dumb questions, if your dumb question concerns tonight's movie, then...", at this point I slammed the receiver into the phone. I suspect that the person answering the phone still has ringing ears. However, I find that a behavior by a paid Student Union Employee was unforgivable. His ignorance was uncalled for and most disturbing. I wonder how many times situations such as this occur, and no one complains. I suggest that someone on the Student Council look into the matter.

name withheld upon request

#### Reactor info

To the Gazette:

Staff writer Donalee Moulton, in her article "Reactor Safe" (October 7th Gazette), is obviously misinformed as to the real dangers of a nuclear reactor, or has chosen to ignore them.

Few people, if any, are really concerned for the well being of scientists who are used to dabbling in dangerous fields; either for love of mankind, or for money, immortality, or from ignorance; but rather it is their own safety and the safety of their "loved ones" for which these people are concerned. This safety is not in the least insured by

the fact that good old Dr. Stuart's badge is defunct (or that he has actually only received the phenomenally low dose of 53 mR (milliroentgens), because the danger lies elsewhere.

First of all, no one, not even those wizards of modern technology and progress, the Americans, have found any better plan for disposing of the radioactive wastes which are produced by all nuclear reactors, (even Dal's "very tiny" Slowpoke) than that of selling them to third world countries as raw materials for the construction of atomic bombs. The wastes which do not have this saleable property are an even greater dilemma as they last for millions of years and contaminate everything that comes within range.

Not only aren't we interested in the amount of radioactivity registering on Dr. Stuart's badge, but by the same token the 0.013 mR hitting all the children watching the seals or penetrating the germ cells of a few dozen psychologists is of no significance to the safety of the community as a whole. Because the radiation doesn't come up through 15 feet of bedrock and 31 inches of cement doesn't mean that it can't, won't or hasn't gone down. There is always the possibility (I'm not sure how great, but greater by far than we are told) that the radioactivity will leak or seep or penetrate downwards and enter the water supply and thereby contaminate the drinking water or the Northwest Arm, etc., rendering Halifax uninhabitable in a very short time.

Once again the safety of Dr. Stuart or his neighbours in the Psychology Department is of little significance when one considers the possibility of a nuclear explosion which could occur within the

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