

City Police Refuse Gazette Information

The Warehouse General Store located at 1822 Argyle St., has been broken into five times since May of 1974. The owners, Mr. Grant and his daughter Sue, who manage the lease operation, fear they may lose their insurance if the break-ins don't stop.

There are many questions still unanswered concerning this situation but the one that is most critical is why can't the Police control this rash of crimes? When confronted with this question the deputy Chief of Police, Fitzgerald Fry, stated that all measures are being taken to prevent any further looting of the Warehouse. Although this may be the case, the effectiveness of the measures now being maintained by the Police is under fire from the Grant family.

The Warehouse's most recent break-in occurred on Oct. 24th during the early morning hours. The front window was smashed by the robbers and approximately \$400. worth of merchandise was stolen. The robbery was discovered by Sue Grant when she was opening the store in the morning. Upon calling the police department to report the crime, she learned that no other report had been filed by the police

prior to hers. Although the area is supposed to be patrolled on a regular basis, the actual schedule of checks by patrolmen varies according to the crime rate at that particular time. The Police Department refuses to release any statistical data concerning the crime rate, therefore, it cannot be determined how much patrolling was done of the area surrounding the Warehouse on the night of the robbery.

The owner of the Warehouse feels that having had four break-ins prior to the Oct. 24th only proves that the policing of the area has been ineffective. The fact that the Oct. robbery was not discovered by the patrolman on the beat further substantiates this point.

Ms. Sue Grant has also expressed the belief that the police don't seem to follow up on their investigations. After the initial report, is taken by a policeman about a robbery, it is usually weeks before anything more is heard from the department.

When asked about the department's investigative procedures, Mr. Fry stated that every crime that occurs in Halifax is thoroughly investigated by an inspector and he in turn is required to give a report of his findings

to his superior within two weeks. If the inspector has been unsuccessful in his attempt to procure the perpetrator of the crime or gain a clue to his identification, he is given more time in which to do so. How long this process continues in the event that nothing tangible can be established about a case was not disclosed by the Deputy Chief of Police.

Ms. Grant's impression concerning police procedures might to some degree be due to lack of communication with the police, but something must be said for the fact that to date the crimes have not been solved.

Mr. Fry advised the Grants to increase security precautions in the store. According to Sue Grant, the security measures taken have been doubled since the first robbery in May, and to put in a steel grate, (as suggested by Mr. Fry) would be an unreasonable expense considering the building the store is situated in is due to be torn down next year.

The problems the owners of the Warehouse are experiencing with the police are not unique to them. But how the police can be so indifferent to the citizens of Halifax is hard to believe considering they are supposed to be servicing them.

Medjuck discusses community responsibility

by Helen Spinelli

Ralph Medjuck spoke to a second year property law class Friday, Nov. 15 on the meaning of being a practicing lawyer as well as a developer. In his forty minute talk Mr. Medjuck stressed that it wasn't sufficient just to know the procedural structure of the law but one must understand all its nuances. He touched on laws and legislation that directly relate to the process that must be gone through in order to obtain a building permit in the City of Halifax. The way this process was explained by Mr. Medjuck it's a wonder anything actually gets built in Halifax!

There was a question period after Mr. Medjuck gave his presentation and he was asked about his pro-

posed Quinpool Road project. He commented that in its present form he did not feel it would ever become a reality but he did state rather firmly that something would be built on the property and that it would, hopefully, be of benefit to all concerned. Waterfront development also came up in the discussion. Mr. Medjuck said that it was out of his hands right now and that is up to the Provincial government to get the funding from DREE before it can be started. He did express some doubts as to whether or not this project would even get off the ground. The question of the developers responsibility to the community at large was raised and Mr. Medjuck commented to the effect that

this consideration is always top on the list of priorities for a developer. This attitude is rather curious considering that earlier in his lecture he expressed some dismay over the continual interference of community oriented groups (such as the Ward II Residence Association) in matters of development. He argued this point on the rationale that these groups were too often poorly represented and don't understand the intricacy of the law and of development planning in general. The meeting ended with a suggestion from Mr. Medjuck that the next time he is invited to speak it might be more beneficial to the students if the other point of view is represented.

Get Your Student Directories Now!

by Roger Metcalf

The 1974-75 Directory of Dalhousie students has been printed. It is available at the Enquiry Desk of the Student Union Building, and can be obtained free of charge by any Dalhousie student. You must have your I.D. card to obtain a copy. The Desk is open from 9:00 a.m. on weekdays, 9:30 on Saturdays and 11:30 on Sundays. It closes when the SUB does.

A directory is one of the traditional services of the Student Union, and one has been printed for most of the last 30 years. It provides the home and school address,

phone number, I.D. number and degree programme of each student enrolled by early October.

No directory was published in 1972-73, due mainly to the opposition of then-President Brian Smith. He objected to the potential use of the book for junk mail lists. As a result of the controversy in that year the directory no longer carries the birth date and marital status of students. There is also more done than this to ensure that only members of the Dalhousie community can obtain a copy.

This year there are only

3000 copies, due to budget limitations. Therefore students who are not likely to use the directory a great deal are asked not to take a copy and thereby deprive someone who might use it fairly frequently.

There are no plans for an elaborate campus-wide distribution, since it is not difficult for most students to visit the SUB sometime during a normal week.

To repeat, the 1974-75 Dalhousie Student Directory is now available at the SUB Enquiry Desk, free of charge to Dalhousie students.

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