



The Dalhousie Gazette

CANADA'S OLDEST COLLEGE NEWSPAPER

Edited and Managed by students of Dalhousie University, under the smothering control of the Council of the Student Politicians.

Editorials printed in The Dalhousie Gazette express the individual opinions of staff writers, or the Editors. This must be noted in all reprints.

Volume 95, NO. 15 Halifax, Nova Scotia Friday, February 5, 1965

MICHEL GUITE	Editor in Chief	JAMIE RICHARDSON	Sports Editor
DAVID DAY	Associate Editor	BOB CREIGHTON	Photo Manager
PETER SHAPIRO	News Editor	DAVE MUNROE	Business Editor
MICHAEL WALTON	Features Editor	LIZ ALLPORT	Circulation

On Seaweed and Sub's

A SUB will be erected along University Avenue in four to five years' time. This is a guarantee of the SUB Committee and the Students' Council. "We know exactly what we want, how we can get it, and where it is going to be."

The above quotations formed part of the campaign of the SUB Committee of 1960. By offering these and similar platitudes they sought to gain approval of a ten dollar levy. They asked the students if they would agree to an increase in their fees in return for a SUB by 1965. They succeeded. 1965 has come. The only SUB to be found in Halifax is docked on the waterfront. The SUB that was promised to Dalhousie students by the 1960 Committee has been sunk by the 1964-5 Committee. We are told that the old sub that was to cost \$450,000 is obsolete, and that we now need a newer model costing three times as much. We have learned that the Council President recently approached a chartered bank to inquire into the feasibility of borrowing one million dollars to finance the new SUB. We are told that the student government should be incorporated to make it possible to incur this debt. We have heard reports that the increased cost of the new SUB will require students to approve an increased levy. And always, we hear complaints from the financial and corporate wizards on Council that they are not being fully consulted.

The SUB Committee, Council, and the President of Council have been acting in a curious fashion. We doubt their competence to determine the questions which they have posed to themselves. Our skepticism increases when we watch them answer their own solutions. Their lack of experience seems to be a warning to which they are totally blind. But alas, "Fools rush in where wise men fear to tread."

The terms on which the support for the \$10.00 levy was given in 1960 have not been fulfilled. The SUB which was promised at that time is not going to be built. We consider it a breach of trust on the part of Council, the SUB Committee, and the Administration to continue to exact the levy from students, and to use that levy for a project that is substantially different from the one originally intended.

We have lost faith in the ability of the SUB Committee and Council to plan for a new SUB. We react with fear, and not approval, when we learn that students are prepared to borrow a million dollars, to incorporate and to increase student fees, in order to acquire a SUB. There has been such a radical departure from the original SUB plans, in both design and financing, that a new referendum is demanded. We have no confidence in a Council and SUB Committee proceeding with these plans. We suspect that the student body shares our lack of confidence.

- B. A. D. -



FORGET THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. PHONE M'INNES AND TELL HIM TO RAISE THE FEES!

By TERRY MORLEY

Kings and Peasants

Founded in 1789 the University of King's College has just recently been informed of the French Revolution which also marked that year. At least that's the way it seems from our vantage point. Certainly we cannot think of a Canadian university with a more antiquated... indeed backward... outlook on the academic community.

Where else but at King's is the President of the Student Council (called for some strange reason the Senior Student) appointed by the President of the University. They don't elect their President at King's, but prefer to have the outgoing Student Council pick three "gentlemen of the college" for ultimate choice by the Administration. Paternalism in its most blatant form. But then who ever heard of democracy in 1789 and after all King's IS the oldest university in the British Empire Overseas.

If the office of Senior Student, alias Council President disturbs you—consider for a moment the position of Senior Co-ed, King's is of course a segregated university, that is, the women are completely separated from the men. This is undoubtedly due to the fact that there were no women at King's in 1789. Women knew their place then. But now there is a spanking new Gothic residence at King's with over one hundred young females ensconced inside. The Senior Co-ed along with the Dean of Women spends her time (according to reliable sources from inside the prison camp) counting virgins. This student is chosen by the President of the University, in consultation with the Dean of Women after a most unique election has taken place. That's right, an election... the girls vote on the candidates for the position of Senior Co-ed. The ballots are forwarded uncounted to the University President. He counts them and then declares a winner, mind you he is completely at liberty to disregard the vote and so the election resembles a quaint high Anglican ceremony.

Recently the King's Student Council has been meeting with Herrndorf, Williams and Holm about the legendary Dal-King's agreement. It seems now that in the near future some agreement will

be signed in which for the payment of a certain sum per capita, King's students will be entitled to participate in many Dalhousie activities. The Gazette suggests that this is futile and that an immediate attempt should be made both on a Council and an Administration level to absorb King's into Dal. The Gazette feels that King's is part of the Dal campus and as such it should be a part of the university.

From an Administration point of view this amalgamation would be beneficial to both universities. As a larger university Dalhousie would be able to make better use of King's buildings, especially the new Gymnasium. This would enable the Residence to be fixed up and with an increased scholarship fund it would mean that more top flight students would be able to take advantage of life in a small residential college. As a college of Dal, King's could have a bright future as the liveliest part of this campus. Like Trinity College at the University of Toronto, King's would have the best of both worlds... a community spirit engendered by a small college, and the advantage of a wide range of activities found in a large university.

More important... from a student point of view it is absolutely essential that King's join Dal. King's students tend to be ingrown and anti-intellectual. To a very large extent they seem to be unmoved by the events that are shaking the university community. Because they live in physical surroundings similar to those of a Boy's Prep School, they often tend to behave like high school students. We believe that this could be broken down if they would take a greater part in the corporate life of Dalhousie. We invite King's students to try some of the Dal activities (especially the Gazette) in order to see the advantages offered by the larger university. We expect that if they do this that soon they will be agitating for an amalgamation of the two universities in a set up in which King's could retain its identity, but lose its adolescent antics born of tired tradition.

P.H.

winter of our discontent

By ROGEREBERT
Gazette's Chicago Bureau

This is the winter of our discontent.

This is the winter, when, suddenly, we begin to see ourselves as student-citizens, and to have the imagination to act in that role.

We are no longer content to be woods and hicks in the constituency of our university. We are not used to this treatment, and although we have been quiet in the past, now we are beginning to stir. For we are angry, and there is a point beyond which we will not be pushed.

The university we live in is ours. It is open to our voice and action, or we are not students here at all. If we must accept without question the decisions of wise men who think they are acting benevolently for what they perceive to be our good, we are not scholars here, but only customers.

The university speaks of problems of student "adjustment", but what is does not see is that adjustment to the conditions of the university is likely to make a student a less healthy creative person. The student who can "adjust" to the thought of kissing his girl in a brightly-lighted dormitory lounge, surrounded by 40 people, has made an "adjustment" that will cheapen his life and love and ways of thought. Where are Organization Men stamped from the mould? Look about you.

These are things we are coming to realize this winter. We are groping toward an understanding of what is being done to us, in our name, for our "good". We hope that by joining in the decisions which affect our lives as students, we can make our own

futures more relevant because they will be more our own.

It is hard for us to express the thoughts which push at last to the surface of our minds. Those who disagree with us think it is a very simple matter, but they fail to understand that the real issue, the issue which could open untold individual possibilities for the students of this campus, is the issue of the participation in an institution by its members.

This is, after all, the central issue of modern life. Our civilization is constructed of institutions, which have names like Westinghouse and General Motors, Harvard and the federal government. Too many of us are willing to specialize in one of these institutions, devoting our loyalty to it rather than to the whole society.

If there, someday, are not enough citizens to stand back and examine the total civilization its parts will rush blindly to their specialized ends and then to the destruction of the human beings who are the unwitting passengers.

Because we must start somewhere, we start with the university. It is, you know, a whole institution, an organic creation with parts that were all intended to function together. But, today some of the parts do not function. The student body has almost ceased to be factor in university decisions, and the faculty is slowly growing aware that its committees, as well, are guided by administrative "instructions" which indicate the desired answers to the questions under study.

Every decision is made by its own in-group. The ritual of consultation and "collective decision making" grows more time-consuming every day, because the time it consumes is not important

to the end it sanctified. In many cases, the end has been decided before those who are to reach it begin their journey.

It is our job, as concerned students, to cry out to our fellows and ask them to help save this wonderful organism, the university, from its own inefficiency. It is our job to suggest that the loss of a building is nothing compared to the loss of a sense of community. It is our duty to insist that the healthy development of an undergraduate student environment should weigh more heavily in the university's decisions than all of the studies about "optimum faculty units" put together.

Yet, it is difficult to define these issues and present them meaningfully. Too many students are filled with a surly resentment against anyone who tries to tell them they are being cheated. There is a great sullen apathy here. A sickening number of us will swallow anything the university asks us to submit to, rather than cause "trouble" and, by questioning the process, lose our diploma-reward.

And so, in the end, it is the university's responsibility to move against what seems to be its own best interests. It is up to the university to slow its own well-oiled machine so that students can benefit and grow by understanding it.

There is, you know, nothing really wrong with the idea of "in loco parentis". What a wonderful place this would be if the university acted in the place of a GOOD parent, concerned with the growth and potential of its children. But too often the university's parental role is repressive. It has not learned the lesson that children who share in family

reason that as an investment in the future of this nation. We believe further that the students must make their voice heard at the highest levels of government in support of greater aid to the universities.

And this is where Council comes in. Instead of waiting meekly for the Harris Commission to report they should be out organizing a demonstration in front of Provincial House. If a large part of this campus were mobilized in the same numbers as for Winter Carnival they could have a great impact on public opinion. It is time that the plight of the universities, and the university student, was publicized.

Nevertheless it is quite clear without a report of any kind that the fee increase of \$75.00 will impose a hardship on many students now attending this university. It is also clear that the fees are now so high that many young people with the ability to do university work are being denied admission to the universities. Furthermore the Gazette does not subscribe to the idea that students should be barefoot and penniless in order to make them better appreciate their education. The business of learning is a serious one, and the student should be treated like any other businessman, students are entitled to a decent standard of living.

However for this to become a reality the first step is for Dalhousie to participate in the CUS "freeze the fees" program. We must hold the line now at all costs. Not simply because the \$75.00 will hurt our own pocketbooks next fall (though that is a cogent argument for a "freeze in fees" but rather because a university community restricted to the rich will spell disaster for this country. Canada needs to utilize the potential of all her young people regardless of the bed into which they were born. If a person can do the academic work of a university then he should be in one.

If Council accepts these value judgements as valid ones for the student union (and we believe that most of the Council members do) then the Herrndorf regime has a responsibility to come up with a practical program for freezing the fees at Dal.

It is now evident that the administration intends to raise the tuition fees next year, the year after, and the year after that. It has no choice unless it cancels the building program (and hence deprives future students of necessary space) or unless the government contributes a good deal more money to Dalhousie. The Gazette believes that the government must do this, if for no other

reasons, grow into well-oriented adults, but that children who are arbitrarily ordered and punished are likely to rebel or sink into a shell of passive resentment. We must ask what sort of children the university has in its student body. Are they well oriented, with love and respect for this institution? Or are they rebellious and resentful, manifesting their maltreatment in ugly water riots? Having asked these painful questions, we must turn to where it has so dismally failed. That must be the result of this winter of our discontent.

We Were Wrong



reason that as an investment in the future of this nation. We believe further that the students must make their voice heard at the highest levels of government in support of greater aid to the universities.

And this is where Council comes in. Instead of waiting meekly for the Harris Commission to report they should be out organizing a demonstration in front of Provincial House. If a large part of this campus were mobilized in the same numbers as for Winter Carnival they could have a great impact on public opinion. It is time that the plight of the universities, and the university student, was publicized.

Tails, Tuition, Taxes

The writer is the editor of The Varsity, student newspaper at the University of Toronto. In this editorial, he comments on a student opinion survey his newspaper ran last week on university tuition and summer employment.

By HARVEY SHEPHERD

We have mixed feelings about the results of a survey taken by The Varsity last week on student attitudes towards summer jobs and tuition fees.

The attitude expressed towards tuition fees was most discouraging. Almost 55 per cent of U of T students apparently believe that it is right and proper that students should pay them. Fifty-five per cent of U of T students, we must conclude, do not accept, with all its implications, the theory that education should be freely offered by society to every young person to the extent that he can improve himself by it, and thereby profit society. Fifty-five per cent of the U of T students have yet to get rid of the notion that, for the student, education is, not a duty to be performed, but a commodity to be bought.

On a less theoretical plane, we would remind this 55 per cent that those who suffer most from the existence of university fees are not they, nor any of the other students at this university. The fees may have caused them some inconvenience... for some, great inconvenience but they, after all, are at the university... Those who suffer most are those who have the intelligence and the character to be at University and, for financial reasons, are not at university. Or perhaps it is not even they who suffer most... since they are intelligent people living in a time of, by and large, fairly good wages... but society, which will be deprived of their services as educated people.

We would presume that most of those who believe in paying tuition fees are in favor of scholarships and bursaries to help the less wealthy to university. They probably also believe such schemes should be expanded. And, any expansion of such schemes is, of course, a welcome thing.

We may even be approaching the day when there will be some sort of guarantee that university education will be open to all university students of a certain academic level. But, while tuition fees and the rationale behind them continue to exist it nonetheless will mean that, although brains and character may gain entrance to university for some, education will for others remain a commodity to be purchased. Or, at the least, it will mean that some sort of means test will be required to

decide whether, for any particular young person, an education is to be a noble duty or a marketable commodity.

Many of the 55 per cent probably believe that university students are a privileged group, most of whom, after all, have it pretty soft, and that the university student owes something to the society that is educating him.

We heartily approve of this view. They are absolutely right. The debt of an educated person to society is profound. But he pays it by using his educated point of view, and the talents he has acquired through his education, for the benefit of society, both while he is at school and afterwards. The university student does not have a cheque for \$500 of the old man's money, or even of his own. The continued existence of tuition fees can, indeed, serve only to help perpetuate the notion that to be educated, far from being a state which imposes strenuous duties, is a privilege of the rich.

The Editor
Dalhousie Gazette

Dear Sir:

I presume that the Film Society is not the only victim of the following kind of malicious mischief: a sign was removed from our bulletin board (near the Gazette office) about January 28. Insult was added to injury when another copy disappeared about February 1. It cannot be explained by someone needing the cardboard — the backs of both signs were written on. (Not that such explanation would excuse the theft.)

Rather than waste effort making another sign, we state the message here:

NEXT PRESENTATIONS:
(8:00, Wed, & Thurs.)
Feb. 10, 11: The Love of Jeanne Ney

17, 18: Triumph of the Will
24, 25: Nosteratu (Dracula)
German students admitted to the above three with tickets obtainable through German Department, March 3, 4; Five Day Lover (a comedy). Members only.

NEXT YEAR: We need three or four more executive members, who should learn their jobs by helping this year. Volunteers call John Wright, 422-2773.

Suggestions for films next year are still welcomed. Tell any member of Executive, or write on a sign which is (as of this moment) still on our bulletin board.

J.A. Wright,
President, Film Society.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: The following letter was received from the "B.U. News", one of North America's largest student newspapers (circulation 27,000), consistently rated as one of North America's best college dailies.

Dear Sir:

One fateful and blessed day last Fall, our office received your literary supplement issue. Although it is usually our custom to disregard exchange copies of college papers, yours attracted us with its handsome appearance, and startling independence.

Since that time, we have investigated Dalhousie University, applied for transfer there, paid an 850 mile trip to visit, (last weekend), and scavenged up a complete collection of this years Gazette, all of which display a rampant, intelligent, and uncontrolled bon elan. Congratulations.

Your newspaper has stimulated us into doing a comparative article between structures of Canadian, and American Universities. We hope you will find the time to answer this too lengthy inquiry at your earliest convenience. Until such time, we remain,

Yours Sincerely,
R.A. Mungo, J. Kaliss, and J. Pilati

Dear Sir:

Congratulations on your review of Goldfinger, entitled "007, or the sneaky stud".

It is about time that we saw some sophisticated wit in the pages of the Gazette.

You successfully spoofed the plot, satirized the satire, and exposed the obvious. I wish only that the audience could have read the review before leaving for home, "trusting their ticket stubs against the shifty pavement, . . . and mercilessly pummeling the asphalt between Göttingen and Sprufield".

I think you have pinpointed and suddenly burst the balloon of their disbelief.

As a onetime movie-critic myself, thank you for a very interesting issue of the Gazette.

Yours truly,
N.B. MacKenzie.

Dear Sir:

I cannot help but comment on your recent article "Why does it Happen?" (Fir, January 22, 1965).

Referring to the tragic death of Dr. Paul Carlson's death here, present the theme of the conference thought . . . "all is well here, and I thank God for that". Isay Dr. Carlson's death was tragic, for he represents a major flaw in our entire concept of religion. How can a supposed representative of God claim that all is well . . . in his own mind? With hundreds of men dying all around him. Can anyone truly suggest that all is well even here in Halifax when one man is dying unnecessarily anywhere in the world? We must answer no, and we must answer a thousand time "no" to a man lying in the midst of a virtual bloodbath.

It is indeed sad to read of university students referring, not to the purpose of such a conference, but to its message, and maintaining not that panelists discussed matters ranging from "after-life" to "practical ways of combatting racial prejudice" but rather that these panelists "dealt" with these matters.

We are told finally that it is equally inexcusable for a researcher to hide what he knows about cancer, as for Christian to keep to himself what he knows about Christ.

From the report in the Gazette, it becomes painfully obvious that the message of the conference is rather that the Christian Church is continuing to extend its dogma of peace and happiness smoothing over troubled waters, rather than fighting obvious facts with equally obvious truths for a realistic solution. If what the writer has chosen to label as truths are not sufficient to meet reality then they must be changed.

I am not perhaps in a position to refute the opinions of the writer of the article, for it is her prerogative as much as mine to state her views. I wish to show that comments such as hers are not entirely accepted by the students, and that there are still students on campus who are willing to state their beliefs.

Yours truly,
Jim Finan.

Dear Editor:

Mr. George Hees, the obvious Toronto area contender, was missing from a somewhat unrealistic regional group of candidates for the Conservative Party leadership named on This Hour Has 7 Days. I wonder if this was a strategic omission. The CBC may have had the adage "Divide and Conquer" in mind.

Mr. Hees is president of the Montreal and Canadian Stock Exchanges.

Yours truly,
John Gilbert

P.S. I've written to the national press for about 25 years. The big Halifax daily confines its space to writers from the Maritimes.

The Editor
Dalhousie Gazette

Dear Sir:

The Munroe Day study break is most decidedly beneficial to the students for at least three very important reasons. Since term time is generally very frantic, we need this mid-term vacation to release tension. We also need time to catch up in our class work and to attend to various non-academic matters which we have had to neglect. In short, this break is essential to our physical well-being.

The Gazette editorial very rightly points out that the university Administration ought not to curtail our rights without our consent. We realize that it is more efficient for an Administration rather than a group of students to run the university. However, in any moves directly concerning the students, we should be consulted. Furthermore, we should never tolerate any non-beneficial actions on the part of the Administration, since after all, the university exists primarily to promote the best interests of its students.

Yours truly,

Carla Laufer

Dear Sir:

I find your articles on abortion may be one thing, but the laws of God demand something else interesting yet quite confusing specifically the one written by the first year student, "Girls who are too immature to bear children are going to satisfy their every urge and desire at once without exerting self-control they become no better than the average dumb animal. It would seem that the clock of evolution is going backward instead of forward.

Is this the purpose of education? I understood that education was supposed to make us more responsible and improve our minds. If it makes us less responsible and more irresponsible, something is wrong. Where does the fault lie?

Yours truly,
A. Archibald.