

Gazette staff found alive

Dalhousie Gazette Editor Allan Zdunich announced this week that several former Gazette staff have been found alive.

Last week's Gazette featured a picture of seven members of the Gazette staff in a recruitment ad. The ad was headed "Come to the Gazette party These guys won't be here, they're dead."

Gazette learned last Friday that six of the ex-staffers are still alive.

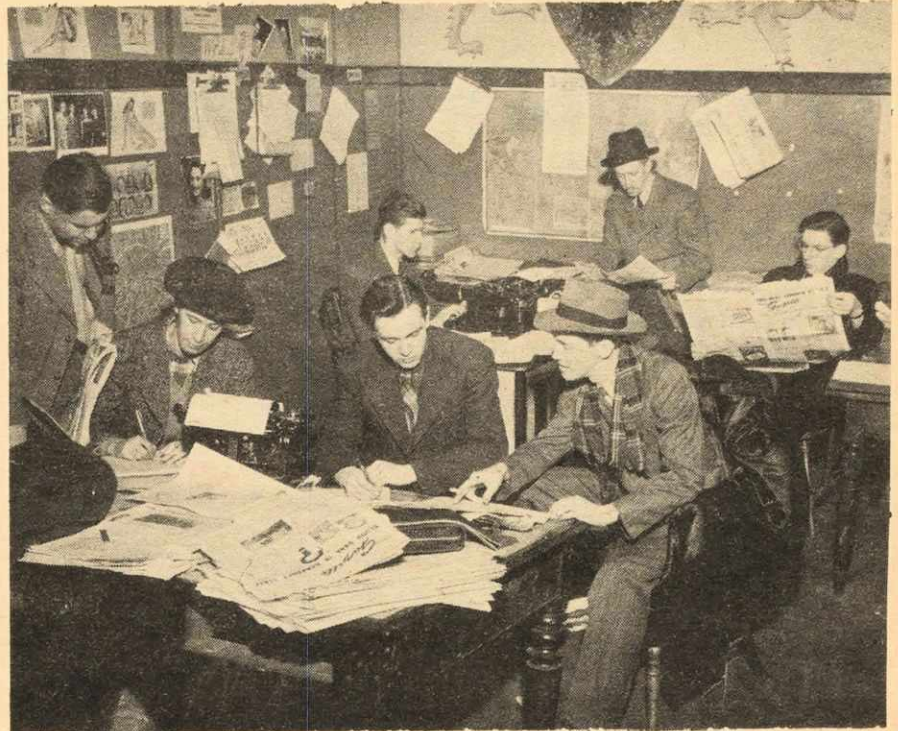
Gazette Editor Allan Zdunich told the Gazette "It came as quite a surprise when Professor McCormick from Saint Mary's identified himself as one of the people."

"For a second I thought it was a voice from the grave, and it was in a

way, because he is teaching at SMU rather than at Dal. He identified all the people in the picture and told us what they were doing. It seems that all of them are successes."

Upon learning that the Gazette staff he had presumed dead were alive, Harvey MacKinnon commented "Joining the Gazette is the first step to being successful."

The ad was the first step in a staff recruitment campaign the Dalhousie Gazette is launching. This Friday the Gazette will be hosting a pop, pizza and donut session for present and prospective staff. Friday 29 October, Room 334 of the Dal SUB. Everyone Welcome.



Dalhousie Gazette's party for all staff and prospective staff. Friday afternoon in the Gazette office, Room 334 of the Student Union Building. There will be free pop, pizza and donuts. Any former staff are also welcome.

Eating, drinking now legal

by Blair Dwyer

Members of Council and the smattering of students present in the gallery at the Student Council meeting Sunday evening were able to sip coffee and munch donuts provided free of charge by Saga Foods - and, while a number of Council members left before proceedings were quite finished, it would appear that this was not a result of food poisoning, as this occurs even without Saga Foods present.

Since not enough members were present at seven sharp, the start of proceedings was delayed for twenty minutes to allow sufficient members to be rounded up to establish a quorum. Once this was done, Council got down to business.

First topic up for discussion was National Student Day, planned for Nov. 9. Bernie MacDonnell, appointed Dalhousie Student Day co-ordinator just over three weeks ago, started off the quorum by sketching out what he hopes National Student Day at Dalhousie will comprise:

- The morning of Nov. 9, short ten minute capsule outlines of student issues in as many classes as possible, including an invitation for all students to attend.

- A noon-time lecture in the S.U.B. Lobby expanding on these themes and showing their relevance to the student body. The lecture would then break off into

- workshops on the problems of Student Aid, Student Housing, and Student Unemployment. A possible rally may be scheduled for later in the afternoon, and the day would finish off with

- A debate in the McInnis Room between Education Minister, Maynard MacAskill and a panel of four students.

Co-ordinator MacDonnell expressed regret that more could not be scheduled, but cited the problem that only "five people, running around like they had their heads cut off" were doing any active organizing. This point was taken up by a number of Council members: One suggestion was put forth that, since N.S.D. was suffering so pointedly from a lack of internal organization, perhaps the Student Union should support the Day in principle, but pull out of actual observation of the Day on the grounds that it is useless to do something if it cannot be done right, and therefore, cannot have its desired effect. - a message to the NUS to better organize next time.

After further discussion, and vain attempts to discern just where the blame for the current organizational debacle lies (fingers were pointed at just about everyone with no clear consensus arising), Student Union decided to make the most of the two weeks left to it. President Gordie Neal stressed that information was the main requirement, for unless the Day receives support from the "grass roots" of the student body, it will be nothing but a big flop. One Councillor highlighted student ignorance of just what the N.S.D. represents by reporting that some students he has talked to believe the Day to be a "Day to be a 'Day of protest' à la CLC - a day not to go to classes (which it is not, incidentally).

To try to rectify this situation, the Council decided on the following two stage campaign: since many members of Council are themselves not fully informed on the basic concept behind N.S.D., a series of workshops will be held this week for Council members and "everybody in the Universe" interested in learning about N.S.D.

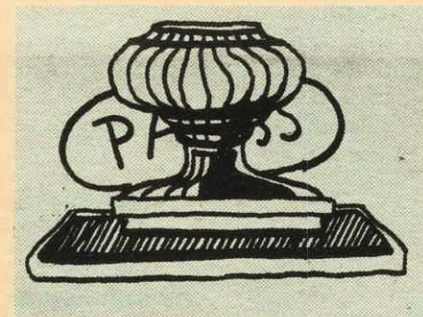
RADIO (Starting tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Council Chambers, second floor of the S.U.B.)

Council members, once grasping the facts behind N.S.D., will then move out in an information campaign, including door-to-door canvassing in the student residences, in order to convey a solid comprehension of "what N.S.D. means for us" - and to provoke this "grass-roots" interest stressed by President Neal. Herein lies success or failure of National Student Day.

(DOUBLE STAMP) Another issue brought up Sunday evening was the ever-recurring problem of under-19's and S.U.B. Entertainment. According to the Student Executive, the main problem was that the double-stamp system is an experimental system granted to the S.U.B. by the Nova Scotia Liquor Board, and hence subject to withdrawal by the Board at its discretion if the system encounters problems. Since problems of lack of control were encountered last year, the NSLB is cutting back on the number of double stamp events the S.U.B. can hold this year - a matter which the Union is powerless to change.

After debate on various alternatives, it was decided to try confining the sale of alcohol to one room, much as is the method currently in practice at Howe Hall this year. Since no alcohol would be

allowed out of this room, and under-19's would not be allowed into this room, the system would be a legal way of allowing under-19's into the dances. Despite charges, it will just be creating a downstairs Grawood. The motion was passed for trial at no more than three dances. Another motion will result in the sale of non-alcoholic beverages by Bar Services at all S.U.B. events.



EATING IN CLASS Next topic for discussion was the issue of eating and drinking in classrooms - a student delegation sent to meet with Henry Hicks on the matter returned with a proposal that the ban will be lifted for a 91-day trial period, provided that the Student Union will contribute to the clean-up of any undue and extraordinary damages caused by students eating.

The proposal was for an amount up to \$200.00. However, discontent was expressed at having to pay fees which are supposed to be covered by tuition; therefore, the amount was reduced to \$1.00, by a 6 - 4 vote.

ACCOUNTS A proposal was brought forth to transfer some Student Union accounts now held in the S.U.B. branch of Bank of Montreal to the Halifax Metro Credit Union Ltd., South End Branch. One reason was the poor service provided to students by the Bank of Montreal, but since the vicinity of this claim was subject to controversy, the main argument was that the Credit Union, set up with support from Student Council, was in need of some extra capital in order to stay on its feet and adequately serve the student community (it currently has about 100 student depositors).

The proposal has been tabled for Executive study and a report at the next meeting of Council. Indications are that if the proposal is accepted, only non-operational Student Union accounts will be transferred, for the sake of keeping a same bookkeeping system, (these steady accounts would also be most beneficial to the Credit Union itself). The main

question to be answered is whether keeping the Credit Union alive for students as an alternative to chartered banks is worth the 3% loss of interest which would be incurred in such a transfer.

OTHER The rest of the meeting was establishing grants and appointing committees, (house keeping chores). Kamal Chopra was appointed Winter Carnival Committee Chairperson. Grants were made to Sodales and Amnesty International, grants for research into student aid were allocated. As some members had drifted away, the latter part of the meeting lacked the intensity of the former; the small Gallery had also disappeared. Next meeting of Council will be Sunday, Nov. 7 at Shirreff Hall.

ATTENTION ARTS STUDENTS

Every year students enrolled in the Faculty of Arts pay a mandatory \$1.50 to the Arts Society. This year, over \$3000 is earmarked for the society, yet until a week ago the society did not exist.

Last Wednesday several interested students met to discuss the possibilities of resurrecting the Arts Society and also elected an executive core. Those who attended the meeting have hopes of extending the role of the Arts Society beyond its past tendency to limit itself to subsidizing the price of beer.

In these inflationary times, subsidized beer is a pleasant relief from the spiralling cost of degeneration. But subsidized beer is not the limits of most Arts students interests. The Arts Society is intended to promote a wide range of activities for a wide range of students. Some suggestions discussed at the meeting included:

- Subsidies to special interest groups, such as clubs.
- Sponsoring film series on specific topics, such as history and politics.
- Sponsoring speaking engagements, concerts and readings on campus.
- Sponsoring (of course) beer bashes.

In short, there is funding available to anyone who is interested in doing something with it. There will be another meeting Wednesday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 316 of the S.U.B. to discuss ideas. Any one interested in funding or in helping out, please attend.