

Editorial

What's GOOOB about the SUBthing?

Arise, ye masses, and expect a miracle. The grand opening of our building will inspire us all with a resurrecting fervor and bring purpose and direction to our lackadaisical campus.

SUB will function as a four million dollar canteen. Blind faith in the appearance of Dalhousie's unproved, invisible dynamism will not make the SUB, or anything else for that matter, the life-centre of our university.

All types of people, from PUB members to professors, expect the SUB-opening to inject all the "ideal" elements of the stereotype university into Dalhousie's campus life.

features, to unify and liven up a campus which, it is generally agreed, is pretty well fragmented and somnolent.

"Friday, November 8th is the start of something . . . that is not going to leave Dalhousie quite the same again", say the SUB people. We hope so. But it will take more than one big party and a new office-and-canteen building to do it.

"The Gazette STINKS because it is GARBAGE."

To the Editor:

Student's Council President's comment that "The GAZETTE Stinks" is a GROSS UNDERSTATEMENT. To my mind it's dull, flat, and extremely uninteresting.

When I see that the GAZETTE is out, I immediately snatch it up in my hot little hand and hopefully look for some news about DAL, but inevitably a man-hole cover is staring me in the face or there is a

grape boycott somewhere in California. ARE YOU GUYS FOR REAL?

Perhaps it has an intellectual appeal or there is a great amount of symbolism involved in the articles. Well, I don't know about anyone else, but I want a hell of a lot more news about DAL-HOUSIE!

For instance, the sports page is just about non-existent. A football game was played on Saturday, October 5, and the GAZETTE came out on Wednesday,

day, October 9. Where is the write-up? There will be a football game this Saturday Oct. 12 between Dal and X. Where's the write-up? The Mail-Star reporters talk to the coaches about up-coming games. Surely a Dalhousie student reporter should be able to get an interview with them. Why not talk to some of the players, and get their views? For Heaven's sake talk to someone and put it in the paper. Stop padding, get off your cloud, come down to earth, take a look at your fellow, DALHOUSIE students. Then start talking to them about anything. Find out about any important events. It would be nice to have some headlines on the front page and maybe some names under the pictures. Is this asking too much, fellows?

Sports was only an example. Why not get a Dal calendar and find out about all the nice facilities we have at Dal? Maybe the Med. representative, or the Engineering rep. have something to say. If they haven't, pry something out of them. There surely must be more to be said about DAL events. Why is there so much about S.F.U., McGill, or Memorial? HEY, GUYS, WHAT ABOUT DALHOUSIE? It would be unfair not to mention the article ENCOUNTER. Good. That is the main idea. At least it is about DALHOUSIE.

Understand, gang?

Perhaps, if you print this letter it might provoke some more comments. I might find that I'm the only one who thinks this way. In any case, give us all a chance to find out. You might even get a controversy going.

Yes, as Mr. Smith says, "The Dalhousie Gazette stinks" and as far as I'm concerned, it STINKS because it is GARBAGE.

Yours sincerely,

Doug Hill

Soldiers and students in Mexico City

By AARON OSUMAN AKA

As university students, we must be deeply concerned about the recent events in Mexico City. Reports state that troops have flooded the Tlatelolco Plaza (the University Campus) firing pistols, students buildings being searched by the police, and the latest report is that over 50 students have been killed since September 18th when troops occupied Mexico's National Autonomous University.

we do not possess -- liberty, democracy, and social justice." The students pointed out that if liberty existed in Mexico, there would be no need for the "Olympic village to be guarded and watched by the Army". They were dissatisfied with the political system.

For over a month as the unrest simmered, Government sources blamed every kind of influence from Moscow to the C.I.A. As students of a free, liberal world, we are not concerned with the political or international aspects of the argument. It is the fate of our fellow students that is at stake. Their lives are in jeopardy. We the student of Dalhousie University should appeal to the Mexico President, Dias Ordaz, to use his good offices to bring this students-troops confrontation to an end. The Mexican students felt it was their obligation to point out the existing injustices. It is their duty to the community. If the government finds this repulsive, the answer is not to turn machine guns on the students but to meet student representatives.

According to reliable sources, it all began when the police, anticipating trouble on July 26th -- the anniversary of the launching of Dr. Fidel Castro's movement in Cuba -- intervened with a heavy hand on a planned "peaceful demonstration". Reports state that students gave out handbills with words like "... Dear Visitors, we do not want to claim of what

Student Council Meeting - Oct 10

The council in brief

What Thursday October 10th's two hour and forty-five minute Council meeting accomplished:

- Grants Committee Report presented
- Election Committee Report presented
- Budgetary estimates tabled
- Committee to Investigate Dal Gazette makes preliminary report
- Submission of Gazette staff tabled
- CUS working papers tabled
- S.U.B. Dance Policy. Adopted
- Proposal to study student Housing situation. Adopted.
- Jack Somers appointed S.U.B. Affairs Secretary.
- Bruce Gillis appointed Internal Affairs Secretary.

Housing study

After a thirty-minute discussion which at times bordered on the ludicrous, Council decided by a vote of fourteen to four to direct Randy Smith to use the resources of the Union to make a study of student housing problems as they apply to Dal for a report to be presented to the administration and the government.

Dave Bell began by advising Council that the student viewpoint on the Housing situation would be presented to Paul Hellyer's task force on housing and therefore he couldn't see any purpose in a separate submission by Council. President Smith disagreed, stating that the Halifax Brief would not be geared to "adequate, cheap housing" of the type required by students, and he felt he should be directed "to tell Hellyer the facts of life about student housing."

Bob Daley then moved that a commission be appointed to prepare a brief on the problems of student housing for presentation to Mr. Hellyer's group. Bell warned that it was a very large problem and in the month before the task force reaches Halifax there wasn't enough time for any thorough study. Barry McPeake, a spectator at the meeting advised Council to make concrete suggestions for solving the problem as there was presently a lack of "creative solutions" being presented to Hellyer.

Randy Smith added confusion by suggesting that the motion of Daley "should be withdrawn." It wasn't and went down to defeat. The final tally was four in favour, seven opposed, and five abstentions.

Dave Bell then introduced a motion calling for a similar study but not necessarily for presentation to the Task Force. Randy Smith approved: "The hell with Paul Hellyer in the context of student housing. Either we do it and we do it right like Bell says, or we don't do it at all."

There then followed an argument over the wording of the motion with amendments, sub-amendments, and a host of extraneous verbiage from all sides of the Council chamber.

Finally, thirty-two minutes after the fiasco began, it was all over and there was a study commissioned . . . somehow.

Deficit budget tabled at meeting

According to the budget tabled at last week's Council meeting by Treasurer A. William Smythe, the Student Union will be running in the red by \$1,093.61 this year, if current projections are accurate. Smythe, who was elected as an advocate of a balanced budget, expressed regret to Council about the deficit, but added: "I don't feel I can cut it down any further."

Over thirty-four thousand dollars of the proposed budget has been apportioned to the S.U.B. Operating Budget, while Council administrative costs and the Gazette deficit eat away almost another twenty-five thousand dollars. "We must exercise caution in allocating funds," warned Smythe.

Although President Smith anticipated such a deficit and expressed satisfaction with the projected amount, he considered the policy of deficit financing to be "questionable."

In urging Council to carefully consider the tabled report, Smith asked Council to "question the rationale of the budget and participate in the budgetary process. I will be highly critical of a council that passes these measures without fully understanding them . . . You've got to get rid of this gentlemen's 'niceness' thing. You'll have to make a lot of critical decisions and by God, you'd better start making them next week!"

Discussion of the proposed budget will take place next week at the Council's third meeting.

A.R.'s office - where the action is

"It's becoming increasingly obvious," complained Bob Daley at last week's Council deliberations, "that the people who hang around the Council office make the decisions for the whole Council."

Disagreeing with Daley, President Smith asserted that "this Council has not abrogated its responsibilities," but several members, though not in complete agreement with Daley, seemed inclined to have at least some sympathy with his expression of frustration. Vice-President pro tempore Pam Elter considered the problem to be the fact that Council members could not always be present at the informal discussions in Smith's office while Dorothy Woodhouse seemed to sum up the consensus of opinion when she told Daley: "It's a fact of life. It can't be any other way."

Gazette probe committee in action

Although the work of the Committee to investigate the Dalhousie Gazette "has just begun," committee member Geri Sadoway reported to Council last week on the procedures to be used by the study group.

The first intention of the committee will be to ascertain the opinions of the student body through a questionnaire concerning the Gazette to be distributed with the campus paper shortly. As well letters have gone out to the presidents of various campus societies, and the committee is contemplating holding a general meeting of all interested parties to consider submissions. The Committee also plans to go to outside sources, principally newspapers such as the Globe and Mail and the Toronto Telegram in an effort to get a professional analysis of the Gazette.

In other news concerning the Gazette, submissions from the Gazette staff were tabled at the meeting. The Council which unanimously adopted the establishment of a Committee to investigate the Gazette at its last meeting asked only two questions of the paper's representatives. The submissions from the Gazette covered the topics of 'Democracy on the Gazette,' 'The Gazette Code of Ethics,' 'Conflict between the Council and the Gazette,' and 'The Philosophy of the Gazette.' In replying to a question from Bill Smythe as to whose opinions the submissions represented, Editor-In-Chief Ken Clare informed Council that they came out of a recent staff seminar at Martock and represented the opinion of the entire staff.

Further discussion on the submissions is expected after copies are distributed to Council members.

Canada's socialist college newspaper

Law Rep Hugh Cowan asked for information regarding a Dalhousie Gazette letterhead reading: "Canada's Socialist College Newspaper," at last week's Council meeting. "It's ridiculous and should be stopped right away," he complained.

He was informed that the stationary containing the phrase was originally included in last year's Gazette budget, but was deleted by Council. Since it had already been ordered at the time, Kim Cameron, last year's editor, was forced to purchase himself the 10,000 letterheads and Cameron informed council he now uses them "for personal memoranda."

In spite of Cowan's objection that Cameron should not be allowed to use them for any purpose, the matter was dropped.



This is a Graph of your council reps. participation, in number of times speaking.