

Psychological staff cut back

Student services reduced

by Denise Roberge

The services offered by the Student Counselling and Psychological Services Centre at Dalhousie are suffering due to the lack of a complete staff. Three full-time employees have left the Centre over the past two years, and the University Administration has not given the authority to replace them.

The Centre, which serves Dalhousie students, is currently operating with only two full-time and two part-time counsellor / psychologists. Previously, there were five full-time employees. As a result of the staff decrease, the Centre has had to limit its operations by discontinuing some programs and cutting back on others.

According to Judy Hayishi, acting director of the Centre, there is a great demand in the university community for the counselling services. In the past, students were able to receive prompt counselling. Now, however, a waiting list system has been implemented.

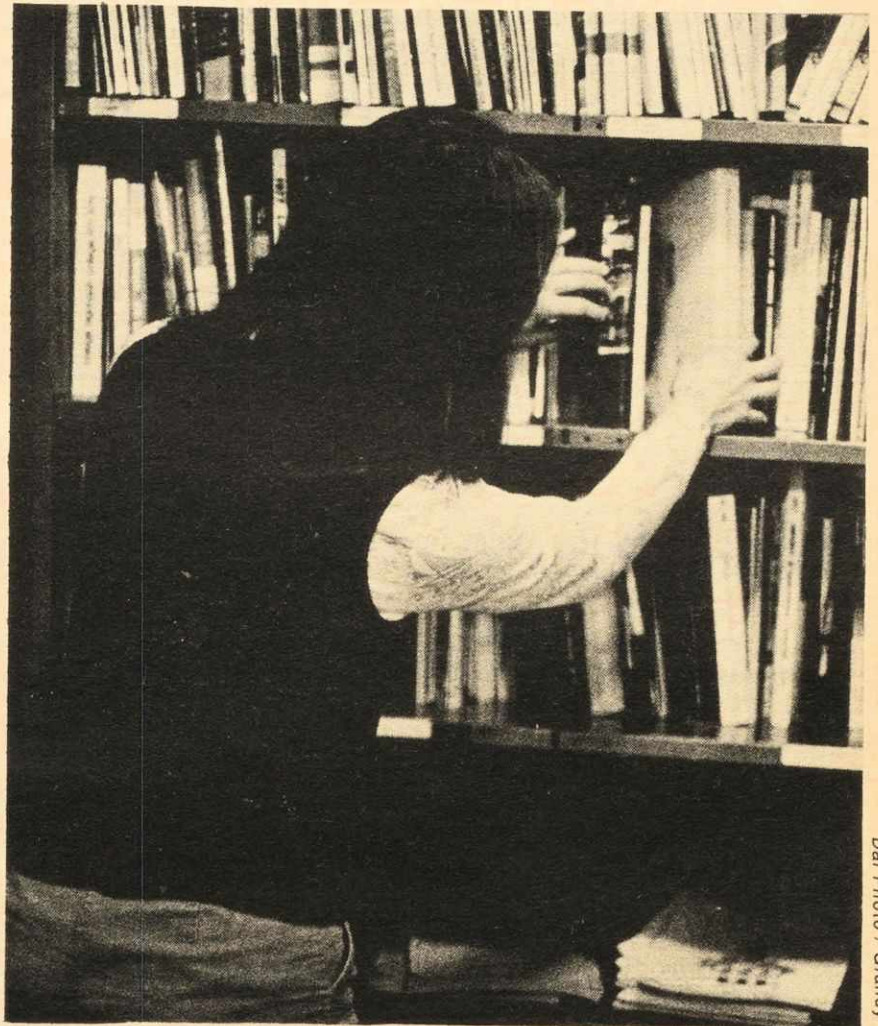
The Centre offers individual and group counselling for a wide range

of student concerns, including personal, academic, and vocational problems. It used to advertise its programs and services, but has stopped doing so since it cannot accommodate a larger number of clients than it presently has.

The staff is working overtime in an attempt to handle its large number of clients. Nevertheless, Hayishi says there is no time to do the planning necessary to insure an efficient operation. "The current situation is demoralizing and exhausting for the staff," she said.

The problem arises out of a University policy not to hire staff to replace someone who has left the University's employ, except with special permission. So far, permission has been granted for the hiring of one additional full-time psychologist, bringing the prospective number of full-time employees to just three.

A student services committee, headed by E.T. Marriott, Dean of Student Services, as well as the Dalhousie Student Council, have voted to support the Centre in its efforts to attain a full staff.



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The staff of the Dalhousie Student Counselling and Psychological Services Centre has been cut back, resulting in a decrease of services for Dalhousie students. Efforts are being made to improve the situation.

Imperialist juice conspiracy unfolds

Beaver foods, the holders of the SUB cafeteria franchise, are presently selling a line of fruit juices that should irk Nationalists and money wise consumers alike.



After receiving a complaint that the SUB cafeteria was selling apple juice imported from the U.S. the *Gazette* conducted a cursory investigation and established that indeed the only juices available from Beaver foods are those distributed by the Florida firm

Southern Sun. The juices, apple, orange, tomato and pineapple come in 4 oz. containers and sell for 25c.

Beaver foods manager Walter Schori said that his company's policy is to purchase local products if the quality and price are competitive. Beaver, he says, deals directly with local distributors on that basis.

When it was pointed out that the vending machines directly outside the cafeteria sold 10 oz. cans of juice produced by Canadian firms for 35c Schori stated that he personally didn't want to compete with the vending company. He added however, that if the question arose he would have to stock the cheaper Canadian brands.

The *Gazette* then issued a formal complaint and received Schori's assurance that the Canadian brands would be stocked by next week. This being yet another example of the student press working to serve you and yours.

Housing secretary position to be axed

by Liz Joyce

The Dalhousie Student Council is planning to drop the position of Housing Secretary. Present Housing Secretary, Sheilagh Beal, is all for the idea.

She told the *Gazette* that she is paid \$800.00 for a year's work, virtually doing nothing. "It should be a non-paying position on a student council committee," she added.

She also mentioned that there was no housing problem for Dalhousie students. She told the *Gazette*: "I haven't had a housing complaint all year," and she also mentioned that there were vacancies at the Shirreff and Howe Hall residences.

Any student who is having a housing problem should contact Sheilagh Beal, as she will help you in her capacity as Housing Secretary, at least for the moment.



Sheilagh Beal

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Police raid Body Politic

TORONTO (CUP)—Spokespersons for the gay rights magazine Body Politic say a recent police raid on the newspaper's offices, ostensibly to gather documents as evidence for obscenity charges, was really intended to close down the newspaper.

Body Politic lawyer Clayton Ruby will go to Ontario Supreme Court January 17 in a bid to quash the search warrant which authorized the three and one half hour raid December 30. During the raid, police seized 12 cartons of financial records, subscription lists, distribution and advertising records, manuscripts and other documents.

A member of the police morality squad which raided the offices has said that resulting charges of possessing, distributing and mailing obscene material—laid January 5 against Pink Triangle Press, which publishes Body Politic, and three of its directors—stemmed from an article in the December-January issue of the newspaper. The article, titled "Men loving boys loving men" describes the sexual relationships between men and boys.

"All the police needed as evidence to press charges . . . was a copy of the paper and proof that we distributed it," says Body Politic spokesperson Edward Jackson. ". . . the police could easily have established that the Body Politic was sent through the mails by checking with the post office.

"The real intent of the police raid was to shut this newspaper down. They were intent upon taking away as much as they could."

Jackson, who was in the office at the time of the raid, added: "They took subscription lists dating years

into the past, distribution and advertising records—even our chequebook—classified ad files and addresses, manuscripts for future publication, letters to the editor and more . . . They went through our photo files and opened both business and personal mail. A lot of material needed for continued publication is gone.

"This paper, no less than any other, cannot publish if the police are free to seize its advertising material or subscription lists, none of which would be of any use in a criminal prosecution," says Jackson.

Ruby has said in a press release that the terms of the search warrant "were so broad that they allowed the seizure of almost anything on the premises. Such a warrant is illegal under Canadian law."

Jackson said the raid was "an obvious attempt to terrorize the readers of a newspaper by seizing its subscription list. It has the effect of intimidating subscribers of a publication of which the government does not approve. The action has serious and frightening implications for the entire Canadian publishing industry. Freedom of the press is the issue."

He said the Body Politic collective will try to continue publishing the paper despite difficulties caused by the raid.

The trial date for the obscenity charges will be set January 20.

A defence fund has been established to meet the Body Politic's legal costs. Contributions should be made payable to Lynn King in trust for the Body Politic Free the Press Fund, 111 Richmond Street W., Suite 320, Toronto, Ontario.