

continued

from p.4

(March 6/80). Of course appearance is a vital part of a pageant, and it will continue to be until every human being on earth goes blind. Why in God's name should we acclaim a "frumpish, homely and fat woman" Miss Teen Canada? If we are going to pick a girl to be representative of Canadian female youth, at the very least she should be attractive.

Well then, why do we need beauty pageants in the first place? The answer is, we don't. But they exist nevertheless. And to a woman with intelligence, ability and energy, the fact that beauty pageants exist will have absolutely no effect on her chances at succeeding in a career.

I, for one, (since I am not beauty pageant material) will continue to improve myself through education and job experience. And if I succeed, it will be through my ability. And if I don't succeed, I will know that my abilities were not good enough for that career. I would not however, be so weak minded as to blame any future career failures on the existence of beauty pageants, for that would be a total cop-out.

Sincerely,  
Terri Drysdale [BA]

## Howe Hall one more time

### To the Gazette:

I was a bit disturbed to read the letter last week from a person who accused us at Howe Hall of being "barbaric, animalistic, sexually deprived young studs." The writer hinted that immoral tags are placed upon all women that walk into the building. Howe Hall residents were accused of being "pornographic and sexually perverted."

Obviously, the individual that wrote this letter does not know what is going on in Howe Hall, and probably on the planet earth as well. She assumes that all men are rapists and immoral degenerates. What is she? A retarded nymphomaniac or something? Men are not terrible creatures. We are normal human beings, tired of being exploited by the fairer sex. Sure we like to have a good time, but it is very few men who are like the ones that the author suggests, and many of these types are already in prison.

The attention paid to the incident of Howe Hall's morals is blown all out of proportion. If people spent half as much time investigating important issues, (like why Dal money is invested in South Africa) the world would be a better place. Crusaders are often some of the biggest hypocrites on this planet. They are misguided in their zealotry. They focus our attention away from important issues (like world starvation) and thus are more detrimental than good.

# Blood Money

A university at first appears like a kind of inter-sanctum. It is a place where one can be removed from the stress and turmoil of the world, to study and converse about great things in peace.

But it is not wholly removed from the world.

The funds which make university life possible are extracted from the at times cold and ruthless world of business. And we all belong to a human world, where people live, die and suffer, where we must use our grand political and ethical theories to make real decisions.

It is a very real world which intrudes rather unexpectedly and harshly when we take a close look at the financial operations of our university and find we profit off apartheid in South Africa and repression and torture in Chile.

The thought that we not only profit off these terrible regimes but actually support them through our investments absolutely curdles the conscience.

Examination of the circumstances surrounding these investments takes one far beyond the decision-making processes of the Board of Governors.

Desire for financial gain and disregard for the suffering of others; these attitudes partly underlay the introduction of the slave trade, our behaviour to North American Indians, and the colonialistic practices whose remnants we see in Chile and South Africa today.

It is easy to condemn in others, but can we recognize and stop it ourselves?

In the past profit-hungry Boards of Governors have turned a deaf ear to the protests of concerned students and faculty about these investments. This unresponsiveness must change.

We appreciate the tight financial situation Dalhousie is in. We do need money. But not bloody money. Dalhousie must get out of Chile and South Africa.

History has shown that attempts to legislate morality have failed. The result has been censorship, a far worse evil than any crusaders will concede. Censorship leads to fascism and such laws as the dangerous War Measure Act.

I was further outraged by the misguided editorial on the Gazette's editorial page. The editorial smacked of a fervent holier-than-thou attitude. The Gazette should not be leading moral crusades. That is not what a student paper is for! It should be speaking out for the students, attacking unfair cut-backs, government policies, and investigating real campus issues. Save moral crusades for zealots. It is folly to try to reform the student body. By doing so, the Gazette smears its already besmirched name and alienates its very audience. The Gazette gains an image that it should not bare.

What the Gazette should be attacking is the wimpy leadership of the Student Government. No excuses by them will hide the fact that they did not have enough backbone to stand up for a good cause: CKDU's F.M. proposal or the newspaper's need for modern machinery. I hope the future Gazette will assign itself to these better purposes.

I, for one, am not afraid to sign my name to my editorial. I am Lawrence P. Brown, Gazette staffer.

Lawrence P. Brown

## Student Manpower Blasted

Dear Editor,

This letter is being written to draw attention to the high quality of service provided by our on-campus Student Manpower (Employment & Immigration) Centre. The civil

servants employed in this post (outpost?) must be applauded for going above and beyond the call of duty in carrying out their job—the job of upholding rigid standards of government inefficiency. In all fairness one could not anticipate that the red tape would be cut here. And perhaps gloomy expectations of long, boring waits and equally boring application-filling procedures are self-fulfilling. However, some hints to those unschooled in the art of beating this system:

1. If they do not want to give you a particular application form, don't argue about it wait until their backs are turned (frequently) and steal it. Send it in yourself it's sure to get there.
2. If they seem to be ignoring you at the counter, ignore them back—it makes you feel powerful too.
3. Above all, be patient—a mental patient is highly prized at Manpower.

If all this seems rather harsh, I plead self-defense. I'll smile sweetly at the people behind the counter without feeling totally hypocritical—just critical.

Sheila Douglas



## HOT STUFF!!

DELICIOUS INDIAN DISHES  
Very Reasonable Prices!

TAKE-OUT SERVICE AVAILABLE

LUNCH SPECIAL \$1.99

**CHICKEN TANDOOR Ltd.**

1264 Barrington Street. 423-7725

MON.-FRI: 11 a.m.— 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.— 10 p.m.

SAT. & SUN: 4 p.m.— 10 p.m.

## Talent Hunt!

Canadian University Press will be launching a national four-colour campus magazine (200,000 circulation) in the fall of 1980, that will be distributed through member newspapers.

outlines for consideration by the editorial board.

Please include a brief resume, recent photograph, present address and telephone number, with forwarding address if applicable. Material will be returned only if accompanied by self-addressed stamped envelope.

Writers, photographers and illustrators are invited to submit samples of their work, sketches, ideas and

Material should be sent to:



The National Campus Magazine  
Suite 202, 126 York Street  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
K1N 5T5.



## BACK STREET IMPORTS

\* largest selection of  
posters in Metro.

(special mounting service available)

\* buy, trade & sell used records

\* colour 8 x 10 custom printed  
rock photos

(imported from New York)

\* silk screened rock T-shirts

(inc. Mr. Bill & Sluggo,  
Jackson Brown)

LOCATED AT:  
**5819 PRINCE STREET,**  
(at Prince & Barrington)  
**Tel: 423-3522**

