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OUR SUB

We are going to have a student union building that is definite. When, nobody can say for sure. But it is the consensus of opinion that the freshmen of '63 will be using the new building before they finish their undergraduate work at Dalhousie.

We students are now going to blitz the Halifax area to add to this total. Five hundred students will canvass for two days.

THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR CANVASSERS WILL BE 11:30 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, ROOM 21 IN THE ARTS AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. SHOW YOUR INTEREST AND BE THERE.

WE GET LETTERS

Dear Sir;

The Student Christian Movement would like to bring to the attention of the student body a series of unfortunate events which has resulted in an injustice.

Traditionally, the administration has granted the S.C.M. an office on campus around which to centre its activities. At the beginning of this term they affirmed that this situation was unchanged.

Ten minutes prior to the Council meeting the purpose of which was to discuss this matter, the president contacted a student, who was not a member of the S.C.M. cabinet, and said that the S.C.M. was entitled to present its case.

We feel that the action of the Students' Council is highly questionable on the following grounds.

1. It is doubtful that the Students' Council has this power in that the S.C.M. has no financial connection with, or representation on the Council and that the office has traditionally been allocated by the administration.

2. The Council acted in a very arbitrary fashion in dealing with the whole affair allowing the S.C.M. no chance to justify itself or to state its legitimate claims to the office.

3. The Council has shown grave irresponsibility in acting at this late date. The S.C.M. has prepared its program on the basis of continued use of the office.

4. The S.C.M. has a proper task in the university and is in vital need of office space to carry on its program.

In order that justice be done, the S.C.M. suggests that:

1. For the present year D.G.D.S. be allowed to use the office in the evenings and perhaps on certain afternoons.

2. The situation be reviewed at the end of this academic year.

The S.C.M. Cabinet

Dear Sir:

I write in answer to a letter received from the Students' Christian Movement Executive.

First, I would like to say that the Students' Council has no power to remove the S.C.M. or any other society from their offices nor has it attempted to do so.

The reasons for this request were: 1) the organizations named needed the facilities more urgently than the S.C.M.; 2) the S.C.M., could easily use other facilities such as the lecture and seminar rooms; 3) the office would be made available for use by the S.C.M. when it was felt that office space was needed.

It is true that the person speaking for the S.C.M. at the meeting was asked to do so on very short notice. However, I stressed at this time that if no one were available to speak on their behalf, the topic would be postponed.

the Council voted with full knowledge of the facts. In any case, the S.C.M. still have their office, and will certainly be given a chance to speak with Dr. Hicks before any decision is made.

George Cooper
President
Dalhousie Students' Council

An open letter to Mr. Metie.

Perhaps the events of recent history have not effectively influenced your way of thinking. In 1938 the Prime Minister of Great Britain, Neville Chamberlain brought back a piece of paper from Munich which was "peace in every possible way" or "peace in our time".

Failing to recognize that nuclear strife will involve everyone, not only the active participants, is a grievous error. A policy of pacifism and neutralism cannot eliminate the threat of total destruction to the Canadian people, because Marxist doctrine states that the total subjection of the world to Communism by revolution is inevitable.

Is it not significant that the West's major victory of the "cold war" was brought about by the threat of "hot" war by Mr. J. F. Kennedy?

AND LETTERS

Dear Sir:

The article entitled "CUCND Now you see it... now you don't" which appears in the October 18th issue of the Gazette has caused us serious doubts about the journalistic ethics, or, at least, capabilities of certain members of the newspaper's staff.

Most objectionable are the two concluding paragraphs. The CUCND most certainly does not advocate the eradication of "all individuality and sovereignty", as the article claims.

Nor does the CUCND propose "the blending of all the separate states of the world into one singular immense nation." We do advocate a system of world law which will control to some degree the external affairs of the various separate states and we hope to see this proposal carried out through the strengthening of organizations like the UN.

We also object to the presence of the word "pacification" (or, rather, "passification" as the Gazette, true to form, misspells it.)

At no time during the interview with Mr. MacLean was the word used; our policies were indeed described as involving a kind of "pacifism" but it was pointed out that the word was being used in a sense divorced of certain connotations which it had acquired in recent times and which were not even remotely indicative of CUCND policy.

We could go on to enumerate all the inaccuracies (or, possibly, distortions) and outright falsehoods in the article but we hope that the ones we have stated above will give some indication of its overall objectionable nature.

Yours truly,
Anthony A. Metie
Kevin M. Ball
Members,
Combined Universities Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

EDITORS NOTE:
We of the Editorial staff of the Gazette also have serious doubts about the capabilities of certain members of CUCND.

way to preserve peace AND our way of life is from a position of strength, both military and moral.
Yours truly,
John D. Donaldson

AND MORE LETTERS

Sherriff Hall,
October 20, 1963

Dear Sir:

Several times during my years at Dalhousie I have felt that I would like to write a letter to the Editor. The Gazette of October 18 has so greatly overstepped the bounds of acceptable newspaper reporting that I feel something must be said.

The particular article to which I refer is the one on Sherriff Hall in which such a poor job of reporting simple facts is done that I do not believe that it would be recognizable if the writer had not referred to it by name.

"They bend under a dictatorial regime..." - The Sherriff Hall Self-Governing Association to which every resident belongs selects the House Committee of Sherriff Hall. Anyone who has had anything to do with the House Committee has some idea of the great deal of responsibility and the considerable influence that they have in the running of Sherriff Hall.

"Has destroyed the honor system" - Anyone who has bothered to investigate the conditions as they now are would know that the woman who sits at the intercom desk after eleven o'clock no longer does this (thanks to the efforts of House Committee.)

"Has made necking impossible" - I think that this hardly deserves comment. Really now, where is your imagination?

"Has interfered with student government at the Hall by rewriting the constitution" - This is undoubtedly the most glaring example of complete inadequate and irresponsible reporting that I have ever seen.

ment from the administration. The only revision, that is, to my knowledge, in existence was done by House Committee and according to the Constitution must be appeared the residents before it comes with effect.

"Has broken many of the links of friendly communication", etc. - This again is entirely contrary to fact. The Dean eats her evening meal in the dining room with the girls by inviting different girls to eat with her each week.

"Has made the dining room system impossible. No one who has even eaten in the Hall could possibly blame any slowness on the checking system which I think should seem sensible to anyone since there are 220 girls in the Hall. It takes only normal vision to see that any bottlenecks are not caused at this point in the cafeteria line.

Besides these facts there are many other facts and opinions on which I could comment. This could, however, take up a whole issue of the Gazette. If the Student's Council is going to allot \$10,061.00 for the publishing of the Gazette (but again their figure is found in the same issue of the Gazette and when one sees it beside the article to which I have referred to would be inclined to doubt its validity). I feel that we, the students, should get more for our money.

ELLEN MATHESON
Education '64

(Editor's Note: To quote Miss Matheson: "almost every statement that he (Visman) lists as the main complaint of the Hall girls has some fallacy." The complaints listed were quoted directly from Hall girls, and if they are fallacious, this error lies with the girls. To make plain that the Gazette did not feel this to be accurate, an editor's note preceded the article; and Miss Irvine was asked to comment on the charges, which we feel certainly demonstrated that these quotes were not necessarily the gospel truth. Thank you for the further enlightenment you provided. The budget figures for the Dalhousie Gazette can be checked at the Student Council Office at your convenience.

Clara Nette

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