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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. No student can seriously question the need for a new student activity centre. Dalhousie is one of Canada's leading universities and it is no credit to our school that we are using a building that was erected as a temporary edifice twenty years ago. However, the powers that be also recognize our need and the Student Union Building will be part of the Dalhousie program. We students for the past three years have contributed \$10 yearly towards the S.U.B. and according to the latest release from the building fund committee the amount for the building stands at \$121,000.

We students are now going to blitz the Halifax area to add to this total. Five hundred students will canvass for two days. Students should take this opportunity to show the university administration and the general public we are also willing to work for something we want

THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR CANVASSERS WILL BE 11:30 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, ROOM 21 IN THE ARTS AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. SHOW YOUR IN-TEREST 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. A few weeks ago the S.C.M. was informed that a petition for reallocation of the S.C.M. office space was to be placed before Students' Council. We were assured that our interests would be represented when the matter was brought before the Council and that two Council members had been appointed to approach us for this purpose. In fact the S.C.M. was never approached.

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. cab-inet, and said that the S.C.M. was entitled to present its case. The student attended the Council and was given formal hearing but as was not familar with present S.C.M. activities he was unable to present a full appraisal of the S.C.M.'s functions and needs. functions D.G.D.S. was then granted possession on the office.

We feel that the action of the Students' Council is highly ques-

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 pow-er to remove the S.C.M. or any other society from their offices nor has it attempted to do so. The motion passed by Council read only that the President write Dr. Hicks a letter asking him to consider giving the office present-ly held by S.C.M. to DGDS, and that the present office held by the latter society be given jointly to the Campus Co-ordinator and the Publicity Director.

tionable on the following grounds. 1. It is doubtful that the Stu-Council has this power in dents 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 whole affair allowing the S.C.M. no chance to justify itself or to state its legitimate claims to the office.

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.

We further feel that:

1. Proper and full use of all space in the university is highly desirable D.G.D.S. has a legitimate

claim for office space. There are times when the

S.C.M. does not use 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

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

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AND MORE LETTERS

Sherriff Hall, October 20, 1963

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 over stepped the bounds of acceptable newspaper reporting that I feel something must be said.

Dear Sir:

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. The writer is obviously so lazy or so disinterested that he has not even bothered to get his basic facts correct. Almost every statement that he lists as the main complaint of the Hall girls has some fallacy, so I shall only point out the most glaring.

-"They bend under a dictorial regime. "-The Sherriff Hall Self-Governing Association which every resident belongs sel-ects 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 the considerable influence that they have in the running of Sher-rif Hall. They are the official representatives of the girls and form an important link between the residents and the administra-tion. Yet at the last House meeting more than twenty-five percent of the girls were absent and more left before the end of the meeting. Does this not show a distinct disinterest in how the Hall is run?

- "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.) Also there are residents of the Hall who would tell you that the honor system was dead long before this innovation (thanks to the disin-terest of the girls themselves) and that this is merely its official burial.

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

"Has interferred with student government at the Hall by rewriting the constitution"-This is undoubtably the most glaring example of complete inadequate and irresponsible reporting that have ever seen. From the very beginning the movement for rewriting the ancient and very outdated constitution has come from the girls themselves with no pressure and very little encouragement 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 con-trary 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 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. And can this possibly be construed as a check on 'the mature . . . girls'' of the Hall?

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. Is not the purpose of the newspaper, besides expressing opinions, to state facts? The effectiveness of the first of these is surely a matter of opinion, but on the latter the Gazette has been seriously negligent. If such articles are to be written, I believe that they should be written by some one who knows something of what he is writing.

ELLEN MATHESON Education '64

(Editor's Note: To quote Miss Matheson: "almost every state-ment 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 pre-ceded 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 Ofice at your convenience.



the author has managed to pre-sent the CUCND in a completely false light. Moreover one must in-fer that Mr. Brazier, the Features Editor, was either very careless with respect to the article or intentionally chose to disregard its inaccuracies

Most objectionable are the two concluding paragraphs. The CUCND most certainly does not advoate the eradication of "all individuality and sovereignty", as the article claims. Moreover no one made such an absurd statement. It therefore represents a complete fabrication on the part

of the authors of the article. Nor does the CUCND propose "the blending of all the separate "the blending of all the one sing-states of the world into one sing-ular immense nation." We do adular immense nation." We do ad-vocate 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. But these measures hardly require the abol-ition of all individuality and sovereignty, or the supperssion all national traits, as the article implies. 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 conno-tations which it had acquired in recent times and which were not even remotely indicative of CUCND policy. That is, the word was being used in its dictionary meaning as denoting (1) meaning, as denoting "the doct-rine that the abolition of war is both desirable and possible". But is has never been stated that the CUCND advocates "total pacification". We regard this phrase, like the term "peace in every possible way", as misleading in so far as certain readers inferred from these that the CUCND advocates appeasement or unilateral disarmament, which it most emphatically does not.

Dear Sir:

AND LETTERS

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. We find it

difficult to believe that what was

said in the interview could be so

grossly misinterpreted, as it is in the article. Much of the article

consists of statements which while

not representing actual CUCND

policy, are not really damaging out of context; however by the juxtaposition of these partial

truths with a few total untruths,

The reasons for this request were: 1) the organizations named needed the facilities more urg-2) the ently than the S.C.M.; S.C.M., could easily use other fac-ilities 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 speak-ing 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. Seeing this student at the meeting prepared to speak on behalf of the S.C.M., and hearing nothing then or since to indicate that anyone on the S.C.M. executive wished to speak, the motion was duly passed. In my view the S.C.M. received

Dalhousie Students' Council

An open letter to Mr. Metie. Dear Sir:

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". Unfortunately this pacifiest philosophy was as inoffact pacifist philosophy was as ineffect-ual at that time as its counterpart will be tomorrow.

Failing to recognize that nuclear strife will involve everyone, not only the active participants, is a grievous error. A policy of pacifism and neautralism cannot eliminate the threat of total destruction to the Canadian people, be-cause Marxist doctrine states that the total subjection of the world to Communism by revolution is in-evitable. Pacifism cannot militanly protect our society from this threat.

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.

We could go on to enumerate all the inaccuracies (or, possibly, dis-tortions) 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. Contradiction reigns when one tries to elicit an opinion from YOU. Accusations that the Gazette staff are Fascists are certainly ridiculous. As far as the implications of the article are concerned, we say, "Semantics, my dear Watson".

way to preserve peace AND our way of life is from a position of strength, both military and moral.

Yours truly, John D. Donaldson

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