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knows that from the beginning Israel has been economically, diplomatically, and militarily dependent on the United States.

(2) Mr. Barzelai states that "The Palestinian people would not agree to the partition of Palestine into equal (sic) parts." Dr. Zayid's point was: Exactly! Palestinians like Zayid are saying: Why should we have accepted that our country be divided and more than half of it given away to foreign immigrants?

Let us imagine that instead of giving away over half of Palestine the world powers had decided to give away half of Nova Scotia, that a new independent state populated by foreign immigrants had been set up in Annapolis Valley and South Shore, the Nova Scotians expelled from their homes, and Halifax declared to be an international zone. Would we have cheerfully abandoned our land, homes, farms and resources?

(3) Mr. Barzelai further suggests that the underdeveloped and in some cases densely populated Arab countries ought to have absorbed the Palestinian population. Quite apart from the question of whether this would be economically possible, the fact remains that the Palestinians don't want to become Egyptians, Syrians, or Iraqis. They just want to return to the country that had been theirs for thousands of years.

The *Gazette* article reported Dr. Zayid's statement that the only just solution of the Middle East problem is the establishment of a secular state in Palestine free from any kind of racial or religious discrimination. Such a solution does not involve the expulsion of Jews from Palestine.
James MacLean

Dal council childish

To the *Gazette*:

After attending the last AFS conference in Wolfville I came out rather confused as to the intentions of Dalhousie in relation to the organization, although not as surprised as I was at the last conference. Having decided to withhold fees, the Dal delegation, mainly Sandy MacNeill, came up with some extremely strange and almost conflicting ideas.

Having established their whimsicality by their ignoring of the referendum already held on AFS,

Dalhousie had the nerve to suggest that AFS have an on-campus office. As it had already been decided that the office should be located in Halifax, and the other campuses indicated that they had no room, there is little doubt who they thought should have it. Having established that the SUB was not a good place because it's not always open, Sampson suggested a University house, which is apparently not available at present, and would have the added advantage of closure by the administration, as well as shut-down by the student council.

With this proposed saving of \$1200 dollars, Dalhousie suggested the giving of honouraria which at least two members said they would not take.

As far as I am concerned, this withholding of funds is a childish power-play on the part of the Dal Council Executive, especially as the financial controls and audit, on which most objections were based have already been implemented. I am convinced that the organization is viable, and with the hiring of a staff-person early in the new year will provide an extremely powerful student voice in the region.

**Yours sincerely,
Jon Waterhouse
Memorial Delegate.**

Gazette policy fair?

To the *Gazette*:

As a member of the executive of the Students' Administrative Council of Mount Allison University, I read with interest the comment page of the November 24 edition of *The Gazette* sent to our office. On the same page were Peter Mancini's views on the present situation of the Atlantic Federation of Students and Marc Allain's comments on Peter Mancini's article. Is it the common practice of *The Gazette* to print debates on the comment page, especially lopsided debates in which one party has obviously had a sneak preview of the opposing side's comments prior to the printing deadline?

I question the fairness of allowing Mr. Allain or anyone the opportunity to do a critique on an article submitted for publication unless *The Gazette* also allows the first author, in this case Mr. Mancini, the opportunity to rebut the comments made in the critique.

As a delegate at the recent AFS conference, I will agree there are valid points in both articles. However, as a member of the diminutive executive of AFS, Mr. Allain would do well to exert his efforts into strengthening AFS by presenting some strong leadership and a willingness to accept the decisions of the plenary (two elements sadly lacking at the Mt. St. Vincent conference) than by writing invective against those who challenged the weak executive by presenting positive changes at the recent conference.

All present at the AFS conference had students' interests at heart. The differences arise from opposing views of how best to protect and further those interests. The emergency plenary in Wolfville will decide.

**Yours sincerely,
Pam Reardon, V.P. Academic
Mount Allison University**

Editor's note:

The Gazette considers it a responsibility to keep its readers properly informed. Peter Mancini's article had certain inaccuracies that we felt it our duty to correct. Marc Allain is a staff member of the *Gazette* who was in the office at the time Mancini's article was submitted.



Bad headline?

To the *Gazette*:

This letter is being written on behalf of some concerned students and on behalf of myself as a concerned faculty member in the School of Physical Education at Dalhousie University. The letter is a reaction to your article entitled "VD strikes Phys. Ed." in your November 24, 1977 publication.

In discussing the matter with the student who has been primarily involved in the project, Penny Stoker, I have been informed that it was her wish that a different headline caption be used for the particular article. Originally she had discussed the connotation of various headline captions for the article with me and numerous other faculty members. As faculty members we appreciated very much her mature and concerned approach to a topic which in fact could be interpreted in various ways by your readers. As a result both Miss Stoker and I are reasonably upset at your editorial decision to change what appeared to be a suitable title for that article. Not knowing the newspaper business very well, I am not sure where editorial licence begins and ends, but in this case we are very much concerned that you have gone too far in assuming your editorial responsibility.

The reason we are concerned is that the topic has potential for being misinterpreted and in that light a well-intentioned project by concerned students in our Faculty for a very prominent social problem may very well be jeopardized.

I hope I am not overreacting to something that you feel is not important and in that light I would be very interested in hearing your reaction and reason for taking the liberty of changing a title which received a great deal of concern and attention prior to being submitted to your paper for publication.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I would certainly look forward to and appreciate a response from you on this topic.

**Sincerely yours,
T.L. Maloney, Head
Physical Education and Recreation
Undergraduate Division**

Editor's note:

the Gazette apologizes for any embarrassment we may have caused the Department of Physical Education. The lay-out staff when composing headlines that night did not consider the request to have the headline changed, and realizing that "VD strikes Phys. Ed." is eye-catching decided that it would be suitable. No harm was intended and we believe none will result.

Zayid responds to comments

To the *Gazette*:

In his letter (*The Gazette*, 31 Nov. 1977), Mr. Larry Barzelai expresses sympathy for my plight and the immense suffering of the Palestinians, who have been displaced and downtrodden. His sympathy is touching but would have been more meaningful if he and Israel's supporters, in North America, would call on the Israeli Government to accept repeated U.N. resolutions demanding the right of the displaced Palestinians to return to their homes.

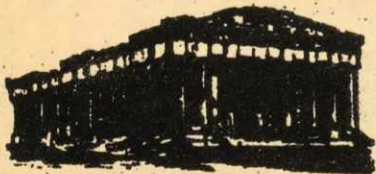
Is it not the height of discrimination and injustice that Mr. Barzelai, or anyone of any nationality who accepts the Jewish faith, has an instant right of citizenship in my homeland while I, who was born there and whose forbears always lived there, have not the same right?

Mr. Barzelai charges me with historical inaccuracy and reproduces the same catalogue of Zionist mythology, that I referred to, in my public address at the Amnesty International meeting, and answered in detail. It would take too long to answer these points here, in detail, but let me briefly make the following points:

1) Mr. Barzelai states that Israel was established by Jews, denying my contention that the British and American Governments played major contributory roles. Though the role of the Zionist Jewish immigrants in the creation of the state of Israel is not denied, surely the role of the British Government, in issuing the Balfour letter (Declaration) in 1917 and, as mandatory power, throwing open the gates of Palestine for Jewish immigration cannot be disputed. Let me remind your readers that when the Declaration was issued, promising to favour the establishment of a national home for the Jews in Palestine, the Jews constituted a mere 8% of the population. The preposterous nature of Balfour's letter is aptly described by the well-known Jewish

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