

EDITORIAL

Conflict in Senate

THE DALHOUSIE SENATE has directed its steering committee to investigate the possibility of seeking recourse, including legal action, against one of its student representatives, the editor of the *Gazette*, and the author of a story which appeared in last week's paper.

We are not sure why. The vice-chair of Senate accused the *Gazette* of being irresponsible in printing information from an in camera session of Senate concerning the debate over the procedure for granting honorary degrees at Dalhousie.

It is embarrassing to admit it, but we were not aware of exactly which information in the story came from an in camera session until the vice chair pointed it out to us.

The information which we reported came from an in camera Senate meeting was actually a quote from an open session.

But this is not the issue. A number of student and faculty Senators felt strongly enough about the debate over honorary degree granting procedures to risk their positions and reputations to speak to the rest of the university.

We, as students, and journalists, do not think this is a sign of irresponsibility, and we have nothing but praise for them.

An indication of the serious concern the university community should have over the Senate's procedure in handing out honorary degrees is that a faculty member on Senate said they received "no answer, no explanation" as to why a certain candidate's name

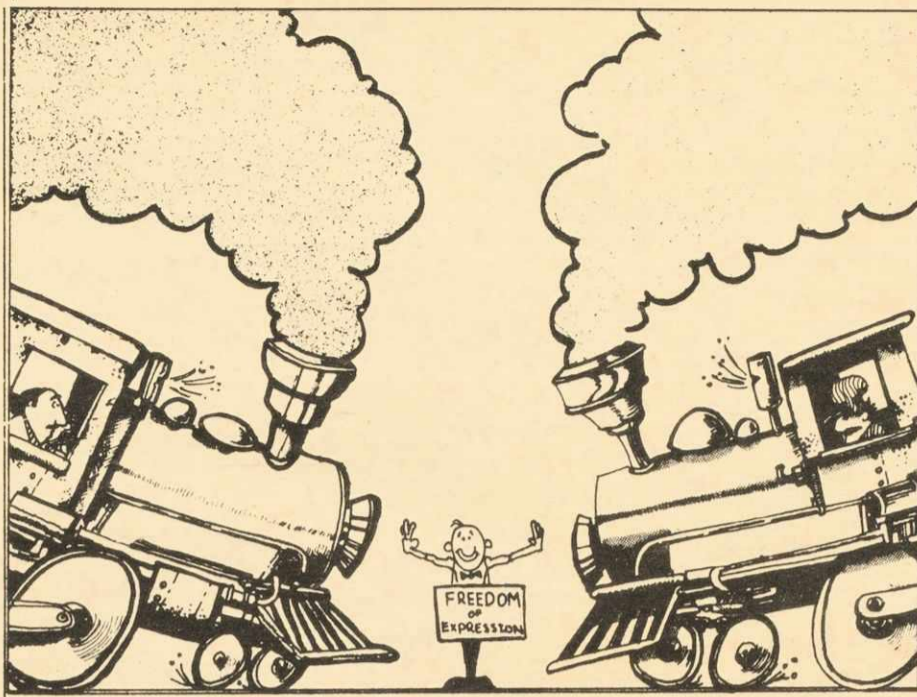
was not on the short list.

The debate over the procedure used to pick honorary degree recipients should be open, and not dictated by rules of Senate in camera sessions. The people Dalhousie decided to honor should be confident that the university both understands the circumstances by which they were chosen and reasons the honorary degree nominating committee

selected them out of its list of 45 nominations.

The steering committee should return with recommendations that will help the Senate become more accountable to students and the university community in its selection of honorary degree recipients.

If the university is not accountable to students, who is it accountable to?



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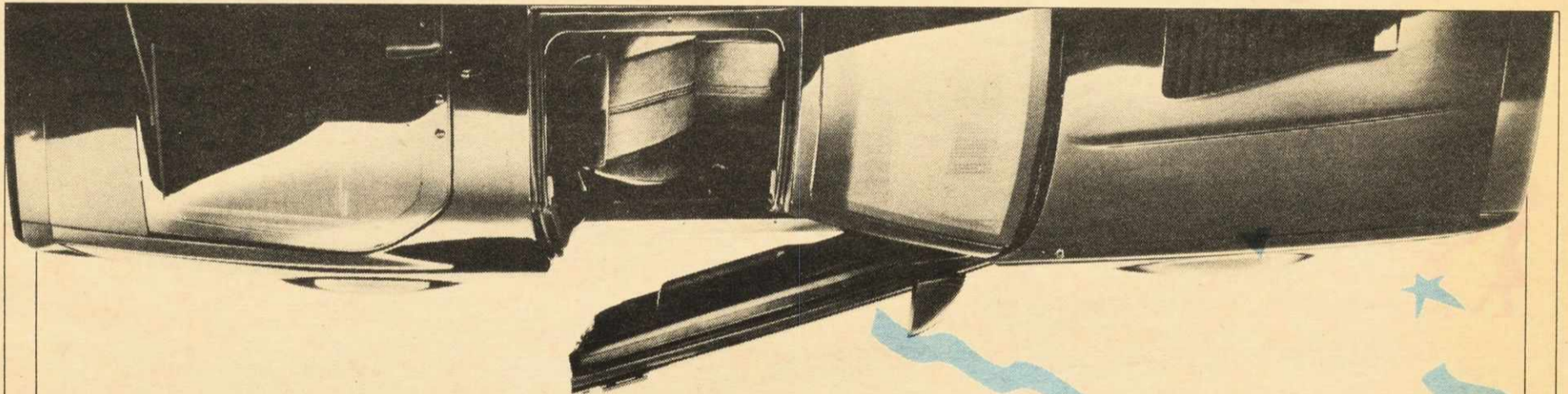
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Warm hugs and kisses to the heart of Canada; to Martha, Samantha, Peter, John, Pat, and Charlie.

Far flung embraces to Nora, Corinne, Karen, Marge, Beth, Brian, Sue, Erin, Richard, Dale, Susie, Catherine, Ken, Donna, Margie, Barry, Melinda, Brendan, Colin, Paula, Neil, Monica, Barb, Kaye, Bernice, Steven, Lauren, Mike, Tim, Zoe, Scott, Caroline, Howard, John, Matt, Trent, Lynn, Mike, Angie, Joe, Jeff, Beth, Lisa.

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