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The Gazette is apparently to be censored. While Council has not issued an official statement, we have been told that the Executive (as few as two members and the chairman) plan to meet during the Gazette's Feb. 16th deadline and demand, on behalf of 2700 students, to inspect the copy. Their purpose is to make certain that the editors don't comment "prejudicially" on the following weeks election.

While the arguments are many both for and against a student paper endorsing a student candidate, crucial here is that it is the paper's right and not the right of Student Council to make the

The purpose of the censorhsip is to insure responsible reporting. The responsibility of Council however is to elect a responsible editor. If he fails in that duty to the Council, and thus to the students, then he must be fired.

Council must take a firm stand. They cannot continue to amble down the middle of their mediocre road, setting inconsistent double standards both for themselves, and for their sub-committees.

They have demanded that no organization reallocate funds in access of twenty five dollars without their express approval, yet in two meetings last week they gobbled up more than that amount of student fund thinly disguised as coffee and muffins (and paid from their own nebulous "contingency fund", apparently a "carte blanche" budget covering anything from flowers for a representatives' ailing parent, to delivering mail by

They have reprimanded the Gazette for failing to present a conference report on 48 hours notice, considering assorted forms of punishment from refusing to pay conference costs, to demanding the editors resignation. We remind the council that the essentials of the report have already been published in the paper (Urge Stronger Ties with French Press, Jan 15), that its official presentation at Council is merely a tedious technicality, and that their own two most important reports on the constitution, and on Athletics, have both been nearly five months overdue.

We suggest that before reprimanding any further, that they consider their own responsi-

And we suggest that before setting themselves these comments to his role in World War II. up, as the Gazette readers thinking man's filter, that they consider their own motives and their implications. Perhaps their actions are motivated by a genuine interest in the welfare of Dalhousie

Surely to accept the Gazette as a responsible pose censorship during election period, is to defeat the entire concept of freedom within the student press. Student newspapers across Canada are supported by students, and thus by the Councils: They must further however, present, and comment on Councils actions to the students. If Council is prepared to censor the paper during one important issue, than it is creating the framework for censorship of all important issues. A one specific issue, is without the responsibility to comment on any issue, and must be disbanded immediately, for it defeats its own purpose. grave early years of the war,

The University Administration must soon decide whether to discard the traditional Munroe speeches will always bring a lump to the throat Day study break, in past years provided to wrap of the most sophisticated reader. up the year's extra-curricular activities, and to

catch up on the year's work. The Administration is aiming for a longer year of lecture hours. This year classes began

There is no need here to argue about the relative uselessness of lecture periods. We are interested more in the relation between the student and their Administration. We are not "customers" before a paternalistic body of "Advisors". The Munroe Day break was originally provided for the benefit of the students, and the Administration must prove that it is for the benefit of the students to eliminate it.

We deny that this move would be to the advantage of the studnets. We point out to the administration that this University is more than a garage, and we point out that they are more than grease-monkeys, trying to lubricate a motor

for more miles to the gallon. The students will use the break, in part, for parties, or to go home. The new Student Council will use it to draft their program for the following year, and the newspaper staff will use it to

produce their final twenty page issue. More important however, will be the large majority of students using it to finish assignments, review their notes, adjust a final schedule, and to begin the final push before exam-

We deny the importance of five class days to our general level of education. We don't denythat the break, in a year already extended by two weeks, may mean passing or failing to many

We have witnessed new residences built, classes extended (at a loss of potential summer earnings), and finally fees increased all without being consulted. Dalhousie students are more than mere IBM cards. We demand that the Administration consult their own "customers" before their next

winston churchill

While the signal events of Winston Churchill's life took place before most of us were born, there can be no doubt of his greatness. The judgement of history usually takes time to form its opinions on wars, and it would be inappropriate to limit

One of the most impressive things about this man was the accuracy of his vision accurate in advance of contemporary thought. His was the voice more by the fear of baring their own ineptnes than crying for British intervention in the Nazi rearmament of Germany during the early 1930's; his was the eye scrutinizing Stalin's regime when all the world was blissfully ignorant of the Russian representative of student journalism, but to im- danger. Time and again his magnificant oratory espoused unpopular causes, and time and again the years proved that he had been right. A superb politician, he found the ways to reconcile that cynical business with honour.

During the first half of his century, Churchill's career in politics seemed finished on more than one occasion. Each time he returned to more influence than he had lost. At the age of sixty when most men think of comfortable retirement paper without the responsibility to comment on Churchill's life had not even approached its high points. He will be best remembered for leading his desperate compatriots to victory during the

But it will be his use of the English language Munroe goodbye associate editor of The Financial Post, recently associate editor of The Financial Post, recently termed him as the only person who could write without constant resort to clinche (except for Shakespeare). His monumental works of William Shakespeare). His monumental works of history will be standard reference volumes as long

There are very few true heroes allowed to a disparaging world, but Winston Churchill was one, His death was not shocking, nor even tragic in the Greek sense, for we knew that he was human. Nevtwo weeks earlier than usual and will continue ertheless his death saddens us all, and serves as an unequivocal reminder of the insignificance of

By Zach Jacobson.



hoopla and motherhood

By TERRY MORLEY

Walking through the Canteen in the last few days we noticed that our student "politicians" have activated themselves and are now busily engaged in testing their electoral antennae to make sure that when the time comes they will be able to garner the necessary votes to land a seat on Council. And, incidentally, Council elections are coming up next month . . . February 19.

rather than, as in past years, on student government. a platform of hoopla and "mother-

room in the dining hall either; we need more space.

of the student body to alleviate some of this problem.

trays into the common room in order to have space.

students were forced to stand and sit in off-side sofas.

PROBLEM INTENSIFIED BY RULE VIOLATIONS

However, another very important factor is the fact that students

For example, it has asked that people not loiter in the dining

room, that people not sit down unless they are eating, that people

refrain from spending too much time at the table after eating.

some gave evidence of having eaten, but many did not. Two card

The situation persisted all through the morning and noon hour.

At the 12:00 rush, with the cafeteria extremely crowded, some

At a comparatively slack time, 11:30 A.M. 40 students remained

in the cateteria, of whom about ten were eating. The card game

BLATANT VIOLATION

At 11:00 A.M. on the morning of January 19, there were 91 students

fail to observe rules set up by the student council for the benefit

is too crowded". This in part is due to space.

engaging eight people.

persisted.

spirit which has imbued our pre- more the rest of the collection of rights. sent Council with some under- 10 or 15 points (ranging from Of course this will mean an end standing of what student govern- Gazette Editorial Boards, to an to purely campus planks in the ment is all about will not expire Investment Advisory Board, to platform. Quite obviosly if studalong with Peter Herrndorf's International House), are in ents decide that it is necessary That is, we hope that this themselves quite irrelevant un- for the health of the universities year's election will be conducted less they are presented within the that all tuition fees in Canada on a reasonable, rational basis, framework of a philosophy on be frozen then by the same token

It is encouraging to note that this attitude towards student ing. Even last year the two plat- councils is becoming increasingly forms were mostly a catchall prevalent throughout Canada. The clude that candidates must also collection of appealing programs idea that students must be recogdesigned so that every interest nized as full members of society, social issues. If there is a cangroup would be appeased and no with duties, rights and privileges, one would be offended. This may is becoming widespread amongst be smart politics but it is hardly student politicians in Upper Can- doing at Queens) then he most the type of thinking that is needed ada. We think that this is a for a university community. The healthy attitude, and look for- sophy about the advantages to the fact that a President and Vice- ward to seeing signs of students university to be able to have all President support the Student unionism here at Dal. The time the brightest students attend. If Union Building is certainly not is now for this campus to become

The Gazette trusts that the new levant to their election. Further- ment for recognition of student

it is necessary that students take an interest in government spend-

Further, logic leads us to conconcern themselves with broader didate who runs on a freeze the fees platform (as a slate are certainly will have some philo-"freeze the fees" is not simply startling and definitely not re- one of the leaders in the move- to be a program supported by students for purely selfish reasons then there must be some concept of the university community as a place of scholarship ... and more than a place for a "good

If a candidate believes this helped these days by the attitude of the students with regards to its about a university (and any can-It is, complain the students "inadequate". There is not enough didate who doesn't has no business running) then he must also be concerned about the debilitat-This is true, and it is hardly fair to expect these facilities to ing effect of slums on youngsters suffice for three thousand students. It is true that they are pre-(some who might go to university dominantly students living off campus, but in the daytime many but for their environment). day students wish to frequent the canteen but cannot because "it

Thus it follows that the student union, and the student politician must be interested in social issues.

Since Dalhousie is the natural leader of the Maritime universities it therefore follows that we have a double responsibility to develop this philosophy. Much worthwhile student legislation can only be brought about in concert with other universities. Dal has in the cafeteria, approximately 40 were eating. Of the remainder, already led the way by playing a large part in the formation of games, tying up the better part of two tables, were in progress, the Association of Maritime Students) (AMS) of which George Cooper is president. If this organization is to be really worthwhile then it must begin to operate within a progressive framework. Dal should provide that individuals persisted in taking up space and one card game was still going on. Students were forced at all hours to move their framework. If necessary we should borrow many of the ideas of the student syndicalists.

This election will measure the quality of our campus politicans, Here, too, the rules were openly, massively and blatantly violated. Here, the proper place for the students who were taking up the space in as much as they must take the lead in formulating this philobelonging to those willing to pay for the meals, remained consophy.

sistently, uncomfortably, and almost chaotically crowded. Numerous We do not intend to cast our vote for any candidate who has not The Student Council, recognizing this, tried to minimize the problem by posting a sign on the door plainly stating that "card playing is not allowed between 10:30 A.M. and 2:30 P.M." Yet done this type of thinking about student government nor do we intend to consider their promises at no time in the past several days have less than five bridge seriously.

games been observed in progress during these forbidden hours. Peter Herrndorf is fond of One observer, interviewing some of the card players found that most of them were freshmen and sophmores. It was also noted that all save two were failing subjects. The saying that faculty, students and administration, all have valid roles to play in the university council is to go forward from this in this group was passing five out of six and two other persons were point however, next year's officers must all have played a part in defining just what the role of the student is . . . and most important . . what it should

Who is there to take on the

LETTERS TO THE GAZETTE

The existing dress regulation in the dining hall of the Dalhousie Men's Residence are a nuisance. They do not forbid the wearing of the kinds of dress which are probably objectionable. There are no rules which forbid the wearing, for example, of short pants to meals.

Moreover, the rules are unfair in that they do not have the same effect on all residents. Med and Law students, being frowned upon by their departments if they do not wear white shirts and ties, are not inconvenienced by the dress regulations for meals. But chemistry students would soon find holes in their white shirts if they wore them to labs. Residents with only a short lunch hour break are also inconvenienced. While the resident council has been granting appeals to persons who have been fined under such circumstances, the situation of having to appeal is hardly satisfactory.

The regulation should be altered so that anyone not wishing to take the trouble to put on a sport jacket, white shirt and tie would not be required to do so, provided that his appearance is neat.

> Yours truly, J.W.J. Sutherland.

I wholehearedly agree with the comments made last week on your sport page concerning the poor showings of the Dalhousie Cheer Leaders. The Cheerleaders are provided with a more than adequate budget by the Student Council to provide spirit and athletic support

Certainly the cheerleaders this year are far from fulfilling their purpose, and I fully concur with your sports editors comments. that improvements or drastic changes should be made immediately.

> Yours truly. David Robart

I demand the use of your columns to say far too few words. Your treatment of Margaret Drew and Marlene Hawgs article on the seventh intervarsity missionary convention cannot be forgiven. Surely if university students are incapable of seeing the true light when the torch is thrust before their eyes (however shut),

then who can? You bore the true standard and colours of North American yellow journalism with the self satisfied and pompous title "Why does it happen". You beg for further opinions in the midst of God's own

message, and blatantly annoint yourselves with the self-damning statement that the opinions expressed within the article are "not necessarily your own". Surely you needn't add this final insult to the policy and the

canons of the IVCE. Surely every Christian can see the irreverance covering your attitude both within, and without your rag.

On behalf of every Christian on Dalhousie campus, I demand an immediate retraction . . . it's for your own good. Perhaps if you prayed a little more, rather than occupy your time soliciting uncalled for opinions, you might produce a newspaper worth reading.

Dear Sir:

The problem of the canteen at Dalhousie, so much under discussion, and which has inspired plans for a Student Union Building, which will cost approximately one million dollars, is not being

passing all five. Many were passing only two or three, and one was not passing any at all. Playing cards is considered by some questionable use of time but worse for the fact that it creates serious problems for those who are there for more necessary purposes.

HERRNDORF CAN ENFORCE IT

It has merely been asked quite reasonably that in the light of present space and rooming problems that students curtail certain activities at certain times.

Since this apparently is too demanding for certain lazy and selfish members of the university, it is up to the Council to see that the rules are carried out. As has been said before: "Council made the law: they can enforce it''. Yours truly, Prentis Glazir

Chairman Mao's Solemn Call Warmly Received

Chinese People and Youth Condemn U.S. Bandits Resolutely Support the Congolese (L) People

(The following article, with the reproduced photograph, and headline is reprinted of the country. Passions ran high despite the untimely rain or from the December issue of "Chinese Youth

While such publications are strictly banned in Canada, the Gazette's recent issue was secretly carried across the border by a one-time Dalhousie student, now working as an attache with the Canadian foreign ser-

The statement of Chairman Mao Tse-tung, the great leader of the Chinese people, in support of the Congolese (L) people against U.S. aggression has won whole - hearted endorsement and enthusiastic response among the Chinese people and their youth.

Altogether eight million people in the whole country turned out people protesting against for gigantic demonstrations and rallies in the five days following U.S. and Belgian imperialthe publication of the statement on November 28. They expressed ists' armed aggression in firm determination to stand on the side of the Congolese people, the Congo (L). to take all possible measures to support their patriotic, just struggle and to unite with the world's people to defeat U.S. imperialism and all its lackeys. They are convinced of Chairman Mao's prediction that the whole world will belong to the people and monsters of all kinds shall be destroyed so long as the people all over the world are courageous, dare to fight, defy difficulties and advance

wave upon wave. Starting from November 29, demonstrations were held in the eleven cities of Peking, Shanghai, Tientsin, Shenyang, Sian, Chengtu, Canton, Wuhan, Kumming, Huhehot and Urumchi, with a participation of several hundred thousand or more than a million people in each city. Among the demonstrators were workers, peasants, students, government functionaries, people's militiamen, scientists and professors of all nationalities. The angry roar of protest against U.S. imperialist aggression swept the length and breadth

tion of the 650 million Chinese people to stand four-square behind the Congolese people against the common enemy.

Tse-tung and other leading members of the Communist Party and

snow in some places. The militant spirit of the demonstrators in a smoke-screen, was plotting for a new move of aggression. The various parts of the country was clear evidence of the determina- people of the Congo and the whole world should enhance their vigilance and see through their cunning trick. "It is preposterous for U.S. chieftain L. Johnson, with his record of towering crimes, to On November 29, a grand rally of 700,000 people followed by talk about 'humanitarianism,'" remarked Wu Yao- Hai, a former mammoth demonstration was held in Peking. Chairman Mao poor peasant and a delegate to the Ninth National Congress of the Chinese Communist Youth League, at a rally held in a people's the state attended the rally. On the following three days demonstra- commune. "The people of the world know very well that a wolf is tions against the U.S. imperialists' sanguinary atrocities in the after all a wolf. Johnson's banditry is clear to everyone," he said. Congo (L) swept the whole city like an ever mounting tide, drawing Li Mu-lin, Vice-Director of the Szechiching People's Commune in 2.2 million people of all walks of life and of different national- and a model farmer, who had thirty years of bitter experience under the rule of imperialism and the reactionaries in old China, Many advanced young workers were among the demonstrators. told young people that they should always remember their duty to-Chang Pai-fa, a deputy to the National People's Congress and lead- wards the world. "We emancipated people must never forget our er of a young shock brigade at Peking's No. 3 Building Company, class brothers under imperialism oppression," he said. Young

rifles so long as there are people in the world suffering from imperialist aggression.'

For days on end China was seething with indignation against the U.S. imperialists' aggression in the Congo (L). From the capital Peking to cities in remote regions, from the coast to the hinterland, millions of demonstrators roared in one voice: "Down with U.S. imperialism!" It has been pointed out that the sending of Tshombe's puppet troops and white mercenaries into north Congo (L) before the withdrawal of the aggressive U.S. and Belgian troops shows that the U.S. imperialists are plotting to make "Africans fight Africans," suppress the Congolese patriotic forces and turn the Congo (L) into a testing ground in Africa for the U.S. "special warfare." People are convinced that the heroic Congolese people will certainly persist in their struggle, frustrate the new intriques of the enemy and win complete victory in their struggle for national

