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under Khrushchev and further under Brezhnev in a more militarized form. Both superpowers are imperialist meaning that their capitalists have grown so fat by exploiting workers at home that they have to turn to exploitation of other countries for their continuation and maintenance. It is imperialism which is the source of wars including the real danger of nuclear war. It is imperialism as well which promotes the false dichotomy in world politics.

Averting such an unprecedented catastrophe as nuclear war is the legitimate concern of the world's people, and it is a serious mistake not to point out that imperialism is the source of this danger. The series also ignores how Canada's role in NATO and NORAD, whether nuclear or not, is directly contributing to the war preparations and the growing danger of war. Nor has the question of how and why university facilities are being used by the military to assist in war preparations been dealt with. Nor has the series discussed the role of national liberation struggles such as in El Salvador and Afghanistan in weakening the superpowers and increasing their isolation. These are vital questions that all peace-loving people should take up and come to the warranted conclusions.

Charles Spurr.

## Inter-res teams exposed

Dear Liz Vibert,

In response to your cold, inaccurate assumptions concerning the makeup of the inter-res societies teams, we would like to clarify a few important points.

1. The designation of team "A" was decided on according to the alphabetical order of house names; Bronson, being first, for "B" and going down the line you'll realize Smith is fourth; thus the fourth letter of the alphabet "D".

2. All participants on the "A" team were residents of only Bronson house and their Sherriff sister floor.

3. According to the dictionary, the definition of "stacked" is "to pile up or arrange secretly," which certainly doesn't apply to us. Then again, nothing was ever brought up about the massive contingent representing inter-res team "D", if that is what you may have called it. At the basketball game cheering contest there were certainly members from the other 3 houses (Henderson, Cameron, and Studley) represented falsely as Smith. Perhaps, Ms. Vibert should check her definition of "stacked" since that night's activities played a major role in determining the overall outcome of the super societies contest of the winter carnival. Also, definite signs of collaboration existed in the futile attempts which led to the eventual elimination of inter-res team "A's" assassination squad.

4. If certain resident members are dissatisfied with the actions of a particular individual, then maybe that should have been clarified rather than designating one particular house along with their sister floor as the goats.

5. We realize that this overall topic is very trivial, but since Liz felt she had to "broadcast" the situation and, in doing so, with obvious ignorance, we felt it only proper to present the facts truthfully and defend the implications so irresponsibly presented.

In closing, perhaps the reason why Ms. Vibert didn't disclose the moral of her story was because it applied to inter-res team "D" instead. Maybe even "her" story wasn't the true one?

Understandably, Liz will offer a response to the truth presented here, but let it be noted that we will "lower" ourselves to such trivial matters this once and we will not be inclined to comment upon any more of Ms. Vibert's fictitious statements as long as she continues to misuse the "actual facts."

Without prejudice and sincerely yours,

Inter-res Team "A"

## "A" team not stacked

To the Editor:

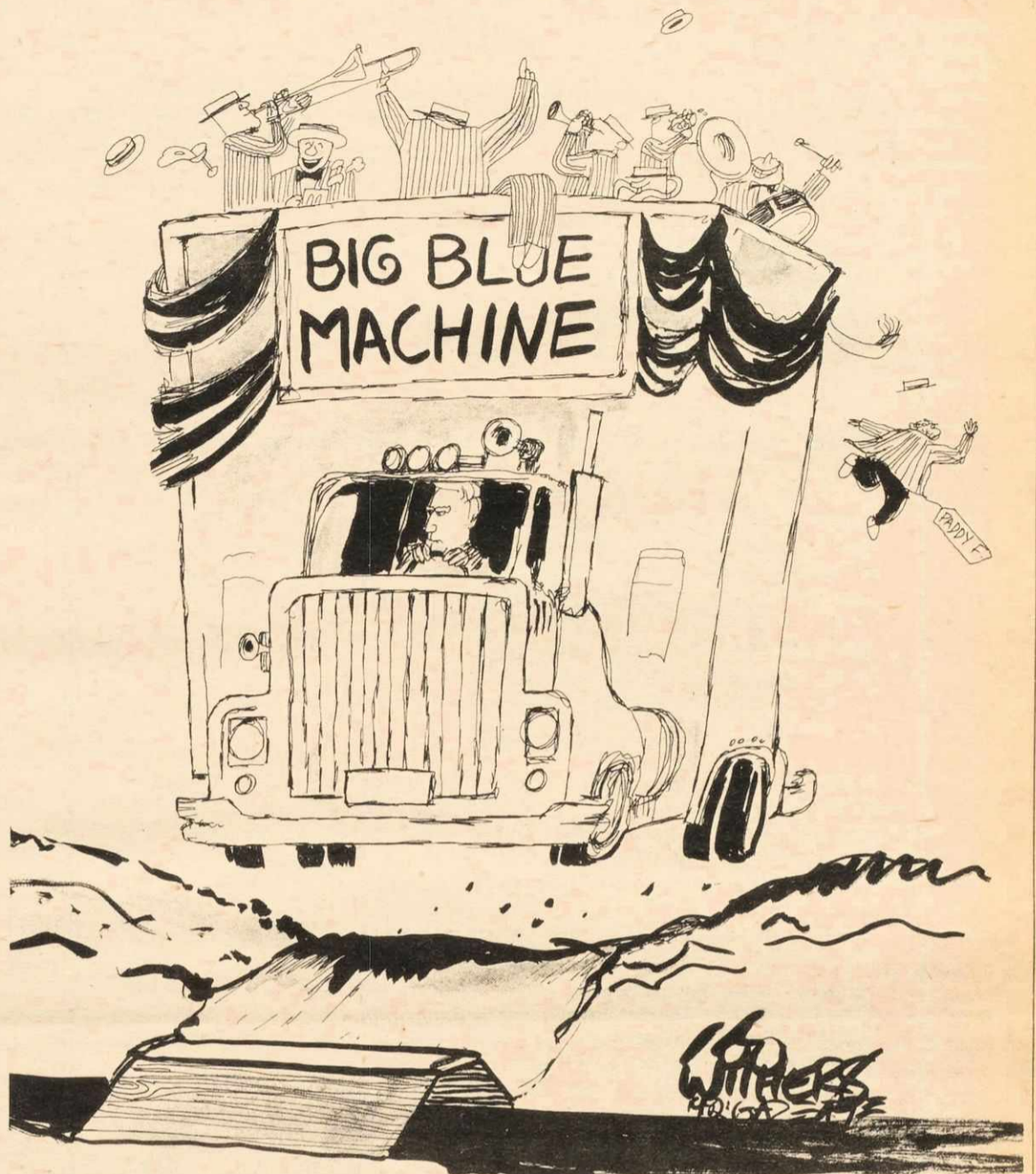
Re the "Super Societies Bitterness" letter (Feb. 18th) written by Ms. Vibert; what is Liz talking about?! Residence teams were not stacked and I saw not a single sign of bitterness in Howe or Shirreff over the result of the contest.

The truth of the matter is this --originally the Howe Hall Residence council, which includes all five houses, did not want to separate into five different teams composed of houses at Howe and their sister floors. But pressure from other societies and the S.S. Chairperson, Brian Rose, made the council relent after we realized a single team from residence would simply be too powerful for smaller societies. Howe Hall Res. council discussed the matter with the Shirreff council over dinner, and it was apparent that the ladies preferred to have sister floor/brother house teams, so we obliged.

We decided to name the residence teams with letters from A to E, rather than using the actual house/floor names, just so the victory could be shared with the entire residence. If you ask Brian Rose he'll tell you that the registration forms had the house/floor name on it as well as the letters, which were assigned alphabetically.

I made a promise to the super societies committee that no team from Howe would be stacked, and I kept my word. In fact stronger teams lent members to weaker teams to even the odds further. An example was a victor in the century club, Mike Bryden, a resident of Bronson house and an "A" team member who was lent to the diminutive Res. "E" team (Studley/Basement Shirreff). The "A" entrant didn't win. The "A" team was not stacked, it was simply the Bronson/2nd Shirreff team. The fact that the contest for first place was between Res. "A" (Bronson/2nd Shirreff) and Res. D (Smith/3rd Shirreff) is no surprise, it is a historical truism that Bronson and Smith have been the most spirited houses at Howe, simply because of a high upperclassman/freshman ratio.

As it was, the Bronson team lost to the Smith team in the last



contest of the carnival, as a result of fierce manoeuvring of a stolen bathtub and a Toyota Tercel in the back door of Howe Hall. It turned out that a diver in a bathtub in a SUB elevator was funnier than big Bobby Heinrich in a tiny Tercel in a Howe Hall corridor.

And so Smith/3rd Shirreff or Res. "D" won by a single event. As an "A" team loser, I was not bitter at the result. Everybody had a really great time, thanks to the fine work by Sonya Dudka, Kathy Hagen, Brian Rose and many others. But sorry Liz, there was no big, bad, bitter, stacked team of any letter out to crush the underdogs. Thanks for the compliments anyway. And brickbats to the **Gazette** for its scant and terrible reporting of the events. When people at Dal get excited and involved and have a good time, it's something to write about!

Jay J. Doucet  
Men's Residence Councillor  
(Howe Hall)

## Weldon cartoon was character assassination

To the Editor:

We must register our disappointment with the **Gazette's** caricature of Richard Weldon (Feb. 11, 1982).

As an art form political caricature has the capacity to be an extension of good journalistic principles. It can be objective, constructive, and informative. However it can also degenerate into the exact opposite: subjective (based on assumptions and stereotypes), destructive (malicious damage harming reputations and careers), and misinformative (leading its readers to make rash assumptions). Unfortunately when this happens someone usually loses - in this case Mr. Weldon and his family.

Unfortunately the **Dal Gazette** seems never to have heard of a basic legal principle: innocence before guilt. It is a principle often ignored by individuals. But newspapers have a special responsibility to be objective in their reporting. **The Gazette**, despite what their actions might suggest, has neither the right nor the duty to pass sentence on Mr. Weldon's moral character or actions -- or anyone else's for that matter. Actions such as these are to be expected from scandal sheets but not from a responsible university newspaper charged with good journalism.

That a university newspaper could produce such material, and that its editor could allow it to pass her desk, is an absolute disgrace and a poor reflection on the university itself.

It would seem only fitting that the **Gazette** print a full and complete apology to Mr. Weldon and his family. Furthermore, due to the extreme seriousness of such character assassination, the edi-

tor of the **Gazette**, Cathy McDonald, and the cartoonist, Paul Withers, should either resign or be forced to do so.

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