

# The Last Word Con't On Herrndorf's Helpers

The year is before the new council and as yet their slate is clean. There appears to be a remarkable amount of enthusiasm among the new council members, and this augers well for the future. While we will leave this new council to the mercy of the new Gazette staff, there are a few comments that we can make. We have elected a man to be President of our student body who has had a great deal of experience, however, Mr. Herrndorf has a very dominant personality and it will be essential during the next year that he has the constructive criticism necessary to guide his forcefulness through the best possible channels. These efforts should come primarily from the elected council and the pages of the Dal Gazette. It is essential that the council be vocal and active in its support or denial of the presidents policies as they evaluate his proposals.

Having dined and talked with Mr. Herrndorf on many occasions both before and after his election, we can promise the student body and the paper there will be no lack of interesting copy next year. It should be pointed out that Mr. Herrndorf is an ex-editor of a college newspaper and it will be the task of the incoming editor to maintain an independent position as regards the council. I think possibly the ex-editor in Mr. Herrndorf will be tempted.

From the plans breezing through the air it will be a year of change in Dal student affairs and led by the able Mr. Herrndorf they can only be for the better.

## On Miscellaneous

Thank you Gus Visman, Zack Jacobson, Dave Munroe, Margie MacDougal, Andy White, Michel Guite, Paul Farley, Bill Owen, Milton Zwicker, Jay Botterell and Sharon Tufts, Frank Cappell, Frank Hennigar, To you discerning readers, the above were the backbone of the Dalhousie Gazette 1963-1964. These people in turn employed many others to enable them to present to you your 15 cent paper. To them must also go an award for bravery under fire, as they endured my caustic tongue, intemperate personality and domineering hand.

It has been my pleasure to share with them the very few bouquets tossed our way this year, and to endure the biting tongues of our critics. To next year's editor I say, whoever he may be, you will be well advised to avail yourselves of as many of these people that I have mentioned.

To comment on the full range of student activity at Dalhousie during the past year has been a difficult task. I only hope that I have contributed a small part to making the past year a better one for all concerned. I now will disappear into the life of a dedicated student only to venture forward to write the exams that will enable me to leave Dalhousie with the thoughts of the extremely satisfying experience of having been part of this university and the Dalhousie Gazette for four years. Since this is the last issue we definitely have the last words. They are thank you, good luck, and good-bye.

## Mr. Brazier Says More

In my article, which appeared in the last issue of the Gazette, entitled National Security-Where Do You Stand? the portion beginning "The ban-the-bomb movement, which comes under a variety of names . . . (thru to) . . . Apparently there are interests who would like to see him remain in Canada is based upon sources which, after publication, I found to be non-factual and unreliable.

My source was a certain monthly publication of the so-called Canadian Intelligence Service of Flesherton, Ont. This organization, in the words of Rabbi Feinberg, "has been completely discredited" (of publishing factual information)" and can neither be described as Canadian, a Service, or intelligent. "It is a sick, anti-semitic, semi-fascist outfit" are the words of another prominent local authority.

I therefore retract, in toto, the 148 words referred to above and do make public apology to Mr. Feinberg and any other person or organization who may have been slandered or hurt by what I, at the time of writing, considered to be a legitimate news source.

## And More on NAT Security

Dear Sir:

Re my recent article, "National Security-Where Do You Stand?" about which, to put it mildly, there has been much discussion, I would like to make a few comments and clarifications.

a) There is not nor ever was any intent on my part to slander or libel any person or organization. The reference to the Rabbi and to the disarmament movements was only intended to point out that the reason that these organizations are being watched by the R.C.M.P. — or so it has been claimed — is because of suspected subversive activity. Under Canadian Law it is not illegal to be a communist; however, to call a person a communist, if he is not a card carrying member of the party, can be — because of the connotations attached to the word — a violation of the Criminal Code (slander). I have therefore withdrawn, in toto, 148 words of the article and have made the requisite apologies, since I now believe my original sources of "information" to have been inaccurate.

b) The reference of their living having been a "hard-core communist" on the Dalhousie faculty must be clarified. Due to the emotional problem in using the word "communist" I feel that the word "Marxist" should be substituted for it. Other than that, all original intent in that particular paragraph still stands.

c) Any inference that the NDP is a communist front organization, or a communist sympathizing party is completely unintentional. The point I wished to make was that although "for the most part, members or the NDP believe in a Social Democratic system" occasionally there has leaked into the party people whose intentions were seditious or treasonable. I pointed out one of the campus NDP'ers as an example and it is freely admitted by the Dal-Kings NDP leader that certain members of the NDP Youth Organization have been expelled for holding Trotskyite views.

d) "In mentioning the ban — the bombers, radical socialists, the avant-garde arty set and so on, no inference was intended that King's College is the sole possessor of these people". The fact that King's College has a high degree of "lonely egocentric neurotics" — high enough in my estimation to make it statistically sound (within, of course, the accepted error margin) to state that such is the case — is probably due to the parochialism inherent in any institution administration by one of the Christian sects.

Yours sincerely,  
Don Brazier.

## The Reader's Last Words

To the BRIGADOON Company:

Since this is the last occasion I will have to do so, I would like to thank personally each and every one of the students who helped me in producing Brigadoon; as I am sure you all know, compared to the sum total of your efforts, mine were small. Your co-operation in "times of stress" and the way in which you all did more than your fair share were very much appreciated.

For many of you this is your final year with Dal and the Society and I think it only right that you should know that I sincerely appreciate the help you gave me during this past year. I very much enjoyed working with each of you and hope that you may have gotten some pleasure out of our efforts.

Finally, I would urge all who will be returning in the Fall to take part in the expanded activities of the Society next year.

Best of luck to everyone of you in your future endeavours theatrical, or otherwise.

J.A.F. Macdonald

March 5, 1964

Dear Sir:

The article "National Security" which appeared in your last issue represents a decided lack of judgement both by the Gazette and by the writer Don Brazier. The implication that the New Democrats are communist leaning is an insult not only to the New Democratic Party and its supporters but to liberalism as a whole.

The basic traditions of liberalism — freedom, equality and security for all — have been upheld by the New Democratic Party just as strongly as they have been by the Liberal Party and other liberal groups throughout Canada. It has been one of the basic tenets of the New Democratic faith that the democratic principle should not be violated in any way. I find it difficult to believe that any writer can suggest that New Dems advocate

the forceful overthrow of our government. Fortunately it is so obviously untrue that Brazier's entire article will be discredited by all who read it.

I am sure that the members of the Dal-King's Liberal Club feel, as I do, that it is a source of shame that your writer was associated with their club. His opinion is certainly not shared by Liberals in general — we have only the upmost respect for those who promote liberalism and democracy so effectively as members of the New Democratic Party.

Dale Blair  
Liaison & Publicity Officer  
Dal-King's Liberal Club

March 6, 1964

Dear Mr. Brazier,

Re your article National Security, Gazette March 4, I have but this to say;

Thank you Senator McCarthy.

Les Thoms  
Law II

Dear Sir:

(Regarding again Mr. Brazier's "National Security", March 5, 1964).

I won't condescend to criticize, but will be satisfied if Mr. Brazier will meet the following challenge. I challenge him to write another article using the four axioms that he mentioned at the end of his last article as a point of departure. Calling forth his best knowledge of the social sciences and reasoning from cause to effect let him tell us what kind of a policy he would recommend to Ottawa. He will at least show us the depth of his knowledge on these matters. Things may be ambivalent. He may find that these past few years he has been condemning those things in which he really believes.

Looking forward to an interesting article,

I remain  
Yours respectfully,  
Art Coakley  
(Med I)

(Ed Note: Maybe next year.)

# President's Last Words

By GEORGE COOPER

It is my pleasant duty to wrap up the activities of the Students' Council for 1963-64 by writing a year-end report for this, the final issue of the Gazette.

Let me first say that it has been a real pleasure for me to serve as Council President for the past year. At times, of course the job has been a real head-ache; but over all it has been an experience I would strongly recommend as being very worthwhile. It sounds trite to say so, and some times it is only when you are in a position to realize it; but I say sincerely that I could not have begun to fulfill this position without the tremendous support of Council members and others. To them I extend my hearty thanks and my congratulations on jobs well done.

Well, what about our various organizations and programs this year?

The Gazette has once again shown itself to be a strong defender of the "Freedom of the press", and while I, of course, do not agree with everything it has done (and not done) this year, nevertheless it has been on the whole a more than adequate paper and the staff are to be commended.

We have not seen any results of Pharos' work yet, but at the time of writing, it looks as if the yearbook will be excellent. Again, the hard-working editors and contributors deserve our praise.

Organizations and other difficulties were constant bug-bear of the Glee and Dramatics Society again this year. Certainly the musical produced, Brigadoon, was not the most popular the Society has ever done; but, the fact that it was produced at all, and that, in the end, the whole

show went along smoothly is a solid tribute to Joe Macdonald and his capable assistants. The talent in this year's show was at least as good as it ever has been in the past, and it is young talent. With the organizational problems out of the way by means of a new constitution and the appointment of the executive by Council, we look forward to great things from the Society next year.

Winter Carnival was again largely successful under Dave Major's guidance. I expect that next year the Carnival will be reduced in scope, if not in content, and will last for only a long weekend, instead of a full week, since it is difficult to maintain enthusiasm for seven days running.

The housing problem is still with us, but we hope we have made real progress toward solving it through Council's housing committee.

Housing, and discrimination bring up the whole question of the problems facing foreign students on this campus. Our efforts toward getting an International House from the Administration have been rewarded to some extent. A sub-committee of the Senate has been considering the proposal to give us such a house, and we should know their decision shortly.

For me, the most important new project that Council has instituted this year is the series of music concerts.

After presenting a number of chamber music programs on our own the Administration agreed to go half way on a second series of four concerts now under way. We hope this effort will be expanded considerably next year, this the Administration's help to include many other cultural and artistic endeavours.

History brought our name to life  
Yet striving to be a thing  
We stumbled and fell into a cess-  
pool of desire

Losing all identity of past tradi-  
tion

Throwing away a scented old coat  
We cast out a title

And brought shame reflected  
In plastic noses and blond seme-  
tic hair

Pride in Aryan conquests  
Caused us to ignore a voice  
Echoing through five thousand  
years.

Driven by our need to be  
We forgot what we were  
And were slapped into reality  
When in search of a clean gar-  
ment

We sifted the ashes of Europe  
And found the ruins of Jerusalem  
Carrying the household gods of  
wealth and power

We stole away from the destruc-  
tion of a broken house

And still the call of destiny fell  
through emptiness

Frightened by the reality of death  
we looked westward

Once again found the prices pli-  
able

Satiated with humility, only a few  
read

A dream written in the shrieks  
of dying men

They came to see and feel the sun  
Shining on the bond of the past

There was pain but strength flow-  
ed

For those who could stand tall and  
straight

A new man arose,  
Slowly turned his back of he  
Whose only survival was on the  
steps of the Rialto.

Shouldering the lessons of time,  
he fights

The price of scorn and shame.  
The Charlots of Judah are as-  
sembled

Lincoln, Caddy, Buick Special  
Penitents beat their hollow breast

Looking for a star to bring a  
world

Into a complex of untroubled  
values.

Counting the gold his sons  
Will fear to touch, he meditates

Worn with scars of pity  
Waiting to hear the holy words

And so missing the flashing neon  
sign

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