

Words from the wise . . .

Matches an essential service . . . Gazette —?

To the GAZETTE editor and "staff":

In reference to your recent article, "Another Council gem of genius", I would like to set you straight on the facts of said "gem".

There are only 100 thousand books of matches and the annual cost is \$200-250. MacDonald Tobacco Co. has not seen fit to give us any more of these "little gems of technology" and it was then decided that matches should be bought so as to continue to provide this small, but to some, essential service. The one cent for two was imposed only to prevent abuse.

While on the subject of finances, I might well point out to the "kiddies" that their

illustrious GAZETTE costs them \$8000 - \$10,000 per year. I don't want to make an unfair comparison, but it really burns me up (pardon the pun) to see that kind of money spent on an organization whose basic aim is, if I may quote, "To kick up shit".

I do not dispute that the GAZETTE should provide information and opinion for the general student body. However, if it is to justify its budget, it should heed its own advice and "give the matter some thought".

In reply to your misgivings about next year's Council being bound by actions of this year's, I would only point out that like the Student Union Building and the Dalhousie GAZETTE, "they're stuck with it".

Yours truthfully (at least)
Ian Campbell,
Treasurer, Dal Student Union

Editor's Note

Mr. Campbell's letter is a good piece of satire but fails to eliminate the most important parts of the question. One would almost get the impression that the Student Union treasurer is more concerned with how much money the GAZETTE is receiving than with the amount that the Union has spent on matches.

It seems to be completely irrelevant whether the Gazette (which by the way, gets only \$8,295 from the Student Union this year and provides \$11,050 through advertising) sees fit to criticize the machinations of the Union, or whether it is done by an individual member of the student body. Yet Mr. Campbell belabors the point.

After the actions of council regarding the various expenditures made during the summer (when the majority of students are not present), it would seem to be a good idea to have some organization around to let students know what their union has been doing with their money. If that is merely "kicking up shit", then yes, that's what we're doing.

While the GAZETTE admits that an error was made with regard to the number of matches purchased, we still dispute council's assumption that the majority of the student body (which is responsible for the election of council members), finds the sale of matches in the SUB to be an integral facet of their education.

If the Student Union is so concerned with the abuse of the privilege of purchasing "Student Union" matches, then may we suggest that the articles in question be sold at a rate of five books for one cent rather than the current price of

two for a penny?

The question that remains is this — Does it matter what the student body requests at all? The summation of Mr. Campbell's letter would seem to sum the entire matter up quite succinctly: we're stuck with it.

Displeased with Smith justice

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Oct. 14, 1971

To the Editor:
Madame:

I was certainly overwhelmed and amazed by your report in the October 8 issue of the Dalhousie Gazette. What surprised me was the fact that Dalhousie had drug-crazed hippy weirdoes that carry at least one ounce of marijuana on their persons. Needless to say I was shocked. I had realized that the normal amounts of addiction to "demon rum" and tobacco were present; however, I had no idea that people were "smoking up" in the washrooms. Consequently, I was in an euphoric state (naturally, of course) when I read that these evil-doers were apprehended by our own student president.

That bastion of the law decided that "more good would

be done to the majority of people than the amount of good that would be done to the three people by letting them go." Great! Fantastic! Mr. Smith's statement borders on the esoteric!

It is obvious that being the immature student that I am, I need someone of Mr. Smith's calibre to guide my moral principles along the righteous path. Certainly, Mr. Smith showed unrestrained mercy for the culprits when he "urged the police . . . not to press charges". This leaves somewhat of a rhetorical question, however. If the Student President did not want charges laid, why did he call the police?

Seriously, I am disappointed at the entire situation. I cannot believe that the three people were stupid enough to "smoke up" in the SUB. Nevertheless, they were and they did. Also I am displeased with the sense of justice which Mr. Smith feels is needed in the SUB. His rationale for the arrests is non-sequitur with his other statements. In other words, his actions were absurd.

In the future I feel a greater good can be achieved by asking people to leave the SUB and by allowing the police to do their job unhindered by amateurs.

Sincerely,
Carl F. Dambek (Law I)

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