

Apathy wins again

The Dalhousie Gazette would like to congratulate the team of Nightingale and Soulis. Once again, apathy has triumphed.

As usual, the majority of Dalhousie students did not vote. No doubt they feel the student union has little to do with them. They fail to recognize the link between themselves and their representatives. The student council should concern everyone on this campus.

For example, a tuition increase would be a problem for all students. A strong council might well protest so strongly that the university and/or government would decide against the increase. Even if the protest failed, both government and university would be highly reluctant to raise fees in the following years.

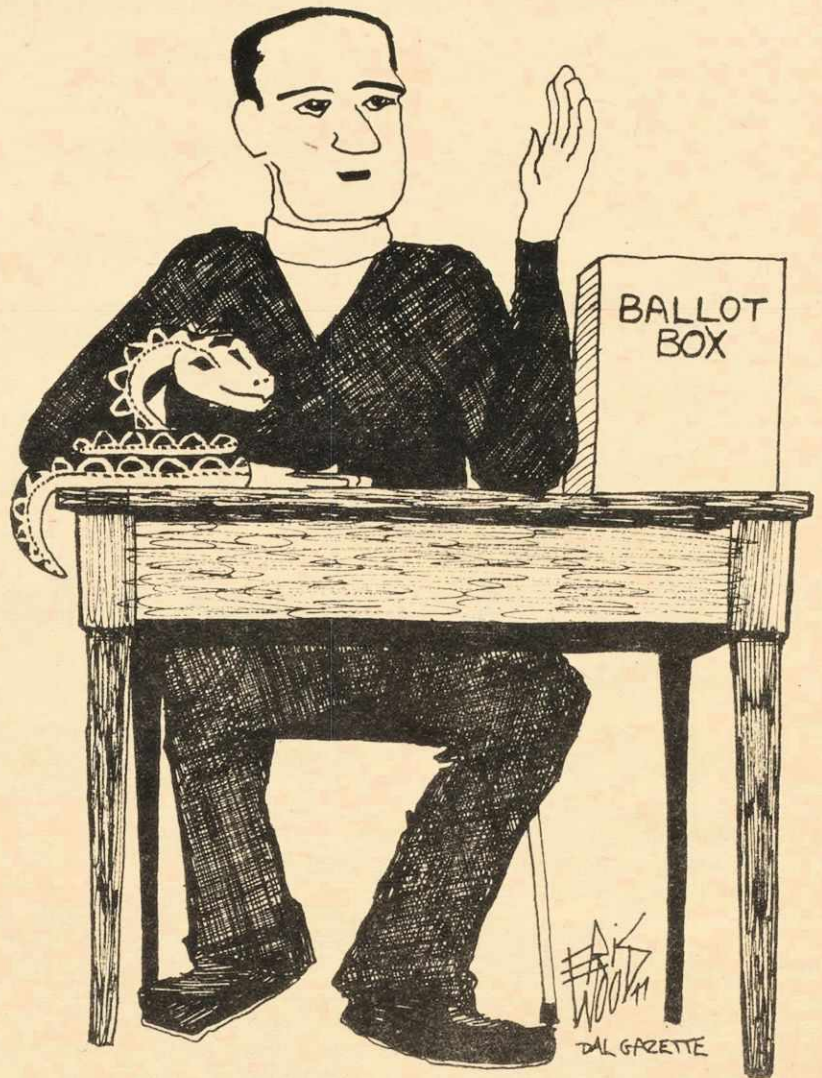
The forums went over poorly. The main issues were not properly discussed and therefore the students attending the forums weren't interested.

Last year, two of the teams did considerable research on student aid, unemployment and tuition. This year, the candidates apparently did little or no preparation or research before deciding to run. They simply were not well prepared.

Some people argue that they didn't vote because they felt there were no qualified candidates. The real issues never surfaced. Instead, we heard a lot of vague talk about serving the students and decentralizing the union.

The problem of non-voters, unfortunately, will always exist. There is no obvious solution to the problem. People will continue to watch from the outside until they realize what a good student council could do for them.

I JUST CANT UNDERSTAND IT, JAKE. WHY DON'T PEOPLE COME AND VOTE?



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Letters

Frats innocent

To the Gazette:

The Fraternities of Sigma Chi and Phi Kappa Pi wish to reply to the comment "Winter Carnival: Donneybrook" in the Feb. 10/77 issue of the Gazette. The above named Fraternities deny any involvement whatsoever of participation in the scavenger hunt and resent the implication of the sentence, "I wish it was different but these stunts were pulled by fraternities (emphasis added) according to my sources." To our knowledge there was only one fraternity involved in the whole mess and they know who they are.

Whoever wrote the article obviously received misleading information. Please check with your source again for the correct information or get a reliable new source. Your misleading, incorrect statement is not appreciated as helpful or honest advertising by our above-named fraternities.

Sincerely,
Michael F. Almon (sec.) Sigma Chi
Grant H. Gerlitz (sec.) Phi Kappa Pi

Yet to learn

To the Gazette:

In response to Tim Gleason's letter in your Feb. 10th issue.

Mr. Gleason:

I have just finished reading your letter to the Editors, titled "anti-Gazette" and could not finish this day without answering you.

I can accept, "although I cannot support" ignorance, racism, and narrow mindness because some of us learn more slowly than others.

Of the 22 million people now living in Canada and/or the 900,000 in Nova Scotia, and/or the 260,000 who live in Halifax metropolitan area, and/or the 8-9000 who attend Dalhousie University, many see the world as they wish to see it, others see as it is (for better or worse).

I have always tried to accept life as I have found it and not as I thought it should be. I believe all human beings have the obligation to accept our human condition including what you would consider as "the mistakes of nature", which would include all people who are born with sexual handicaps (as you would put it.) Would you say these people, who are a percentage of any population, should be tortured, verbally abused, socially castrated, ignored, or made a joke of because they do not happen to be like you. "They are what they are! and just like you they 'are'!"

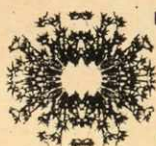
How many of the people living in Nova Scotia have a right to live here - only those who are sexually heterosexuals?

Jesus Christ has not been around for some time now. I mean I have not seen him ever, have you? But I hope I would not stoop so low as to throw rocks at another human being who is different than I am. Different does not imply better!

In your perfect world are all the people paired off heterosexually one to one, female/male or male/female - a perfect heterosexual and harmonious situation. Do you dream much because life never was, is not and never will be perfect and that includes perfect sexual behaviour and it's high time we all grow up and accept reality like it is - this approach seems more intelligent and human than social rape, and the spiritual abuse you seem to support.

I agree that heterosexuality for those who "are" is also right. Aggressive heterosexuals who vic-

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