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People reading the paper probably have noticed that quite often the Gazette carries material that begins by giving the name of a city and the letters (CUP) such as "Vancouver (CUP)".

That story would have originated in Vancouver, where a student newspaper there thought it important to "file a story" on the event so other universities may learn of it. A simple example is the stories on residences and rents in the center fold of this week's paper. Students in Charlottetown and Toronto decided to fight back when faced with a rental policy that they could not accept. The reason we at Dalhousie might want to read about it is to learn how we could handle a similar situation.

Supposing that a university in Ontario was able to take Saga or Beaver Foods to the Anti-Inflation Board and force them to lower their prices; if they could do it so could we. But first we would have to know about it. And that is the purpose of the Gazette, and Canadian University Press to tell you about it.

Stories from other campuses tell us what those students are doing, and we can learn from their experiences.

Every time the Dalhousie Gazette plans to print a CUP story we have a responsibility to also tell you what is happening here at Dalhousie so that you have a perspective on it. We also do that when we are writing a story about an event in Halifax. For example, the 30 September issue of the Gazette contained a news article about a possible fee increase for International Students at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. Attached to that article was a sidebar about how that sort of thing might effect students at Dalhousie.

The idea is to tie the material together, so that it does not seem to be something that happens "out there", but something that could have or has happened here. Government policy in relation to education tends to be uniform across the country, so that changes in one end can cause changes in another. A student victory in Winnipeg may be a student victory for Dalhousie.

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October 14, our national day of protest.

Student newspapers in other parts of the country also report on meetings and decisions of national organizations that may take place in their locale. When the Ministers of Education met in Halifax in mid-September, the Gazette sent a story to Ottawa about their decisions, because although they might decide it in Halifax, any decision they reach will affect the entire country. We did the same with the Committee for an Independent Canada meeting in Lunenburg.

Our responsibilities then are two fold: we must "file" stories with Ottawa about events that take place on our campus or in our city, and we must inform our students about events elsewhere that concern them.

It seems simple enough, but it takes a lot of hours to "make" one Dal Gazette. And this is only one part of it, the contact with the outside world - CUP.

Letters To the Gazette must be typed if over 100 words. Letters must be less than 600 words. They will not be edited for brevity, coherency, or other reasons. Letters will be published as soon as possible.

Persons submitting letters must provide their name and a telephone number, or some other method of reaching them, should there be some question about their identity. The use of pseudonyms will be considered in some cases.

Letters

Right biases

To the Gazette:

We entirely agree with your correspondent Barry Goldman re the Gay supplement of September 23rd.

The next thing is, you'll be informing us of the so-called 'problems' experienced by blacks, women, native peoples, the poor, the old, the handicapped, etc., etc. We fail to see how any of this relates to the lives of Dalhousie Students in general. As Mr. Goldman puts it: "it is just that we don't like to (nor should we have to) be exposed to it."

Surely the function of a good newspaper is to tell the majority of its readers what they want to hear; to reassure them that their is the only version of reality worth contemplating, if not the only one that exists.

Bearing this in mind, we don't go as far as Mr. Goldman in suggesting that the present editor resign in favour of someone "with no religious, political, ethical, moral or sexual biases". We would be content with someone who just had the right biases. Infact we could hardly do better than nominate Barry Goldman himself, as the

(albeit self-proclaimed) representative of 90% of the student body.

Sincerely
Lynn and Dorrik Stow

To the Gazette:

At last somebody has written an article on the double-standard women in residence face. It is ironic that our Dean of Women wants to be called 'Ms.', a term started by liberated women. 'Ms.' Irvine is the Dean of us 'wayward' females who suffer from the very discrimination liberation is against.

1975 was International Women's Year. It got us nowhere. The gentlemen?? at Howe Hall have all the freedom they want and we are treated like children. Who has the bashed-in walls, all night drunken parties, silly water-raids, and snow-ball fights that cost the university money - the so-called men of Howe Hall who are supposedly mature enough to handle unrestricted freedom.

The restrictions placed on fresh-ette girls are inforced so that the girls will study and will have some feeling of security. Many freshmen could do with some rules to make them study.

The majority of university residences, unless they are girls'

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