

# 1,800 GAZETTES "KIDNAPPED" IN MUNRO DAY PRANK

## Circulation Chief Tells Of Abduction by 3 Thugs

by DAVE ANDERSON  
Gazette Circulation Manager

It isn't safe to engage in extra-curricular activities at Dalhousie. May I present as a warning to all students the story of just what happened to me at the hands of the Engineers while working on the Gazette.

As is my job on the Gazette, I went down to McCurdy Print to pick up the Dalhousie Gazettes at 2 p.m. last Tuesday, Munro Day.

Upon arrival, I phoned for a taxi to pick me up and deliver the Gazettes about the campus.

After a few minutes the taxi pulled up outside the door and I picked up the 1800 copies of the Gazette and started out the door. Just as I was going out the door some stranger jumped in the taxi and it sped away without me.

### Seized by Three Ruffians

The next minute I was grabbed by three ruffians I had never seen before and was dragged by them into a medium blue Pontiac they had waiting the curb, still clutching the Gazettes.

Somewhat curious about all this, I asked my captors just what was going on. I was informed by one of them, a short, fat, dopy-looking character, that I was being kidnapped and the Gazettes confiscated.

I asked them what they were going to do with the Gazettes, and with me, and was coldly told "You'll see!"

The car, driven by a skinny, rather average looking boy, proceeded directly to the Engineering Building, known to the Engineers as "The Shack".

I was brutally hustled out of the car and in the Shack, still carrying most of the Gazettes.

Three of my captors grabbed me and shoved me into a room where about fifty boys were assembled, most of whom I think were Engineers. They grabbed the Gazettes and started to "process" them on a long table they had in the middle of the room.

### Prominent Engineers Named

Standing about the room and helping in the work I recognized some of the Engineers who are more prominent about the campus.

Pete "Crusher" Mingo, and Gordon "Slim" Weld were taking some part in the activities. Bill Haley came in after a while and said to the group "You guys are going to get H— for this" He then went outside. One of the Engineers remarked "What college are we going to next year? Acadia?"

Harvey "Hairfoot" Doane and Ron "Ding-Dong" Bell were also standing around encouraging and assisting their friends.

Bob Pavia came in and looked around and went out a door at the back and emerged a few minutes later wearing a different suit. He immediately left the building.

Eventually the supply of middle sheets was exhausted and the Engineers, tired with the whole thing, decided not to stamp the rest of the Gazettes.

### Gazette-er Refuses to Help

I was asked to stamp some of the Gazettes but refused, saying I was not interested.

Around 3.30 p.m. four of the Engineers took me out again and led me outside to the car. We drove up to Diana Sweets where they left a number of unstamped Gazettes. They also left a number of unstamped Gazettes at the Law School.

We drove to Shirreff Hall where a pile of "processed" Gazettes were left.

The next step was the Dal Gym. One fellow put some Gazettes in the Common Room, then he returned and another stack was taken to the Gym. All this while I was forced to remain in the back seat of the car between two husky Engineers.

### At End of Rope

After waiting a few minutes to allow the Gazettes to circulate around the Gym, my captors put a noose about my neck and led me into the Gym, with one of them holding each arm.

After leading me around the Gym by the rope during the Campus Queen contest, they made me sit down in the bleachers near the back of the Gym.

After a little while they got up and walked away. I was free!!

Bob Dickinson saw my sad plight and untied me. I left the Gym and went to the Men's Residence. I then went home.

This proves the unwisdom of participating in extra-curricular activities, especially on Munro Day.

But I am disappointed that the Engineers have kept their light under a bushel all year, and kept concealed their magnificent talents at writing and organization, which would have contributed greatly to college spirit at Dalhousie.

As for Engineers in general, &\$\$%('(%&—\$!



**WADDY HUGHES WINS BOB WALTERS AWARD**—Walter K. Hughes, popular President of the Engineer's Society, was presented with the highest award a graduating Engineer may obtain.

At the annual Engineering Banquet this award is presented to the Engineer who in the estimation of his fellow student engineers is outstanding and academic, supports extra curricular activities and has a well rounded personality. Thus, in the minds of every engineer there was one possible recipient, Mr. Walter K. Hughes.

Congratulations WADDY from all the Engineers.

## Arts and Science To Hold Last Meet

The final meeting of the Arts and Science Society for this year will be held Tuesday, March 20 at NOON in Room three (No. 3). The main business will be the election of officers for the coming year. A full attendance is therefore requested.

As this will be the last chance to use the facilities of the Gazette I would like to express my thanks to all those of the Arts and Science who took part in the various activities of the Society. I would like to thank especially the hockey team for their fine spirit in continuing to play all their games despite their consistent losing streak. This shows a spirit that is indeed encouraging those in authority.

To Robin McNeil for his directorship in the Society's Connolly Shield entry, to Fred Laing for his efforts with the Common Room dances, to Natasha Coffin for organizing of the debaters of A. and S., and to this year's executive I sincerely give my thanks for the various jobs well done.

Gibson Bauld, President.

## Letter To The Editor

Dalhousie University  
March 13, 1951.

To the Editor

Dear sir:

Regarding your editorial of Friday, Mar. 10, there appears to be a discrepancy between your use of the word "patriotism" and what could more logically have been called "democracy". The latter is found in a representative governing body of the people.

Universal Military Training is made up of citizens representing the people. It is a unit of the citizens trained to protect the way of life they idealize. They are called to serve not because of their I.Q.'s, but because they are the best physically fit to do so.

In exercising the privileges of voting, applying for driving licences, or applying for naturalization papers, no question is raised over intelligence quotients. Citizens are free to exercise their privileges of worship, speech, press, pursuit of profession or calling.

Why then, Mr. Editor, do you suddenly decide that citizens, who are allowed these above PRIVILEGES, should be exempt from

## Gazette Business Department Hit Hard By Escapade

A special Munro Day issue of the Dalhousie Gazette was seized and the Gazette Circulation Manager, Dave Anderson, was captured and held for an hour and a half in a Munro Day escapade, carried out by a group of students thought to be Engineering students.

The Gazettes were stamped with a large hand-stamp reading "Engineers" on page three and with "Engineers Hy Jack Gazette" on page one, and then distributed among students assembled in the Gymnasium to watch the Munro Day Queen Contest.

A 14 by 8½ inch mimeographed pamphlet was inserted in each of the Gazettes distributed about the Gymnasium.

The mimeographed sheet was called the "Dalousie Gasset" and contained stories header "MACINTOSH RUNS CLOSE THIRD", "VINCENT FORMS DRAMATIC CLICK", "TROUBLE AT SHIRREFF'S HALL", "WADDY HUGHES WIN BOB WALTERS AWARD". The staff were stated as J. T. Square, I. Transit.

The papers were seized from the Gazette Circulation Manager, Dave Anderson. He went to the printers and called a taxi to deliver the Gazettes. Before he could enter the taxi, a stranger got in and told the driver that there were no Gazettes and to drive to Chapel Bay, King's College.

As a result of the escapade, there was incomplete circulation of the Munro Dal edition, extra copies had to be printed to fulfill the publications advertising requirements and for the Gazette's foreign circulation. The bill for the extra copies has been sent to the Engineers.

## EDITORIAL

### Congratulations To Students' Council

We would like to take this opportunity in the last issue of the Dalhousie Gazette for this term, to congratulate the members of the Dalhousie Students' Council.

First and foremost, there is the President of the Students' Council, Sherman Zwicker. Sherm has done a very competent job and has fulfilled his position in a manner that promises a successful future. He carried out the duties of his office and more that was not strictly in the line of duty, but needed to be done.

The Vice-President of the Council, Eric Kinsman, was a helpful assistant to the President and often came up with the solution of a difficult problem at Council meetings.

Other Council members worthy of special mention are Pete Doig, and Struan Robertson, members of the Gate Receipts Committee, who were faithful in their attendance at Council meetings and took a constructive part in the debates.

Don Woodside, Andy MacKay, Sally Newman, Foo Grant, Gerry Grant, Bill Haley, Harvey Kolm and Don Chipman are also deserving of congratulations as are Robin MacNeill, Ian Robertson, Audrey Hudson and Bob McQuinn.

the DUTY of protecting these privileges when their elected government calls upon them to do so? You wish to exempt these citizens, not for physical infirmities, not for youth or age, or for marital responsibilities, but for this will-o'-the-wisp called the I.Q. The people of high I.Q. have the same rights in the eyes of the law as those of low I.Q. Do they not have the same responsibilities too? Please, Mr. Editor, don't isolate your members of the high I.Q. group from U.M.T. Their service is necessary to protect privileges which the low I.Q. group share with them.

Yours truly,  
Fred Laing.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Editor,  
The Dalhousie Gazette,  
Dear Sir:

I would appreciate the privilege of using the Gazette as a medium for expressing to the entire Student Body of Dalhousie my heartfelt thanks for the honour received at their hands on Munro Day.

The Honorary Gold "D" and engraved tray presented to me on that occasion will be constant reminders of one of the happiest associations of my life.

In acknowledging a compliment, I would like also to pay one. No one could have asked for finer cooperation from a Student Council or a Student Body than I have received during my years as Secretary-Treasurer. No Student Body in Canada has such privileges of self-government as has that of Dalhousie. No Student Government could do a finer job of exercising such powers than has been evidenced by Student Councils at Dalhousie. All Dalhousians should feel proud of their student government.

In severing my official connection with the Student Body, I would like to say that it has been a real privilege and pleasure to participate in the life of the University that the late Viscount Bennet so affectionately and so appropriately called "the best little College in the World".

Best of luck!

MURRAY RANKIN.



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