

Can we educate that real disarmament has to begin with oneself? To have the courage to lay down the weapons of one's own vocabulary. To disarm oneself of ideological hate and thus to make Canada a nation dedicated to peace within and without its own borders. Thus to educate our citizens so that they can become architects and craftsmen of international peace.

We have so much to offer if we will remember what the Peace has taught us. In the light of this let us remember with gratitude what our ancestors have done for us, and let it motivate us to carefully prepare for the future, by sound education in peace.

Would not this give life to Remembrance Day?

Sincerely,  
Fr. Joe Hattie, O.M.I.  
Roman Catholic Chaplain

## Int'l Reception boycotted

Dear Sir,

It may have been noticed that the International Students' Reception sponsored by Dean Marriott, which was held on Friday, November 5, was poorly attended. While we, a concerned group of international students cannot speak for all of those who did not attend, there was a significant number who refused to attend in an act of protest.

Dean Marriott initially agreed to entertain questions from foreign students at the reception. However, when presented with a list of pertinent questions on the eve of the reception (in order that he may familiarize himself with them), he flatly refused to entertain the questions.

We feel that we can speak for the majority of international students when we state that we are appalled at the nonchalant attitude of the University administration with regard to matters concerning international students.

It came to our attention in September this year that there has been an increasing tendency to cover up issues that are of major importance to international students.

The following is a list of events which culminated in last Friday's boycott:

1. No public response from administration to the Dalhousie Gazette's article regarding Quota Systems for international students.
2. No fulfillment of promise made by President MacKay to:
  - (a) Write a letter to individual international organizations to clarify the issue.
  - (b) Invite international student representatives to make representation on their own behalf.
3. No apparent action by the administration to address the issue or to come to any concrete conclusions about the future of international students.

Consequently, an atmosphere of distrust and insecurity surround the international student population. We hope that this letter will serve to outline the magnitude of this problem and thus, also prompt the administration to address it accordingly.

(signed)

A concerned group of international students.

## Nuclear corrections

To the Editor:

I was pleased to see the coverage given in your Oct. 28 issue to the panel discussion earlier in the week on Canadian issues in the peace movement.

I was absolutely delighted to find myself included "on the side of the angels" as supporting arms control - which I do, contrary to the impression apparently gained by most of the commenters and questioners from the audience that I am an inveterate reactionary, militarist warmonger.

However, I was rather upset at remarks attributed to me that "No nuclear weapons should be in Canada or transported through this country" and "Our air-space and coastal waters should be denied to the U.S. in both crisis and routine situations." This is in fact the position of Project Ploughshares in its campaign to have Canada declared a nuclear-weapons-free zone, but I spent the latter part of my talk explaining precisely why I believe such a measure would *not* be in the best interests of strategic stability, and should *not* be a focus of the peace movement.

Apart from that, and the rather imaginative spellings of both my name and that of Dr. Cappon, I thought that your correspondent did a rather creditable job of reporting the meeting.

Yours truly,  
(Mr.) Ron Purver

(alias "Dr. Ron Hever")

## Attendance coverage lax?

To the Editor:

I wish to address to you and through you to the campus my comment in reference to the page three article in the last (Nov. 4) issue concerning Council Absenteeism. I found the article reprehensible in its brevity. Is it not the duty of the Gazette to inform the bureaucracy of the executive or negligence of the Student Union bureaucrats, the executive, the Student's Council and the Councillors?

Poor attendance is one area of neglect common to councillors. It should have been brought out that in the ten day period I missed those two council meetings, I also missed a committee meeting and a Senate meeting. My overall record should also be cited and I should be asked to comment on my absenteeism as should my cohorts (or co-defendants) who have also missed two consecutive meetings.

But the quality of attendance should also be noted. During the summer I proposed that two roll calls be taken - one at the beginning and one at the end of each meeting. The purpose of this would be to note who came and participated through the sometimes lengthy session and who came for the roll call and left. My motion received little support.

Some councillors stretch the rules to the limit: they stay just long enough to sign the roll sheet, and/or miss every second meeting. (When the rule was three consecutive absences they missed two of these meetings.) Some who didn't know of the rule change may have been caught in the recent dragnet.

I have a medical excuse for my absences and thus have no fear of scrutiny, but would have appreciated being contacted before the story ran. I don't object to the story or being included in it, I only wish that the whole story could be there so that those who had excuses could avoid the stigma of being poor representatives and that those who are wasting space could be exposed for the negatives they are.

Sincerely yours,  
Chris Hartt  
Senate Representative

(P.S. Thanks for putting me first.)

## Councillors correct Gazette

To the Editor:

Only in the Gazette can you be misquoted without having ever spoken. The statement attributed to myself (in the Oct. 28 issue) was in fact a point raised by one of the Senate reps. I find it regrettable that both myself and men's residence rep, Britt Dysart, were grossly misquoted in the Gazette synopsis of that Sunday's council meeting. What bad craziness is this? If this ever happens again I'll rip your lungs out!

Affectionately,  
Phil Dunn, Entertainment Committee  
Chairman, Arts rep

Mike Solway, Witness  
Administrative Studies rep  
(neither misquoted nor in attendance)

## Alcock credentials disputed

To the Editor:

Last Friday Dr. Norman Alcock, founder of the "Canadian Peace Research Institute", gave a public lecture as part of the "Canadian Student Pugwash" conference held last weekend. Amongst other things, he blamed the people, both the rich and the poor, for causing wars, claimed that imperialism was a thing of the past and proclaimed that to prevent world war from breaking out we merely had to change our outlooks and then, by some magical process, gain 'disarmament' and perhaps 'peace in our time'. In effect he claimed that this obscure method was our only hope.

These 'theories' of Alcock's are in the service of no one but the warmongers themselves, as the Canadian Student Movement has pointed out in recent statements, and have the effect of diffusing the people's movement against imperialist war preparations. In fact, Alcock's institute was actually founded by the capitalists who make enormous profits from war production, and has received heavy backing from the Canadian state which is itself participating in the war preparations of the American superpower.

According to an article in "The Nation" dated May 26, 1982, the board of directors included such "distinct conservatives" as Dr. Francis Joubin, "who led in the discovery and development of most of Canada's uranium ore reserves and

who is director of the Guaranty Trust Co. and Canadian Metal Mining Association..." and D. Francis G. Winspear, corporation president and former president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. It also included "Prof. Pierre Trudeau of the University of Montreal's Institute of Public Law, formerly economic adviser to Canada's Privy Council..."

While a large portion of the institute's financing was raised from ordinary people the greatest enthusiasm for Alcock's scheme came from the financial oligarchy. "The Nation" article states that, "That bastion of Canadian conservatism, the Empire Club of Canada, invited him to speak at one of their luncheon meetings recently, and gave him an extremely warm reception."

An attempt was made by DSM to present this information at the meeting on Friday night, but it was suppressed by Alcock and his supporters who claimed that "it wasn't a question".

Charles Spurr

## Israeli myth-shattering

To the Editor:

Apologists for Israel have been dismissing the Sabra and Shatila massacres as acts committed by Lebanese, inconceivable for Israeli soliders to undertake. Caroline Zayid's Commentary (November 4, 1982) finally shatters this myth, which has incredibly been allowed to persist in our short-memoried media.

Of the many massacres perpetrated by Israelis against Palestinians, besides Deir Yassin and Kafr Qassem, Qibya has a special relevance today. In the dark hours of October 14, 1953 the Israeli Army Unit 101, led by none other than General Ariel Sharon, were let loose on the peaceful village of Qibya, in the West Bank, and murdered 65 men, women and children. An American priest, Father Ralph Gorman, who spent many years in Jerusalem, described the massacres in the following words:

"Terror was a political weapon of the Nazis and is still used by the Communists. But neither Nazis nor Communists ever used terror in a more cold-blooded and wanton manner than the Israelis in the massacre of Qibya. The official report of the Palestine Truce Supervision removed any possible doubt that the Israelis themselves, in large part refugees from Hitler's terror, were perpetrators of this horrible slaughter of innocent men, women and children. It also reveals that it was an official act of the state, carried out by an official organ, the army."

It is important to remember that these atrocities, against the Palestinians, are not spontaneous acts but simply part of a deliberate Israeli policy to terrorize the Palestinian people into leaving their homeland (and Lebanon). This is part of an effort to fulfill the old Zionist dream of "the land without the people".

Yours sincerely,  
Sami Muhtadie, M.D.

## "Reds" not democratic?

To the Editor:

The DSM proposes an amendment which would deny democratic rights to groups it considers racist. Communists regard all non-communists as racist and this includes Liberals, Conservatives, and NDPers. By its logic, the Reds are advocating that all non-communist groups be silenced. This amendment endangers our freedoms as enshrined in our Charter of Rights.

The DSM has no respect for our democracy and wants to silence groups which hold views different from its own. This group must accept the rules which apply universally to all clubs on campus. The Dalhousie Student Union Constitution states that "any society, club, or organization that wishes to use the university name, solicit funds, membership or clientele from among the members of the Student Union, or to use the facilities of the University for its operations, must be formally recognized by the Student Union". If the DSM continues to flagrantly violate the Constitution, then I suggest that Student Council act quickly to curtail this group's activities on campus.

Craig Carnell

## Commentary on commentary

To the Editor:

You have in your paper a useful and informative section - the Commentary section. Unfortunately this section can be misused, and in Ms. Zayid's recent Commentary it was. The article was based more on wishful thinking than on fact. The author used innuendo in putting forth her views. Although by

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