

# EDITORIAL

It is becoming increasingly apparent as the new term begins that Dalhousie students will finally be forced to come face to face with the question of whether or not this university should remain within the Canadian Union of Students. The events of late August of the Annual Congress in Port Arthur make a referendum on the subject a foregone conclusion. Dalhousie students must be given the opportunity to decide for themselves this contentious issue, and one that has plagued almost every campus in the country in the last two years. While we believe that a referendum is necessary, we are also of the opinion that it should not be called until at least after the Christmas break. This will enable the opposing sides to form up, to debate the subject in all its aspects, and to give students an opportunity to make an intelligent decision on CUS membership. If this is not done it is the contention of this newspaper that whatever decision is made will be shallow and meaningless for it will not have been a decision based on rationality and debate, but one in which the emotional impact of CUS will have been the deciding factor.

If in future issues, the Dalhousie Gazette takes a stand for or against continued membership in the Canadian Union of Students, that decision will be made by the entire staff of the newspaper, and not by the editorial board acting alone. However it should be pointed out that the news stories appearing on CUS in this and any other editions of the paper will be the opinions of the writer involved and not necessarily the opinion of the staff of this newspaper.

Meanwhile, we repeat our call for a referendum to allow Dalhousie students to decide for themselves whether or not they wish to remain as members of the Canadian Union of Students.



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