

will notice that there are a few aspects of the paper's outward appearance that have been changed since the first issue. This is for a number of reasons, one being that the editor had difficulties getting in touch with me. This explains why the proper flag was not implemented in the first issue.

Along with the flag changing, there are also a number of other improvements made to the second issue of the Gazette. These include changing the section signals (titles for certain sections of the paper i.e. sports, editorial, etc.) from the bold type face to a smaller size and placing them at the top of the page. Also, now all the headlines will be placed flush to the left side of the article it refers to, instead of being centered above the article. I would like to mention here the reasoning for this particular aspect of the re-design. If you place the headline centered above the article, you end up having to change the point where your eyes have to return to start reading again. Whereas, when you place the headline flush to the left side of the article, you can read the headline and then return your eyes to the same point to start reading the article. One other change made to this issue is the alignment of photographs and advertisements so that they correspond to the width of the columns. In other words, if a photograph is two columns wide, then it does not extend past the left or right side of the two columns. Enforcing this aspect, it will help to improve the overall visual appearance of the paper. For those of you who may be having some doubt as to whether the re-design of paper has actually helped its appearance, I would like to suggest that you take an old Gazette and put it side by side with an issue from this year and make your own decision.

Sincerely,
Bill Westheuser

Dearest Gazette;

Again it is the time of year for fun, frolic, rediscovery. We of the illustrious Trixie, Eartha Quake & Passion Flower fame wish to extend a sincere hello to all the fresh, young, naive, new faces all around us. We like to start the academic year long. Our summer experiences have broadened and shaped our horizons from a horizontal point of view.

Alas, alack, though we are glad-nay, exhilarated on our return to these hallowed halls and tunnels, we have yet another complaint to make of this institution of corruption and dissipation. The Grawood Lounge is still not in a position to service all students who wish to partake of the degenerate evils of life. Our trio, in search of life, laughter, and lust, were refused admission to said lounge. This necessitated our journey down the hall, our mouths resembling the Praire Dust Bowl, to the southern bordello known as the Ladies Lounge. The combination of suffocatingly comfy chairs, warm beer, and cold atmosphere succeeded in quenching our spirits but not our thirst. In sheer desperation, we were driven to emergency measures, involving desertion of the SUB and all its glories, resulting in a great loss of revenue to the Student Union. In all seriousness, we demand an inquiry into the high insult rendered to the highest epitome of Dalhousie culture, our sacred trio. We ask that our questions be answered- and not, though it greives us to say so, by Laymen.

Trixie, Passion Flower and Earth-Quake

To the Gazette:

RE the interesting article by P. Matthews, "Two years later", in the Sept. 8 issue of the Gazette, I have the following two observations.

1. The role of the United Nations High Commissioner for refugees is not to help refugees in various parts of the world to "find asylum in another country", but rather their resettlement in their homes or providing them any type of material aid, and assistance for humanitarian treatment.

2. So far as the repression of human rights in Chile is concerned, besides the excellent work and efforts by Amnesty International, one will make injustice if not mentioning also the role of the Russel Tribunal II, with its seat in Rome. While the Russel Tribunal I dealt mainly with the infringement of human rights and the rules of war during the Vietnam conflict, the Russel Tribunal II aims at the investigation and condemnation of the repression of human rights and fundamental freedoms in "Brazil, Chile and in Latin America".

Having taught this summer a class on "Human Rights" for students of Law School of Temple University, Ph., which was held in Rome (Italy), I was invited by the President of the Russel Tribunal II, Italian Senator L. Basso, to assist in a preparatory meeting of the Tribunal. Various interesting reports were read during this meeting by members and assistants of the Tribunal and the subjects for the December 1975 session of the Tribunal were singled out. One of the issues is also devoted to the repression in Chile. At the December session the Russel Tribunal is also expected to pronounce its 3rd Judgment.

Although a private body, the Russel Tribunal II, whose honorary President is now the French philosopher Jean Paul Sartre, is composed of distinguished personalities from many parts of the world and its judgments have a great bearing on world public opinion.

Sincerely,

Nick Poulantzas

A F S will meet in Halifax next month-

The next meeting of the Atlantic Federation of Students/Federation des Etudiants Atlantiques (AFS/FEA) is coming up in Halifax from October 3-5. At the last meeting held at Memorial University of Newfoundland, topics of discussion included student aid and relations with NUS/UNE. Topics on the agenda for the upcoming meeting in Halifax include entertainment, regional disparity as it affects students, media, tenure, and discipline in university communities. Student aid and NUS/UNE relations will be on the agenda again for this meeting. Three delegates will be sent from the Dalhousie Student Union. The conference sessions will be open to students, but any student interested in attending as an official delegate is asked to leave his/her name at the Student Council Office, Room 222, before the September 28 meeting of Student Council, at which time the delegates will be selected.

by Ken MacDougall

Well, the school year has begun in earnest. The Bookstore has begun its annual ritual of harassing students by changing book-buying procedures at the last moment, without any advance publicity. So, in addition to watching for last year's texts that aren't required for this year's courses (a practice used by the Bookstore to clear stock - at full price, of course), negotiating the two block line-ups, and finding that your course's books aren't in yet, if you want to write a cheque for your purchase you now have to negotiate another line-up to prove you are a Dal student - with back-up identification, no less.

The two-I.D. procedure is new to the university and, according to Bookstore Manager Bob Bland, was instituted at the request of the Business Office. It seems that the Dal I.D. is no guarantee of the cheque being cleared at the bank or that the university can collect on the unpaid debt. That, at least, is what Bland says.

Ignored in the so-called declaration from above is that back-up identification is no guarantee of a cheque being cleared at the bank, either. Furthermore, if the Business Office was so concerned with making sure it collected on its unpaid debts, why didn't it institute the same procedure at Registration, where it was equally likely that a cheque could develop rubber-like qualities?

The anomalies aside, the whole purpose of the Dal identification card is brought into question. The card holds your picture, and is validated - all during Registration. It also has your signature, which should complete the identification process. However, for the Bookstore that is not enough. It's easy to falsify a student I.D., says Bland. The question which must arise is this - why has it taken the university at least five years (the number of years I have been here) to realize that the cards can be falsified?

In my case, I refused to show back-up identification to the cashier. Subsequently, she refused to authorize my cheque, claiming, "I'm just doing what I've been told to do." Neither the head cashier nor Bland were available at the time (about 11:00 a.m.), and I had to wait to see someone who would waive the two-I.D. rule. Bland refused to authorize the cheque and told me, "I don't have the time to waste talking to you. If you want to complain, take it up with Lou Vagianos, Vice President of University Services."

FIRST HE HEARD OF THE PROCEDURE

I went to see Professor Vagianos. After discussing the problem, he authorized my cheque. He also said that it was the first time he had heard of the two-I.D. procedure.

When I returned with the cheque, the cashier still refused to authorize it. The head cashier phoned the Vice President's office. Then she signed it.

In another ensuing argument, I was advised by Halifax Constable Number 185, Kenneth Bennett, that if I didn't lower my voice I would be charged with disturbing the peace.

ARE DALHOUSIE STUDENTS SECOND CLASS CONSUMERS?

Fortunately, a very pleasant woman found my previous book order. That would have been the end of the incident, except that Bland insisted on adding a parting shot to the argument by coming out



in the hallway and advising me that I had harassed his staff, upsetting many of them. He then told me that if I had any complaints, I should take it up with him. This, after he had previously told me to get lost. When I pointed out that Dal student were also consumers and had the consumer's right to complain, he seemed amused. Fortunately, another student also took exception with his manner. At least I now know that I was not alone with my complaints.

I'm not really concerned with whom I upset. What does bother me is the literally hundreds of people that Bland's arrogance and needless procedures inconvenience. Many women students, for instance do not carry a second identification card, and many more do not even carry a purse. The Dal I.D., many have come to believe, is the only identification that is required on campus. Furthermore, many downtown merchants will honour the card, as it is better identification than the driver's licence, M.S.I. card, or social insurance (all much easier to forge than Dal I.D.'s).

But even back-up I.D.'s were being questioned. When the women behind me could not find in her purse any of the documents which the procedure demanded, she asked if her passport was all right. The cashier, after thinking about it, said, "Well...I guess."

What can be done to change the chequewriter's predicament? First, the procedure is unnecessary, and should be dropped. If people simply refuse to show back-up identification, the situation would have to go away. The employees simply would not put up with the complaining. As it now stands, if you don't complain you are in for, not one, but two major line-ups before you even buy your books.

If students don't start complaining loudly, we run the risk of being further humiliated as consumers on our own campus, and enhancing our image as second class citizens.

ALL THINGS AREN'T BAD...

The Bookstore, aside, all things that happened to me on Monday weren't insidious. After leaving the Bookstore, I found out that Bland would be replaced on October 1st. Then, as I walked across the parking lot behind the Chem Building, I savoured the smell of someone's freshly smoked grass.

Some people, it seems, have a knack for survival. This year's crop of students, it seems, are no exception.

Great.

Next: The tuition increase - was it really necessary?