

# you were saying

## Poor Coverage!

To the Editor:

Two pictures doth not a satisfactory Winter Carnival summary make! Each Thursday afternoon I approach the Gazette distribution stand in the SUB with boundless optimism. I reach up for my copy of the university paper prepared for the onslaught of intriguing literary articles on subjects pertinent to me as a student of this illustrious institute of learning. This optimism, I suppose, could be considered analogous to living in Beirut and feeling every morning you get up that the fighting will have stopped. (Poor taste? Fits right in!) This perhaps would be asking too much but is it too much to ask the Dalhousie Gazette to publish articles of interest to the average student? I'm fully aware of the fact that the crushing blow of Olivia Newton John's never appearing at the SUB deserves at least half a page of media coverage but don't you think it's about time that the editorial staff sat down and attempted to make this a student paper!?!

I don't know if I'm speaking for the masses, but I feel a university paper is one of the best ways for promoting school spirit, something this institution sadly lacks; don't incriminate the few who attempt to raise this spirit by putting their achievements at the bottom of the priority list for publication.

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## "paramilitary" CCG

To the Editor:

Your Commentary of 2 February would be good propaganda, were it not so obviously warped. Mr. Spurr's contention that Canada has an "extensive and long-standing" military involvement in Central America is defended with arguments that rely as heavily on a lack of knowledge on the part of the reader as they do on an overheated imagination.

By referring to the crews of the Canadian Destroyer Squadron as "1300 troops", the existence of a land force element is implied, "actively participating in the escalation of U.S. intervention in the Caribbean"; very transparent propaganda. Canada is not offensively "sending its armed forces to other countries," but participating in an offshore exercise.

In addition, Mr. Spurr alleges that studying insurgency and counter-insurgency at the Centre for Conflict Studies (accused, without a shred of evidence cited, of having CIA links) is the same as "military involvement". He

also appears shocked that the CCS studies "the ability of the Canadian Armed Forces to go to war," and is headed by a Brigadier who appears to specialize in conflict studies.

Maybe Mr. Spurr's most laughable allegation is the reference to Coast Guard training as "paramilitary". Does that mean everything that involves either uniforms and weapons? In short, if we were to see more factual documentation and less dramatic hyperbole, Mr. Spurr's arguments might be more convincing. Unfortunately, his apparent ignorance of Canadian defense policy, coupled with his paranoid distrust of every government (with the possible exception of Albania) makes this unlikely.

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## Blue forty-two

To the Editor:

Blue forty-two!

I would like to thank the Gazette (and in particular the talented cookie who drew the picture) for printing a letter I wrote two weeks ago regarding the unlimited potential that a football team here at Dalhousie would have to offer the University community. Well, since then, the response has been nothing short of fantastic. My telephone has been ringing off the hook, and I've been deluged with mail from folks who want to know more about the football glories that are waiting for them just around the corner.

Picture this:

The sun rises the day of the Big Game. The athletes are ready, fully fired-up for the contest ahead (without the aid of steroids and other debilitating drugs). The coach paces like a cat in the locker rooms, going over last-minute plays and key strategems. Clean towels and buckets of ice-cold Gatorade are lined up neatly on the bench. The first few fans enter the new, domed Tiger Stadium, determined not to miss any of the action on or off the field. The quarterback sits apart, a pensive striking figure, the black and gold of the helmet at his feet reflecting the rays of the noonday sun (the dome, of course, would be retractable). Hundreds of eager, vociferous fans pile into Tiger Stadium, and a chant slowly beings, "Ti-gers, Ti-gers", that swells to mammoth proportions, filling every nook and cranny of the multi-million dollar complex. The roar of the crowd builds to breaking point, then erupts into an all-out cheer as the Dalhousie Football Team pours onto the field, wave after glorious wave. The anthem is sung, with pride, and the crowd tenses as the kicker approaches the ball ... with one graceful motion,

the ball is booted high into the air, deep into the opponent's territory, and the Game is at last underway.

It is a callous heart indeed that is not moved by the epic struggle of a football game. Those of us who see it as a silly, worthless expenditure of time and money are, I suggest, missing out on a valuable, enriching pastime that can and does infuse a genuine sense of open, free-spirited camaraderie in participant and spectator alike.

Football at Dalhousie is not a frill we can dismiss. It is our duty to make it a reality.

Yours sincerely,  
Lex Gigeroff

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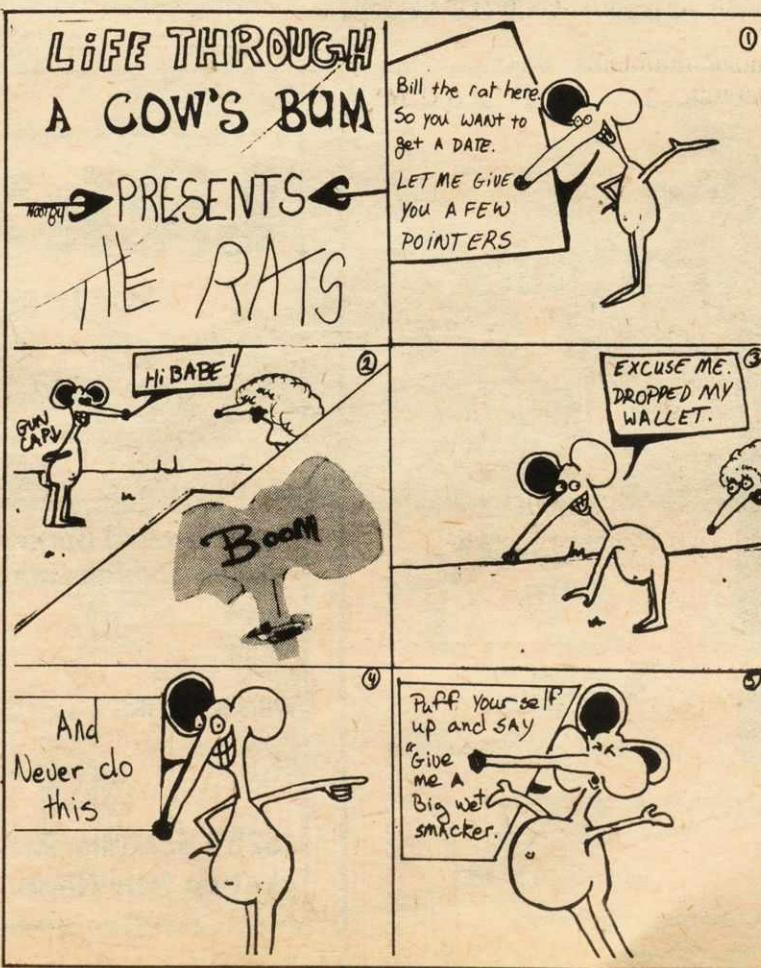
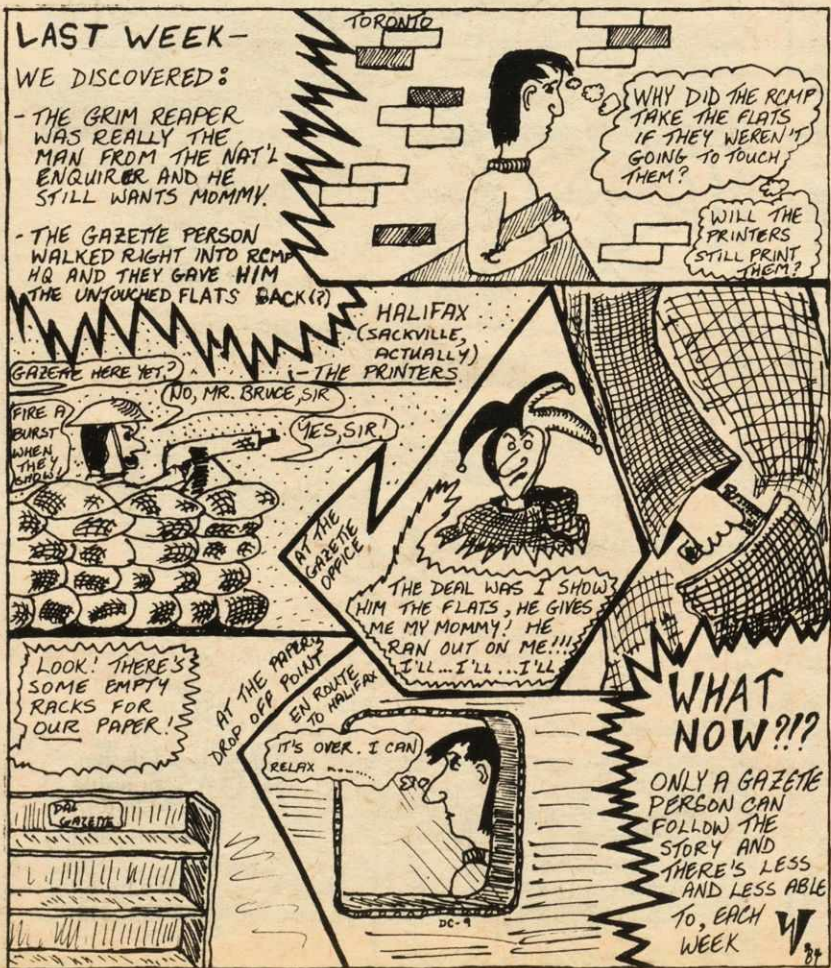
To the Editor:

It makes my heart bleed when I become consciously aware that I belong to the same educational institution as Lex Gigeroff. With one simple letter Lex has captured the essence of what is missing at Dal in terms of school unity and a sport truly worth sitting down and cheering about. Football and Dalhousie should be synonymous and with the likes of Lex Gigeroff leading the charge for a revamped football program, this will not remain a myth but will become a reality.

What Lex has started is a guaranteed remedy for apathy and school unity and spirit here at Dal. At this point, if I may I will chip in with my two cents which I believe will take care of several other key problems here at our beloved university. Starting immediately in September of 1984 a university wide hunger strike should be put into operation. With a consolidated front of 8000 starring (more than usual) students we can solve three major problems. With no students and no money the administration will come to us begging for a tuition decrease. Naturally, we will grant it. Beaver Foods, meanwhile, will be applying for reductions in food prices (seeing nobody is eating) and as well importing top notch chefs from all parts of the world to improve food quality. Finally, nobody will be picking up the Gazette anymore because there will be no more food and drink spills to sop up. This will cause Gazette staff to include material relevant to students, whereby we will all begin to pick up the student newspaper for primary rather than secondary reasons.

What underlies this entire plan is a much better social life for all students. Because of the huge savings from food and tuition we will have a surplus of cash available for alcohol (this means full wineskins for all football contests). It is up to us as students to see that all of these things are appropriately implemented in order that we reap the benefits from inevitable changes in our university life.

Respectfully yours,  
Rusty James



Dalorama Fans!

Star Trek Fans!

There will be a Trekker Dalorama in the next issue of the Gazette.

Look out for it March 1, in the Gazette.

How much do you know?