

Gazette wants democratic structures

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organization. If they want to write about it, fine. If they want us to do the writing, we'll try our best.

Anyone who has ideas about features or stories should see us. The more response we get, the easier it is for us to respond to the needs and wishes of students here.

At this point, it should be mentioned that anyone who wants to write or do something on the paper only has to come to the office. We're on the third floor of the SUB, room 334. Someone is in most of the time.

These are a few things we will be trying to do this year — both internally and in the paper. First of all, we will be holding workshops from September 13-17 for all those interested in working on the paper.

Help will be available throughout the year for those who want it. We have some pamphlets on various aspects of newspaper work. They will give people an idea of where to start.

Weekly staff meetings are held on Mondays. Copy for the next issue, and mistakes we made in the last one are discussed. Any other problems or comments are usually made then.

We will also try to make the democratic approach work. It will require a lot of forgetting about authoritarian structures

on the part of those who haven't worked on student newspapers. It will also require co-operation and a willingness to try new things.

ON TO CONTENT, AND SOME OF THE IDEAS we've had about regular columns, organizations to be covered, and special features.

For sports freaks, we will try to have regular sports writers and contacts to help us out. Co-

column. One of the biggest problems any student faces is food. Ordinarily, the food we can afford costs little and provides the same amount of nourishment. Cheap kinds of health foods will be discussed and recipes given.

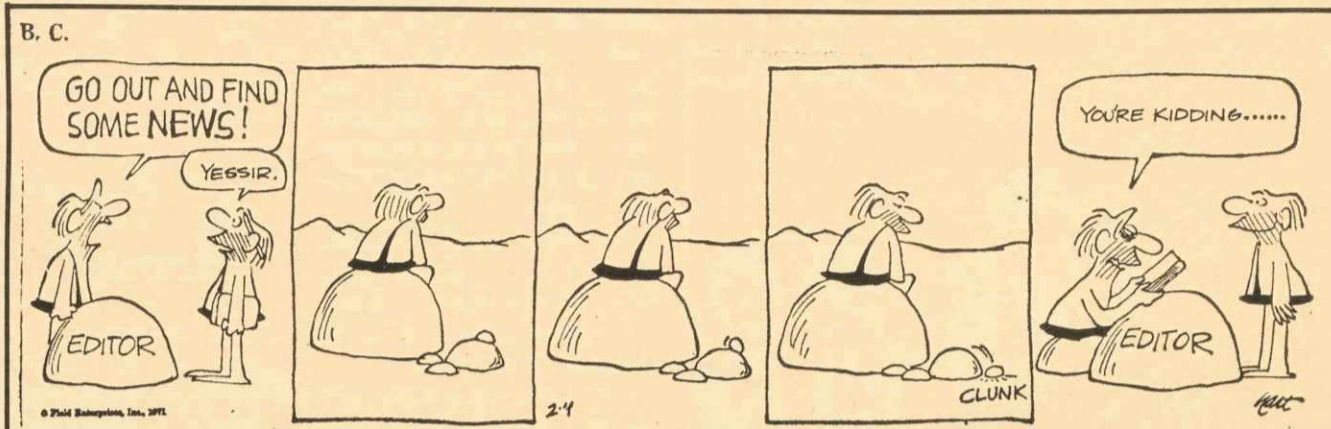
Student Council did not receive very much treatment last year. It was mostly a matter of no one wanting to do it. This year, a reporter will

why nothing is going on. Senate and Board of Governors activities will be covered. Investigations of student participation on campus, and in the community, will also be presented.

SPECIAL FEATURES ON COMMUNITY SERVICES in the Metro area will appear every two or three weeks. Such organizations as the Blind Rights Action Movement

covered when possible. We also hope to occasionally cover City Council and the legislature. The up-coming civic election will be covered in detail, as most students are eligible to vote.

Features on university life, education, gay liberation, women, drugs, student activities in other universities, music and social issues will hopefully appear throughout the



operation in this field will be greatly appreciated.

Cultural pages appeared in most issues last year. This year, we are enlarging the page to a supplement, coming out every two, three or four weeks, as demand and story possibilities dictate. Anyone who wants to submit poetry, photographs, short stories, or anything else they think will be useful is welcome to do so.

We hope to have a health food

cover Council. Anything important and interesting that comes out of the meetings, or decisions, will be written up. If nothing is done, no story is warranted, unless we discover

(BRAM), The Halifax Welfare Rights Committee, the Help Line and Reach-out Tutoring will be discussed. Any actions they take, particularly those affecting students, will be

year.

From these suggestions and plans, we hope to build a good newspaper. One that will be a service and serve an educational role on campus.

Student Council ineffective

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ideal system but how the hell do you get people into it? They just sit back and say there's nothing they can do. But there is."

The two executive members agreed that student government, in its present form, is "only relevant to those who take some kind of interest or are involved or are affected by it." Smith cited the example of the graduates and professional schools, who have wanted to get out of the Union for two or three years.

He then mentioned how he, as Student Union President, had helped two Law students out of a jam in their faculty. This, he said, should help Law students realize the Union can be of use to them.

They also hoped that Council would not get bogged down in petty arguments, as they have in previous years. "Everyone has an axe to grind," said Campbell.

Councillors are supposed to go to their society meetings and get some idea of what the students they represent want, explained Smith. He hopes they will do that this year.

Smith himself also keeps in contact with students by eating meals in the residences. There, he talks to residence council members, and anyone else who has problems.

To reach a larger segment of the student population, Smith hopes to hold meetings in both residences and in the McInnes Room of the Student Union Building.

"In other words," he said, "if we can't get the people to us, we're going to go to the people."

Plans for this year include the issues of parking tenure, and grants. "We've had some negotiations through the summer with people in the parking business," Smith explained. "I hope we'll have something concrete by the time we leave office."

"Something else I feel we have to get into, for what good it will do, I don't know," he continued, "but we have to express our view strongly on tenure."

"It's something I really disagree with. We have so many stale people teaching us at this university, that the only reason they are here is because they

have tenure."

Business and academics don't mix, he feels. "Business people should be running the university and academics should be educating," he said. There should be a mix, on a small scale, he added.

Campbell would like to see most of the money for grants stay within the university. "It's the students' money, he feels. "It's kind of hard when someone from a campus organization comes in, asks for money, and I have to say no," he explained.

"I feel that one of the greatest things we can give to anybody is either bodies or facilities," Smith added. A concert for the Pakistani Relief Fund, held in the McInnes Room this summer gave them more money than the Student Union could have afforded," he explained.

The Student Union will also try to respond to specific wishes of the students this year. Examples cited were involvement in the upcoming civic election or fighting something that does not represent the students' views or gives them a bad deal.

"That's what we're here for," Smith said. "And I'll use any reasonable means."

He has already put up one fight. It was against the tuition and residence fees increase.

"I feel that it was only the Student Union that managed to get that (increase of \$100 instead of \$150) rather than the university," he concluded.

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