

Vandalism

Vandalism is not a joking matter. It is the needless destruction of property for kicks. In this case the victim is the Dal SUB and indirectly every student who uses that building.

No one likes to play the rat and many people would just as soon not get involved. But the \$12,000 that it costs to pay for the vandalism in this building alone comes out of our pockets. Security can only

do so much to stop the people responsible. But students are going to have to take some of that responsibility upon themselves.

That \$12,000 can be used for many better purposes than paying for someone's sick sense of humor. It is a fact we really should consider the next time we see some one carving up a chair in the Grawood or in the Greenroom.

Fenwick Massacre

The letter to the editor on this page concerning the "Fenwick Massacre" makes it easy to understand why Fenwick Towers is having so many problems. The letter is almost childish in its reply to what are some very important questions.

When people live together in a place such as Fenwick, tempers are bound to get a little frayed, when one group wants to party and the other basically wants to keep it a little quieter. Both should be able to accommodate each other. However, this letter has a "like it or lump it" tone that shows no understanding of the problem at hand.

Fenwick does have a problem with vandalism and also with the fact that just about anybody in town can walk in anytime they like.

And having a party is no excuse for vandalism, smashed beer bottles in hallways, drunks accosting people in elevators or ignoring legitimate complaints about noise.

True, people need to party, and parties should not be banned at Fenwick. It is not, however, an excuse for mayhem no matter how many "cold-ones" are consumed. Come on "patrons", you're in university now. High school let out a long time ago.

So long it's been good to know ya

Since this is my last issue as editor, and never being one to leave by the back door quietly, a few final notes.

Thanks to everyone at the **Gazette** for all their help. This truly was a team effort. Special thanks to Matt, Sandy, Pam, all four Pauls, Steve, Tom H., E.L.R., Greg D. and Margaret, Nancy and Marlene and etc, etc.

Finally, I promised some friends I would print all the names that I have been called over the last year as editor. Here goes.

Ally of the western press, zionist, half-a-man, wimp (och, that hurt M.B.) communist, fascist, junior media czar (My favourite), capitalist in student garb and student-like garb, council's puppet, radically left leaning, too middle of the road, liar, stupid, perverter of truth, flip-flop artist (me and Joe Who), hack Liberal, hack N.D.P., hack communist writer, and finally an aberration on the face of the earth. Oh well, I guess you can't please all the people all of the time. A bientôt mes amis.

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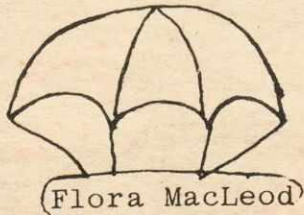
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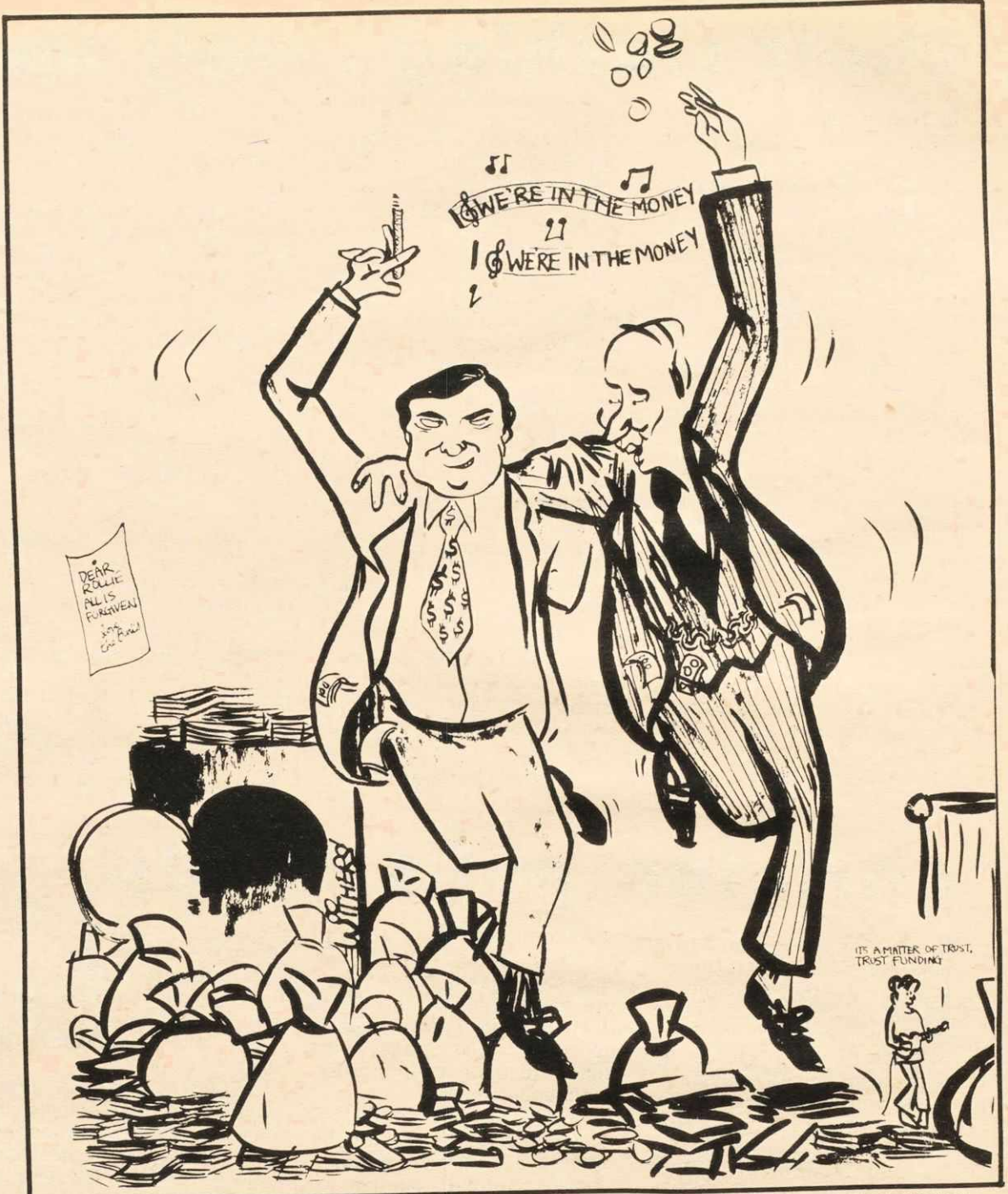
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Letters to Gazette

Gazette is best

To the GAZETTE:

Having read your Gazette for two or three years now, I can't help but state it's a lot better than the UNIVERSITY NEWS. Not because of the size of your paper, but because you are not afraid of stressing the bad points of articles, as well as the good.

Last week I went to a lecture on Afghanistan and was very disappointed in it, though I clapped like everybody else did when it was over. If you students have to listen to lectures like that for an hour or so, without asking questions until the lectures are over, no wonder people fall asleep in classrooms when they are listening to them. The lectures didn't stress any good points about AFGHANISTAN or RUSSIA and I'm quite sure they have some. No country is all bad!

Though DALS two lecturers Mr. Ken Booth and John McDonnell probably thought they had all the answers. And even though I fell asleep three or four times during the last two lectures. Somehow I felt they were more informed

about the situation.

Maybe it's just me but I feel if the public lecture had a question period between each speaker, I would never have fallen asleep. I learned more about the two countries in the last twenty minutes of questions period, than I did from the hour and half of talk from the four speakers.

The first speaker from the Marxist-Leninist Party said that Russia was a Capitalist country and not Socialist as most people think and she's probably right. One reason is because Russia's working class is a lot worse off than our own, for wages and cost of living. Another is that I feel in Russia you have a choice; either to get an education and use it in furthering your career or to join the army and fight for Soviet ideas.

I'm a high school drop out and pretty fortunate to have a job. But also because if I were starting out now instead of four years ago and situations were the same I probably wouldn't have a job since my job was created for me, and didn't exist before I came to DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY.

Yours sincerely;
 DAVID BOOK

Radical leftist Gazette

The **Dalhousie Gazette** has done it again. Once more your paper has attacked Dalhousie as being an exploiter of the third world in the March 20th edition.

The article and your continuing paper policy would appear to have a radical left leaning. Considerable, and at times, excessive coverage is given to the repressive regimes of Chile and South Africa. Granted their record on human rights is not a good one but let's be fair. These are not the only two nations in the world which have repressive regimes. The question which immediately comes to mind is; Why has the **Gazette** deliberately avoided mentioning countries on the left spectrum, whose record is equally abominable?

The **Gazette** should strive for a balanced and fair coverage of world problems. This letter is in no way intended to divert attention from these oppressive regimes. What I am asking is that the **Gazette** begin to show a greater degree of responsible and equitable coverage of all repressive political systems.

Vince MacLeod