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## On March 10th Riff-Raff invades Dal

In the very near future Dalhousie will be celebrating its second Open House, this year to be called, so appropriately, "Intro Dal". Surely this fascinating name must have been long in being chosen. Each delicate nuance, each subtle implication, expresses the marvelous reform which has been instituted recently in this university's attitude toward society.

At last, one feels only joy in remarking, our University has realized its responsibility to society as a whole. Finally, one feels ecstatic in noting, the university has ended both its ivory towerism and its habit of catering exclusively to the industrial machine. And one's whole self is consumed with euphoria as one begins to understand what a giant change this is.

Only a short time ago, this university was functioning in merry isolation from those who surround it. Its only external dialogue was with those members of society, and more specifically, businessmen and administrators, who programmed the various course cards. Its evening lectures were directed almost exclusively to the members (past and present) of its own community, and the advertising for those events was done almost entirely through internal organizations. It did nothing to attempt to bring even high school students, much less members of the general public, into the intellectual life of this community. In fact, it did nothing to try to relate the university to society, or society to the university, aside from turning the giant handle of the sacred duplicator which keeps the oligarchy supplied with competent individuals to perpetuate itself.

But finally, amazingly, the attitude has changed. People are now reaching an under-

standing of the situation. Of course, there are some non-believers who say that the objective of Intro Dal is merely to capture some of Acadia's future freshmen. And others say that it combines with this a public relations snow job to pacify the residents of Halifax. But how can one possibly be so absurd? How can one help but realize the utter cynicism of such suggestions?

Intro Dal represents something revolutionary. For two entire days our neighbors and future students will be permitted to see exciting exhibits, clever displays, and manned booths representing every phase of man's knowledge. For two whole days we are sharing with the outside world the vast storehouses which we once selfishly made no effort to even inform people about. Something real is being done here. We are sacrificing two entire days to the society which finances us. Surely this is the integration of thought and action, of student and society, of student and action, which so many have been working towards for so long.

At this point, the person who conceived the idea of open house must indeed be congratulated. Within him lies a true understanding of the fact that tokenism is no solution. Because here there is no tokenism, is there? After all, for forty-eight hours those ninety-two percent who keep hearing so much about, that is the ninety-two percent without degrees, will actually be able to see and feel and smell what it's actually like to BE in university.

My friends, we have reached a new pinnacle of achievement. The age old concept of the responsibility of the student to society has at last been realized. Hasn't it?

## CIA tentacles in the classroom

(Reprinted from Toronto Daily Star)

We are accustomed to thinking of secret police and similar organizations as the special curse of totalitarian states.

But the United States is having real trouble with its own ultra-secret intelligence network, the Central Intelligence Agency. Neither congress nor the president seems to have any effective control over the CIA, and its tentacles keep popping up in the most unlikely and inappropriate places.

The latest example is the discovery that the CIA has infiltrated the National Student Association and other student groups.

Since 1952, apparently, it has been paying part of these organizations' expenses, channelling the funds -- in the best James Bond tradition -- through fake educational foundations with fancy names.

This may seem a far cry from normal intelligence work. The idea was, apparently, that the secret subsidies would be used to send American delegations to international

student conferences, and to finance exchange programs, student publications and the like -- all with the intent of combatting communism and exalting the American Way of Life among young people abroad.

This strikes one as a peculiarly self-defeating program. American students abroad are often very effective spokesmen for their country -- but only as long as their listeners believe they are speaking only from spontaneous patriotism.

The real tragedy, however, is the fact that the CIA's consociatorial activities will throw suspicion on a great many innocent people. U.S. athletic teams, orchestras and theatrical troupes travelling abroad, Peace Corps workers and other welfare groups, students studying on genuine scholarships or just taking a vacation in Europe, will all be under suspicion of being spies in disguise.

## Socialist Plot

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February 15th 1967

Editor: Dear Sir:  
While the Socialist government Britain flirts with the Socialist Republic, one lone voice had the guts to point out some truths to Premier during his recent visit. Others news release we find British Secretary George Brown out to the communists he was gorging

on an American peach, and was there by indirectly contributing to the U.S. war effort in Vietnam! The British Governments continuing "lady-in-waiting" attitude towards the U.S.S.R. reminds me of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's coy visits to Hitler prior to World War II and his flushed return to England waving a "love letter" from Hitler promising "peace in our time" -- and just before he marched on Poland.

But why shake our heads over Prime Minister Wilson of Britain? Our own Socialist N.D.P.

has been trying to get to waltz with the Russian Bear for years!  
Yours sincerely,  
Jane Hunt

### HEADS OF STATE

At least 21 heads of state will visit Expo 67, the World Exhibition at Montreal. Among them are: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, King Constantine of Greece, Austria's President Franz Jonas, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, and Prince Rainier of Monaco. Prince Rainier will be accompanied by Princess Grace and their three children.



### Voice of the student

## An open letter to Edmund Morris

This letter is a reply to your radio editorial in which you attacked the February 9 issue of the Dalhousie Gazette.

I respect your right to voice your own opinions but I insist that you deal with the facts. I also reserve the right to disagree with the conclusions you have drawn.

Your first sin is one of omission. You failed to recognize the division between the Dalhousie Student Union (the Gazette is its house organ) and the university itself.

The Student Union is an incorporated entity and receives all its funds -- including those used to publish the Gazette -- from the students not the university (Perhaps as a representative of St. Mary's University you confused the systems of the two colleges.)

Once the proper relationship is understood, your remarks concerning the propriety of private or public grants to the university (a university that does not decide the policies of its student organizations) are revealed as irrelevant.

Your second sin was also a sin of omission. You made a blanket condemnation of the back page as "filth." I find it hard to believe that you meant this description to apply to all the stories on page 6, which included a political spoof, a satire concerning prices in the student book store and a lead story about a fictional change in

the exam schedule. Surely, in the interests of fairness and accuracy you intended to make these distinctions. I can only conclude that your failure to do so was the result of certain time limitations imposed on you by the radio station.

I also doubt that you could have been referring to the story which appeared under the headline, "Health Centre Errs; Gives Fertility Drug", when you made your charges. This story maligned a national practice by groups of college co-eds that obtain the pill for contraceptive purposes by complaining of irregular menstrual periods.

The intent of the writer was to expose the hypocrisy which is making a joke out of the Student Health Centre regulations at co-educational institutions across Canada. (I realize you do not have this problem at St. Mary's; but I assure you the problem does exist and is a serious one.)

I should like to point out at this time that the pill story -- in fact, all the stories on the back page -- are devoid of four-letter-words. The most risqué terms in the pill story are: "contraceptive, fertility and hysterectomy."

This brings us to the most important consideration, and the only one which a court concerns itself with when considering whether a work is pornographic. There must be evidence that the intent of the author was to arouse and titillate.

Viewing the three remaining stories on page six I find it difficult to imagine what sort of individual would be aroused by them.

Clearly the intent of the authors of all the stories on that page was to amuse, to be humorous. To achieve this humour the authors attempt to maintain two levels of understanding. (Whether they are

always successful at maintaining this dualism, and whether or not it is done with any degree of skill and art, are two possible questions but not central to our consideration.)

Of course you are familiar with Sterne's use of this literary device in "TRISTRAM SHANDY." It is brought out best in his long and involved discussion of "noses." If we examine the story which has received the most criticism -- "Young Girl Meets Blane Rankey in College Recluse" -- the two levels of understanding are immediately evident. The writer also employs another device of Sterne's: the omission of a key word. The reader is forced to supply the missing word and his choice will exhibit the level of his thoughts.

In the Gazette story the author wrote: "And, oh, what a great ... you have, Blane Rankey."

"All the better to ... you with my dear."

Now, sir, if you or anyone else wishes to supply obscene terms to fill these blanks that is entirely your right.

I should also like to point out that the author allowed her photo to be run with the story. It would seem to me that this is an obvious indication that she regarded the piece as humorous and not pornographic.

What I have said of this story also holds true for, "Sad Tale of Cherry Bowl Co-ed. . . Falls Victim to Thorny Campus Problems." Take for example the following paragraph:

They introduced her to their pet poodle which they were secretly housing in the residence and George's circle of friends was complete.

If some people are able to read into this the idea of bestiality or some other perversion they are the ones that are supplying the

content.

I would also like to draw your attention to the large photo of the dancer with the topless outfit leaves more to the imagination than is supplied for the eyes. She is turned at such an angle so that all we can see of her is her back and part of one side obscured in the shadows. It is true that if you look close enough you can make out the shape of one breast. I suggest to you sir that we are living in an age where the female form is no longer considered obscene.

As an experiment you might try the following: disregarding such publications as Playboy, Esquire, True and Argosy, thumb through a number of issues of Life, Post, MacLeans and some of the women magazines, and pay careful attention to the photos, including those used in advertisements. It is my contention that if you try this little experiment you will become aware that these publications are liberally sprinkled with pictures of undraped females. A number of poses assumed by models in panty and girdle ads are far more seductive and erotic than that of the girl in the Gazette.

Then there are the captions that run under the photos. Under the picture of one seductive young thing we find this line: "Why wait for tonight? Aren't you a woman all day?"

Whether one considers the nude form obscene (or the partially nude form as in case of the Gazette girl) is a question of personal taste. The point where most people would agree that a photo was obscene is if the figure is posed in a suggestive manner.

If you were shocked by the Feb. 9 Gazette sir I shudder to think what your reaction would be to "The Miller's Tale" from Canterbury Tales or the palace incident from Gulliver's Travels.

Former Editor Tim Foley

## Election committee: breach in thinking

To the Editor,  
Dalhousie Gazette,  
Dalhousie University,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
Sir,

When the election platforms appeared this week, I was disgusted disillusioned, and above all insulted by the platform of Ashworth, and Alexander. The issues that they presented were incredibly trite, an insult to one's intelligence, and worse, one of them (C.U.S.) was misleading.

Yours faithfully,  
Ailsdair Watt.

More specifically:

1. UNIVERSAL ACCESSABILITY: this issue is obviously important, but just what do they propose to do? There is absolutely no mention, not even of an improvement of the present efforts. Impressive sounding issue isn't it though? Too bad it has been used for years.

2. PARKING: the very suggestion that this should take second priority is ludicrous. Attractive though, imagine saving ten dollars!

3. INCREASED MEDICAL COVERAGE: important, granted, but as it is Dalhousie has the best medical service of all Canadian universities. Perhaps we should all get married.

4. EXAMS FOR UNDERGRADUATES: what for the love of God are they trying to say? Christmas exams aren't held "during a specific period"?

5. STUDENT HOUSING: also fairly important, but, once again, no constructive ideas; those presented are as old as the hills -- as is this cliché!

6. RESIDENCE FEES: very good; where did the idea come from, an election campaign of ten years ago? How about some positive thinking? (ie: STUDENT co-ops.)

7. ATHLETIC FACILITIES: no comment!

8. C.U.S.: absolute hogwash; how about reading their mail, or the resolutions of the 30th. congress held at Dalhousie?

A WORD TO THE WHYS

"Now let us assume that we lost Indo-China. If Indo-China goes, several things happen right away. The peninsula, the last bit of land hanging on down there, would be scarcely defensible. The tin and tungsten that we so greatly value from that area would cease coming ... So when the United States votes 400 million to help that war, we are not voting a give-away program. We are voting for the cheapest way that we can to prevent the occurrence of something that would be of the most terrible significance for the United States of America, our security, our power and ability to get certain things we need from the riches of Indo-China territory, and from Southeast Asia."

—GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, Aug. 4, 1953.

and more participation by the average student, they had better start all over again. Long live the Establishment, apres eux, la deluge!

Yours for a drastic change, G.M.J. Feaver

P.S. I sent a copy of the platform in question to my kid brother for his grade nine elections. Enclosed, however, was a suggestion that he modify it in order not to insult his class-mates! G.M.J.F.



## Borrows 154 books

KINGSTON (CUP) -- Mathematics students at Queen's University have signed a petition protesting a library regulation enabling staff members to borrow an unlimited number of books for indefinite periods of time.

The petition states a certain member of the math department has at least 154 books on loan and has had many of them out for more than a year.

Although the petition did not name the person involved, Dr. John Ursell said he was the professor referred to.

Said Dr. Ursell: "If they want a book I have out, all they have to do is phone me and I'll return it. A large number of people do this."

## Declares autonomy

CALGARY (CUP) -- The students' association at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology here has declared itself autonomous from the Institute's administration.

At a recent council meeting students' council rescinded a part of the constitution which gave the administration the right to veto students' association affairs.

There is one hangup, however. Under Article XIII the administration retains the right to veto the rescinding of Article XIII which:

... gives the administration the power to revoke any or all of the students' rights.

... allows administration officials to rule on the eligibility of council members, on any grounds other than academic.

## Supports religious university

CALGARY (CUP) -- Alberta's premier says he "looks with favor" on a proposed non-denominational university in Edmonton.

Speaking in Calgary last week, E. C. Manning said Edmonton's second university -- at least five years away -- will stress Christian values.

It would not be a religious campus in any narrow sense, but would offer "the highest academic standards based on Christian principles," he said.

This would provide an alternative for those who now have only secular universities to choose from.

But the premier said he would be "very surprised" to see more than one such campus established in Alberta.

And in a recent telephone interview from Edmonton, education minister Randy McEklon said current expansion plans for the University of Alberta campus will bring it to a saturation level of 18,000 students within five years.

"That's why we're eager to get on with it," he said, referring to government study of proposals for a second, and likely religious, university in Edmonton.