

LETTERS CONTINUED

Oh yeah, two last things. Please take notice that not everyone shares your opinion of the tape. In the same issue it was listed as number one on the CKDU play list. And finally, Sir Expert, Spike N didn't use mandolin, that was a guitar.

Someone who really cares about independent music in Halifax

Students give a damn

To the editor:

Once again tuition has come to the forefront of the student conscience. The difference this time is that the tuition debate has brought together our diverse student population. The student response at the November Board of Governors meeting surprised not only the Board members but many of us students as well. I for one was walking on air for days afterward.

As an active DSU representative I have often felt like the lone voice in the wilderness. I have even questioned whether students really gave a damn. I am delighted to say that the answer is a resounding YES!!

The students who made presentations at the Board committees last week were articulate and very passionate. These students shattered once and for all the illusion that everything is peachy here at Dal. They also forced the revelation that with or without the 10 percent tuition increase the quality of this university will continue to decline. Faculty will continue to be cut, class size in 92/93 will increase significantly and the library will continue to be the poor cousin.

These examples show the need for student involvement. We must demand that this university return to the cause of education. What limited resources this university has should be directed to students' needs. The fault for this can be laid at the feet of the overpriced consultants and administrators who view students as nuisances and whiners.

The tuition campaign has shown that we do have a common bond as students at Dalhousie. The many students that participated at the various D. S. U. committees all articulated their frustration with the rapid deterioration of our university and with a system that is more concerned with paperwork than students. This frustration extends to all faculties, students, professors, and staff.

Why should we march? Why should you get involved? At the simplistic level if you do not participate, the students will continue to be the last consideration of any decision. The more highbrow answer is that it is good for your soul! Meeting other students from other areas of campus is rewarding. You will find, as I have over the last two years, that our academic interests may differ but we have much in common.

If anything has been proven by all of this it is that Dalhousie students do have school spirit. Not the Hollywood type or the type that many people have been trying to impose on us. Our spirit comes from the fact that we are here at Dal because we want to be here and we are sick and tired of people screwing up this university! Our spirit comes from the realization that if we want real change we are going to have to fight for it. Expensive consultants and reports that are forgotten as fast as they are

written have failed us. We are the ones that have to sit on the floor in overcrowded classrooms. We are the ones who experience the ineptitude of the administration on a daily basis. It is only logical that we should be the ones that are listened to. Force the administration on journals not junkets!

A good start to affecting change is to show up to the Board of Governors meeting today. Join with other Dalhousie students in showing the Board that their master plan is a failure. Show up and express your displeasure. Dalhousie is worth it!

Don Manson

It's no joke

To the editor:

I'm writing to express my disbelief and disappointment over a photo cutline that appeared in the Sports section of the *Gazette* last week (Jan. 16).

I wrote an article on Dalhousie hockey player Joe Suk. The picture of Joe that accompanied the article had the following cutline underneath: "...And he drinks Johnny Walker Black!"

The cutline has absolutely nothing to do with hockey. Joe never told me that Johnny Walker black was his favorite alcoholic drink. The topic didn't come up during the interview, which after all, was about hockey.

After contacting an editor at the *Gazette*, I was told that there was an intended humor. The editor told me that the commercial or slogan for Johnny Walker suggests that only rugged athletes who excel at sports

etc., drink Johnny Walker black.

I certainly didn't get the joke and I still don't. How many people did? Is the *Gazette* the appropriate place for what is really a private 'joke'? This 'joke' comes at the expense of Joe who has his picture circulating all over campus with such a ridiculous cutline attached to it.

Is it ethical to take a picture of a hockey player who understandably assumes the cutline will have something to do with his play and then turn it into a 'joke'? Did Joe know what he was in for?

Furthermore, this type of "read between the lines" humor is dangerous. Some people may read this and think Joe is a drunk. Some people may think that he actually said that Johnny Walker black was his favorite alcoholic drink. What other conclusions could people draw from this cutline?

At the least this cutline takes away from my emphasis on Joe's playing ability.

I'm starting to wonder if the *Gazette* editors take the Sports section seriously. Would the editor responsible for this cutline, use a joke as a cutline for a spokesperson on an issue the *Gazette* is sympathetic to.

This isn't the first time a person I've interviewed for a sports story has been a victim of a member or members of the *Gazette* editorial staff.

Before Christmas, an article I wrote about the Dalhousie hockey goaltenders received the headline, "Suspended goalie no loss for Tigers."

The headline didn't even come close to reflecting the ideas expressed in my article. The article I wrote was about the quality of both goaltenders. I pointed out that most teams have

one goaltender who's obviously better than the other, where as Dalhousie has two of the conference's top goaltenders.

The headline made it sound as though the suspended goalie was dropped by the Tigers and sent to play in Siberia.

The guilty editor or editors should select headlines and cutlines that have some relevance to the article. This may require reading the article!

Don't use the Sports section, or any other section, for sensationalism and bad humor.

Gordie Sutherland

Hikes hit hard

To the editor:

I am writing this in response to the letter "Tuition fee hikes needed" by David Clayton (*Gazette*, Jan. 16). Needless to say, I was distraught by Mr. Clayton's letter as a law student fighting the proposed ten per cent tuition hike at Dalhousie. Perhaps this letter will set the tuition hike issue.

Possibly the most disturbing comment by Mr. Clayton was that an increased tuition would yield an increased level in the quality of our education. This could not be further from the truth. The ten per cent hike proposed by the Board of Governors in no way attempts to increase the quality of education at Dalhousie. Four per cent of the increase is proposed to achieve a tuition level at Dalhousie, which would make it the highest in the province, specifically 105-110 per cent above Nova Scotia's

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Dalhousie Winter Carnival 1992

Tuesday, February 4th

2 pm to 6 pm - World Games
McInnes Room

Register at the Student Union Enquiry Desk

Wednesday, February 5th

9:00 pm - Tom Cochrane

McInnes Room

Thursday, February 6th

12 Noon - Charity Car Stuffing
SUB Lobby

9:00 pm - Tom Cochrane

McInnes Room

10:00 pm to 8:00 am - Alumni/

Society Broomball Tourney

Register your team at campus activities (494-1282)

Friday, February 7th

Munroe Day

Ski Trip to Ski Martock

Buses leave at 9:30 am \$7 per person
(Transportation only)

Saturday, February 8th

Charity Ball

Featuring the Champagnes

Tickets: \$40/ couple
\$35/ couple (students)
\$20/ single

Cocktails at 7:00 pm

Dinner at 8:00 pm

Dancing 'til 1:00 am

