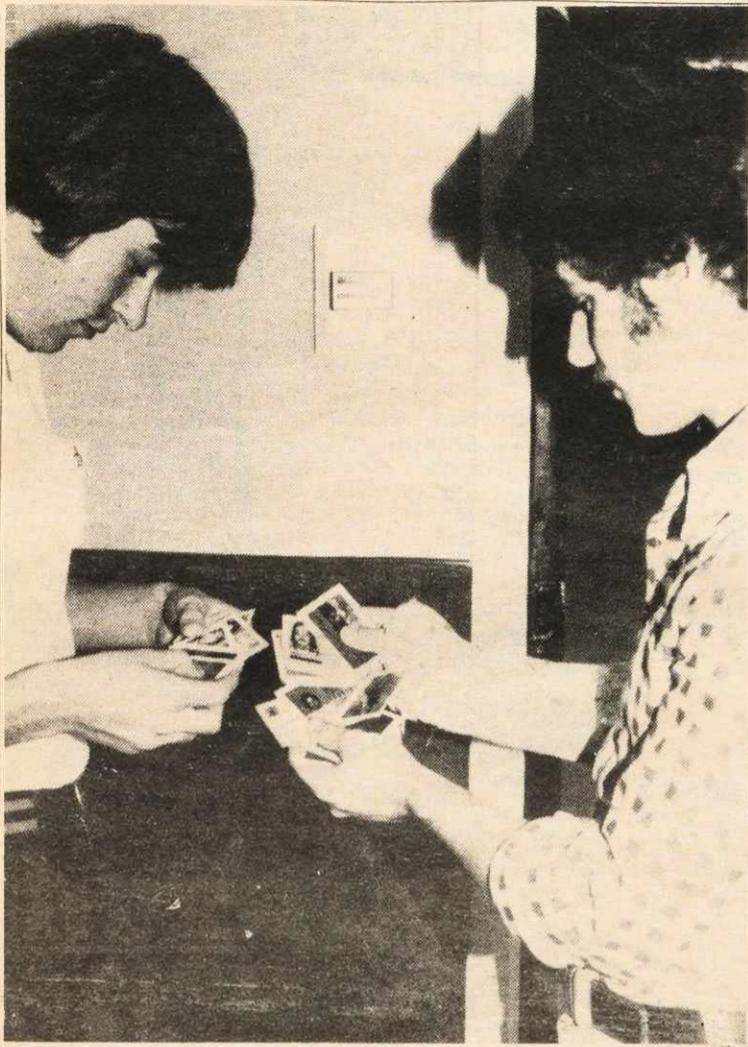


ID card forgery increases



by Paul Creelman

Dalhousie administration will be clamping down on the abuse of ID cards on campus, says Allen Smith, director of Administrative systems services.

The most common type of an abuse is the forgery of ID cards to alter the age of an individual from 18 to 19 years in order to obtain access to liquor at dances and get into the Grawood lounge. This type of abuse is widespread among first year students.

"We're gone through various permutations of use with ID cards over the years, with stickers, without stickers, with various degrees of restriction in the regulations, and so forth," he says.

"This year, the registrar went to using green ink, and I'm sure that there was a rush on green ink at the stationary shops as soon as they came out. Unfortunately, this year, it was relatively easy to change a "1" in 1961 to a "0", making the user "legal" drinking age."

"At any rate, we're not particularly uptight about this sort of thing, because the offense is not serious enough to, say, expel a student from the University. Anyway, it's relatively easy to catch this type of forgery by checking cards against the registrar's

records."

More serious concern has been developed since the opening of the Dalplex.

"There is, as you know, a substantial charge for people to use the Dalplex facilities, while students and faculty have free access. This is a case where use of false ID cards could be subject to prosecution, because membership to Dalplex costs a lot of money."

(Full year membership in Dalplex costs 275 dollars to a member of the community, or 300 dollars for family membership.)

Supply Systems Services has also noted an increase reluctance on the part of ex-students at Dalhousie to return their ID cards since the opening of the Dalplex facility.

Another type of problem related to is the use of false ID's to lower the apparent age of the card-user.

"These are 27 and 28 year olds, who want cards that show their age as being 20. We cornered one of these fellows one day, and discovered that they get discounts in youth hostels in Europe, and also on Eurorail passes with these cards," says Smith.

"We're going to be coming down a little harder on offenders this year," says

Smith.

"Since it has now come under our responsibility to control the issuing of ID cards, we've got to realize that we've got liquor licenses on campus to think about. Also, besides Dalplex, many other Dalhousie University services are controlled by use of ID cards, including Student Health and the prescription cost insurance program, Dalplex, and the Killam Library."

"We'd like to make the students realize, that as far as we're concerned, this is a game we'd rather that they did not play."

A separate service department to issue ID cards has been set up this year for the first time, under the direction of co-ordinator Andre Makriedes. The new ID unit has issued about 700 ID cards since the beginning of January, according to Makriedes. Stricter regulations concerning the administrative process for replacing lost cards and validating new cards have been put in use.

A great number of medical students have come in to get cards since the opening of the Dalplex, according to Makriedes, since they did not really require an ID card for entrance into such places as the Tupper building before.

Chris Hartt

"First tell me what age you want to be"

Dal cashes in on late AFS

by Greg Morgan

The Dalhousie Student Union annually collects in excess of \$8,000 in the name of the now defunct Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS).

As the AFS began to collapse in 1978 under the stress of internal conflict, most member student unions held referenda to decide whether they would leave it. The

Federation disappeared in October, before Dalhousie could make up its mind on the question. The DSU joined SUNS shortly after it was established in November, but it continued to receive the dollar per student it had formerly contributed to the AFS.

The money ear-marked for the AFS is collected by the Administration along with the DSU's student fees. In other words, students have thus far paid over \$16,000 to help support an organization which ceased to exist two years ago, and will pay another \$8,000 this September. Where does this money go?

A DSU spokesman believed the Union had decided to allocate it to "course evaluation". Another source says it was put under a new heading and indirectly added to general revenues.

The DSU sees no reason to hold a referendum on the AFS fee. It defends itself by saying the sum will hold down the increase in the DSU fee by one dollar per student. However, the \$3 jump to \$59 is attributed a per capita increase in contributions to the health plan. Of course, the DSU has several hundred thousand a year to work with.

The vital question is whether or not a sum equal to a bit less than 2% of that is worth worrying about.



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There is a connection between the attitudes in men which cause them to commit rape and those kind of attitudes which support events such as female stripping which occurred recently at Cameron House and was scheduled to happen at the engineering society's Stag and Stein, she said.

In both cases men are not valuing women as human beings but as objects, she said.

These same kinds of attitudes often lead men not to fully appreciate the psychological suffering rape victims endure.

President-elect Andrew MacKay said he had reports of the rape, but that there had been no official report of it. He

said he was advised that the person making these "allegations" did not have interests in pursuing the matter. He said he has heard reports of rapes on campus over the years, but that no such incidents have ever been reported to him in a "formal way"

"I wish people would let us know", he said.

He said he strongly hoped Dalhousie would not have to increase its security resulting from such incidents.

"One of the great things about a university is that it is free. If we introduce an atmosphere of security, even if there is an atmosphere of security people walking around, that freedom will be diminished. I hope this is never necessary at Dalhousie," MacKay said.

New editor elected

by Tom Regan

Paul Clark, a fourth year philosophy major has been elected the new editor of the Dalhousie Gazette for the 80-81 academic year.

Clark, who is originally from Regina but now resides in Calgary, was the news editor at the Gazette for the past year. He was unopposed in his run for the editorship and won overwhelmingly on a yes-no vote.

Clark said he would like to see the Gazette have the same

tone next year as this year.

"I want to see a reasonable newspaper that does not reflect any particular ideology," said Clark. "I would like to see a little harder and more analytical look at more student, university and political institutions. I want the paper to be relevant and meaningful to students."

Clark said he plans close looks at Student's Council, Students Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) and Board of Governors.