

# EDITORIAL



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ANOTHER ELECTION CAM—paign has slithered its way onto the walls of the Dalhousie campus.

This year, the Chief Returning Officer has described the process as a farce. If this is the case, Dalhousie students should have serious misgivings about the whole election.

The election committee has been so strict in its interpretation of election regulations that it has left itself open to accusations of being partial. If past committees had been so strict in their adherence to the regulations a number of candidates, including this year's DSU president, would have been disqualified.

We are not saying that they shouldn't conduct the fairest election possible. But student issues been shoved to the back, when

they should be the priority.

Last year the *Gazette* strongly recommended that students should be given the choice to vote no to all candidates. This option had not been given. Considering problems in the way in which this election has been handled, it is inexcusable that students were not given this choice.

### ERROR

In last week's *Gazette*, the International Women's Day Supplement center spread contained an error and an omission. On page 10, the photo is of artwork called "The Black Box," done by Lani Maestro. On page 11, the work titled "There is no Forgetting," was also done by Maestro, not Barbara Louder.

is an afficando? Is it a new appliance colour from Westinghouse? That company doesn't exist either.

Mark tells us that "Baseball fans everywhere rejoice when they hear that friendly voice on the radio telling them that "Today training camps open for pitchers and catchers". *Gazette* readers will be glad to know when training camp opens for sportswriters.

Kevin MacTavish

### Decisions

To the editor,

What is the most important consideration in the decision on whether Thyssen should be allowed to build a plant in Cape Breton? For the peace groups, it is the escalation of the arms race. For those who support the factory, it is the jobs it will create. Who has the better and more moral argument will probably never be resolved, but this writer wishes to give some facts and opinions on the issue.

The peace movement sees a world brought closer to war by an arms build-up. On the surface this theory appears to have merit. Yet many of those in the peace movement fail to realize that arms races are not the cause of tensions between states, they are merely a symptom of a conflict between two nations.

If the arms races were the cause of tension in themselves, should refusing the arms plant end it? If Thyssen is not allowed to build in Cape Breton it will build elsewhere. If refused Thyssen will not stop making weapons nor will

Saudi Arabia stop buying them. Refusing Thyssen will not end the arms race or even affect it. It will be a pointless gesture to assuage the conscience of the peace movement.

If morality is to be the deciding factor then let us look at the moral impact of refusing Thyssen. The factory will create at least 400 and up to 4,000 direct and indirect jobs. For the peace movement these are mere jobs; for the unemployed of Cape Breton they are more than just jobs, they are a living. There will be an end to the life of welfare and U.I.C. There will be a return to self-sufficiency and personal pride. The factory will also help to restore economic life to a Cape Breton community which has been dying economically for the past 25 years.

For many young Cape Bretonners it will mean a chance to stay in Cape Breton instead of engaging in the traditional migration to Ontario or the West to find work. Jobs and income will help to restore family life damaged by years of economic hardship and the resulting problems.

Many say there are other jobs available. Let Cape Breton have both Thyssen and the other jobs. There is little danger of there being too many jobs for Cape Breton. Thyssen will be creating jobs with mostly German money and allowing the government to use its money to create other jobs. Cape Breton needs Thyssen not just for income but to help Cape Breton society in general. Cape Breton needs every job and Thyssen is offering jobs. The

greatest immorality is that the Canadian government is to sacrifice Cape Breton for the sake of a few special interest groups. Cape Breton is waiting to see what the government will do. Will Cape Breton be made a sacrifice to the vocal minority of the peace movement and other groups or will Cape Breton be given what it needs desperately?

Ken MacAulay

this is what a Dal Tigers' hockey fan is all about, I think I will stick to curling.

I think it is unfair, not only to good hockey fans like those who support U de M, but to us; other Dalhousie students who are unaware that these fans are ruining the reputation of our university. Grow up!

I'm sorry; but I'm mad.

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### Grow up

To the editor;

I was interested enough to attend Saturday's AUA hockey game between the Dal Tigers and the U de M Blue Eagles — you know, 'come and support your team'. However, I was embarrassed to be associated with the University. Why, you might ask?

Well, it wasn't because the hockey was bad; it was because the Tigers' fans acted like children.

It is one thing to use a bull-horn at a hockey game to encourage the team on, but it is another thing to use it to yell obscenities at not only the U de M players but the fans — come on!

The thing that made me really mad was the six or seven little greasers who came to the U de M side of the Forum to yell obscenities at the U de M fans and the team. However, it wasn't enough to act real tough and curse at the U de M bench, they also spat on the players. You call these little greasers hockey fans?

I'm sorry, maybe I don't understand the hockey fan mentality. If

### Support

To the editor,

As an interested party aware and involved on the edges of the struggle going on at N.S.C.A.D., I would like to compliment Toby Sanger's (March 6th) article on the political climate at the Art College. It was well written and quite informative, with reasonable responses from the parties involved.

I would hope that your staff continues its interest in this local event that has far-reaching cultural ramifications right across the country.

I would imagine all efforts by the local community are greatly appreciated by both union and administrative people at N.S.C.A.D., especially those efforts that avoid the extremes of "yellow journalism" and "cat calling" that can make the exchange of information in and around the situation impossible.

Keep up the good work.

Name withheld by request

### Grammer!

To the editor;

After reading Mark Alberstat's column "Spring training for the fans", a few thoughts come to mind.

The Rt. Hon. Michael Wilson would be proud of Mark's thrifty use of periods. In the sentence, "... He got traded during the winter, he's a few miles down the coast, we should hit the green with him this afternoon," Mark employs only one period — a reduction from the three generally required.

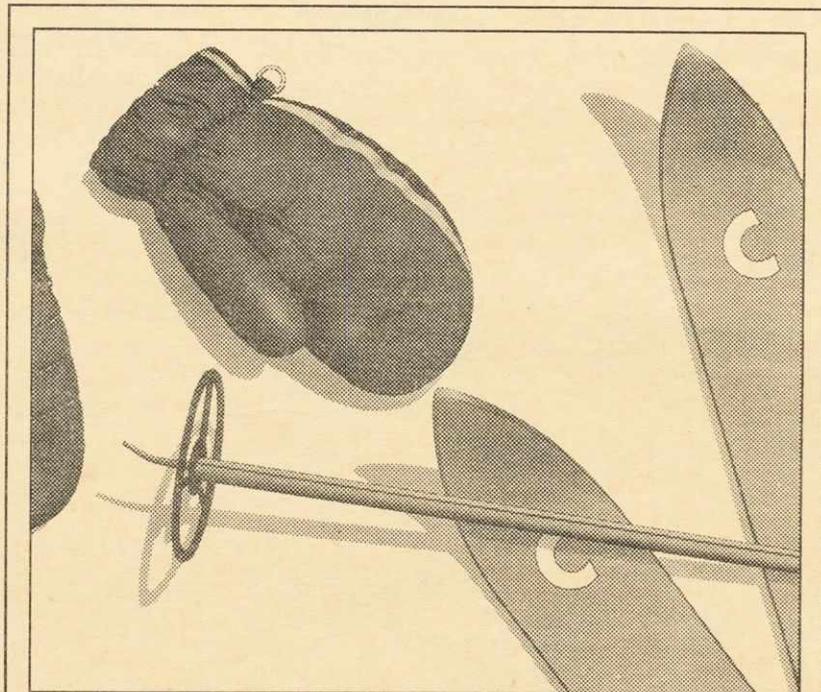
Mark also refers to "...the stock moguls or real estate barons laying around poolside..." What were they laying? Could it be eggs for the upcoming Easter season? The capabilities of such people must be exceptional. No wonder they're rich!

Another interesting sentence which raises several questions is "One of the real useful things spring training does do is show who is on the team this year, who is the manager, and practice a few of the basic plays needed to win ballgames." What is a "real" useful thing? Is it the opposite of an artificial useful thing?

Further, his "one" real useful thing seems to be that spring training shows: (1) "who is on the team", (2) "who is the manager", and (3) "practice a few of the basic plays..."

Even if the obvious syntactical error in the final clause is disregarded, a reader may be forced to ask, "How many is one?"

Something else nags me. What



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