

Editorial

Are there thieves on this campus? This paper thinks so.

The waste and complete disregard of Student Council funds is overwhelmingly evident in the various organizations on this campus. The accompanying picture is a collection of odds and

ends that DGDS has stored for eternity as far as we know. This particular collection consists mainly of lumber and old pieces of scenery and props from past plays of DGDS. We maintain that much of this material is salvageable and would cut the \$500 allotted for scenery in this year's DGDS budget. We are certainly not calling personnel of DGDS

thieves. Indeed we have received assurances from DGDS President Joe Macdonald that he would keep an extremely close eye on funds this year. However, at the last Council meeting we found out that in addition to the hundreds of dollars of sheet music that was lost or stolen last year a \$200 tape recorder borrowed by DGDS also disappeared. At the

beginning of this year the Gazette urged the Student Council to demand interim financial reports from various Societies, we suggested Dalcom could provide auditors for the Council. The Council has ignored this plea. Miss Robb, secretary-treasurer of the Council, keeps a very close eye on the actual spending of the money but she and indeed it appears no

one else checks on what is done with the material once it is bought.

The responsibility lies with our elected representatives fondly known as the Student Council. Once again they have shirked their duty. We give them \$50,000 of our money to spend and

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Council Thinks Again



COUNCIL THURSDAY PERUSES FRESH EDITION OF THE GAZETTE "HOT" OFF THE PRESSES. THEY DEEMED IT SATISFACTORILY CRITICAL OF THEMSELVES AND REMOVED EDITOR LEVITZ' PROBATION.

Distortion, bad feelings, wide press coverage and finally the Dalhousie Student Council retracted on part of its action against the Gazette.

The week was one of interesting conflict. It began at Council with a motion of censure against the Editor of the Dal Gazette, Gerry Levitz. The Council was dissatisfied with essentially his lack of cutting criticism and told him so, in no uncertain terms. This was grist for the news world, in no uncertain terms, a college editor who was not controversial and then to be cited for it. The inaccuracies about ultimatums spread and apologies thanks possibly to the efforts of UPI and its local representative, Les Cohen. The Mail Star picked up the story and ran a short but concise editorial blasting the Council for using the issue as a political football. The fun was on. The story became datelined in New York, London and far and near it spread and picked up momentum. It had to end.

The dying moments of the fray came Thursday evening in the section of all good meetings inconspicuously called "old business".

It wasn't quite so straight-forward. Actually, at 7:10 (according to the clock on the wall of the meeting room) the Student Council meeting was interrupted by the entrance of the Gazette staff, headed by Mr. Levitz wearing a slight grin and bearing an armload of Gazettes. The wraps were off and silence reigned.

The silence was short-lived, it was soon broken by nervous giggles from the female part of the Council, perhaps fearing for their skins under the satirical knife of "The Wooden Horse." Del Warren, leading light of the Council then said, "Well, now that we've all read that". It seemed the Council hadn't and it was a few minutes before proceedings were finally under way.

Graham Read, who had made the original motion then moved that the portion of the paper regarding the three week probation be removed. It was duly seconded and the discussion was on. Mr. Warren said that originally he had been told that the whole

motion should be rescinded. This he felt was intolerable but that a suitable compromise had come by agreeing to rescinding of the three week probation. Dave Major, Commerce Representative, indicated that the Gazette staff stood solidly behind their Editor and that the campus would be without Editor, staff, or paper if the three week probation was not lifted. Dave Mann, Law Red., said he felt that the removing of the three week probation negated the value of the motion. He did not press the point. Discussion continued during which Mr. Levitz waxed eloquent and for the first time publicly stated his side of the question. He said, that as Editor of the paper and the employee of the Student Council, he was under continual probation and that this portion of the Student Council's motion was intolerable.

After covering the pertinent points some superfluous ones, and covering both more than once the motion was put to a vote. The three week probation was lifted. The criticism remained and Del Warren left the meeting, the Council continued on its merry way.

RUTIGLIANO HITS OUT

Sports at Dalhousie have suffered from an inordinately pathetic student participation in the past years, and the trend appears to be going from bad to worse. The Gazette last week interviewed Joseph Rutigliano, Football Coach at Dalhousie, and came away with a withering blast from him, which is printed below. We suggest that students and faculty alike pay heed to the frustration of a man who has probably tried the hardest in the last two years to stimulate greater athletic activity at Dalhousie.

The general attitude on this campus is "I just don't have the time." This feeling may come from academic pressures, either real or imaginary. I fully realize the students are attending Dalhousie for educational purposes; however, certain aspects of a whole, mature education come from participation in extra-curricular activities. Whether bridge in the canteen, or Varsity Sports, the activity is not important in itself, but in its competitive association with a group, promoting a real feeling of pride. This feeling should and can demand an almost religious devotion to the activity, the group and the leader. Such devotion should draw

the respect and attention of people on campus.

DOES THIS HAPPEN AT DALHOUSIE?

The impression that one gets from this campus is that the "would be" athlete is doing Dal-



housie a favor, rather than that Dalhousie is affording him the opportunity to be a part of those wonderful experiences.

Everybody that plays sports should want to join a varsity team, but instead, here at Dal-

housie a large percentage attach themselves to other groups, as interfac (lowest among the levels of university sport). Last year Science challenged the Varsity basketball team to a game, trying to prove they were the best team on campus; again this year Law has suggested that they could do it. Does this show strength in these teams or rather a weakness on campus — a lack of cohesiveness and a disregard for the athlete and his efforts.

This year the football season began with 43 potential varsity players, some freshmen and others holdover varsity lettermen. Of the dropouts, some did not have sufficient ability, some simply sneaked away when the coaches' backs were turned but NONE WERE OVERLOOKED.

Remaining was the nucleus of football at Dalhousie, good, tough young men playing against overwhelming odds.

They were beaten physically, mentally and emotionally but remained faithful to the game and each other.

In basketball Coach Yarr started with more than 30 men.

Today fourteen remain. (Eight of whom are J.V.). The situation was so bad that for the last SMU game we had five

HICKS ON SUB

From President Hicks regarding construction of a Student Union Building:

"From the moment of my coming to Dalhousie I have been keenly aware of the need for a Student Union Building and have felt its construction should be given high priority. A substantial sum for this building is included in the overall building campaign, counting the federal and provincial governments' contributions to the new Medical School, the campaign has already raised in cash and pledges three-quarters of the money needed for the new buildings.

We have engaged a firm of consultants to advise on the overall campus plan including the nature and location of the new SUB. We expect a report to be available within the next few weeks, at which time the Board of Governors will be giving their attention to priorities in the building programme.

I personally appreciate the student initiative concerning this project and their contribution to the SUB Fund. I hope the decision concerning the location and nature of this building can be made this year and a target for its construction can also be announced."

DRAIN A VEIN

— BLOOD DRIVE