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Editorial

Roll call for Council

It's hard to get a student movement started — especially when you can't get any students to move.

This year Dal Student Council has its share of hard-working souls who'll let nothing — nay, not even classwork — get in the way of doing the job they were elected to do.

These humans dedicate much time to the business of Council, as is only fair, considering their having run for public office. The least anyone should expect is some semblance of duty, even if it appears to be drudgery.

So far this year Council has been hit by Greg Fitzgerald's impeachment, V-P External Dave Rideaut's resignation under heated circumstances (after the March fiasco) and now the loss of an active and central figure in Board of Governors' Rep Jay Doucet. Doucet's reasons are believed to be course-related and that's understandable — he has been active in Council this year. What's more, he even attended meetings regularly.

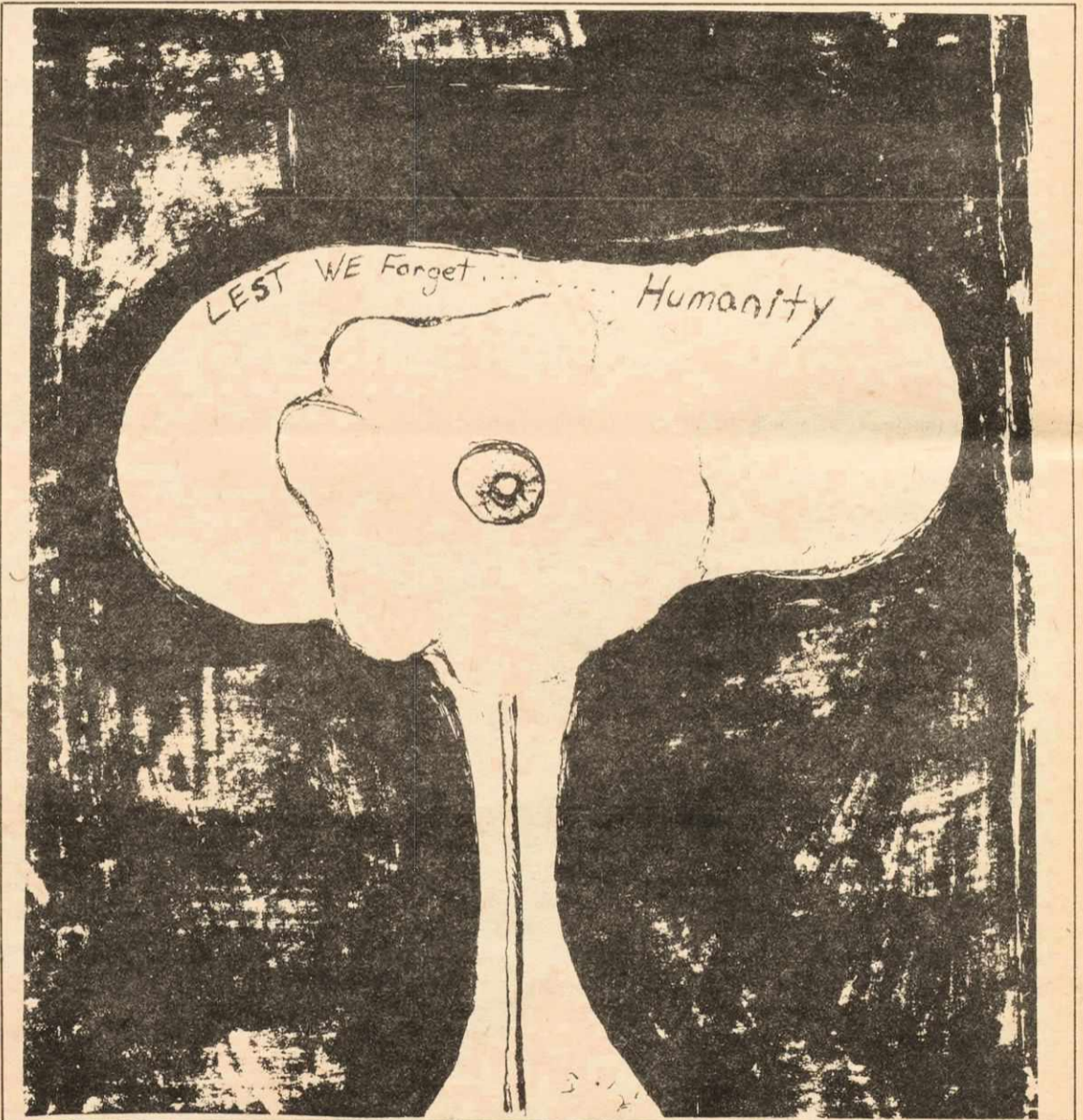
Which is more than a few councillors have done.

Absenteeism has been a big problem in Council meetings this year, with some Councillors habitually skipping one or two meetings, coming in for one, and then neglecting to show up for the next few meetings. Another problem is councillors breezing in and out of Sunday Council meetings for an hour or two so their name can be registered as "present". Every Council meeting this year has at some point (usually near its end) fallen below its quorum of half the Councillors attending.

If Jay Doucet resigned because of a heavy class workload, in a sense he's to be congratulated for his honesty. Before he could begin shirking his duties as an elected representative, he resigned. Now, hopefully someone with the spare time and ability to be an effective student on the Board of Governors can fill his shoes.

As it is, there are others on Council who should resign or face impeachment for direlection of duties. Five councillors have missed two meetings in a row with no excuse sent to chairperson Bill Walsh. And still others have just barely managed to squeak by with on/off attendance.

The dedicated students on council working for all of us are only finding their work and time wasted or impaired because of no-shows and non-participants. Maybe it's time they either stepped up to their responsibility or stepped down for someone else.



Letters

Lest we forget . . . peace.

To the Editor:

Has the time come for us to reconsider the use we make of Remembrance Day at Dalhousie and in Canada?

I raise this question because November 11th has traditionally been a day when we remember the cost of non-peace, especially in terms of human lives. It is a day when we pause to express our gratitude to and for those who have paid the

ultimate price of non-peace, so that we could have life and peace.

It is now an appropriate time to consider moving forward from remembering the past to actively preparing for the future, by educating for peace. Could we make Remembrance Day a special day devoted to educating for peace? Motivated by our remembering the price we have had to pay whenever we lacked that education.

Can we teach the young to be promoters of peace, living examples of peace? Can we teach the basic fact that "peace is another name for life"? That war is another name for death? Thus to work for peace is to work for harmony between man and his environment, from the very moment of his existence and thus from the beginning of his relationship with his/her

environment.

Can we not teach that our 'yes' to Peace broadens out into a 'yes' for life - as said so eloquently by Paul VI in his 1978 World Day of Peace message.

Remembrance Day seems like an ideal day to educate for peace — a day when we remember with sadness the lives that were lost because of the absence of peace. A day we remember, with horror, the fields of death our ancestors were called to. Today we are called to go forth into the field of peace, so that every human life that comes into existence is given due honour, and thus to labour so that no human being is called to the field of war and death.

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