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## Crime of the Century—nearly

by Mike Greenfield

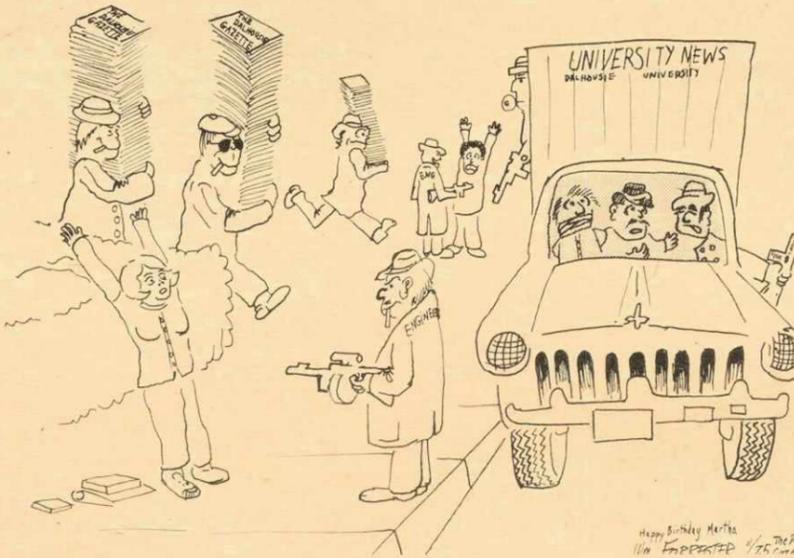
Holy Mangos! Hijacked! Last Thursday and Friday a sinister plot unfolded in a bizarre and terrifying series of events that threatened the very existence of campus media.

It was a calm, ordinary Thursday—perhaps too calm, too ordinary. Many students were eagerly awaiting the arrival of their favorite trash can liner— the Dalhousie Gazette. However, little did they know that deep within the recesses of the Dunn Building a plot had been hatched. A plot destined to deprive many of their Thursday afternoon reading of the Gazette!

Approximately 1:05 P.M. the Gazette arrives; they are distributed all across the campus. By 4:31 the newspaper stalls are almost entirely empty. Thousands of Gazettes have vanished! Seemingly into thin air!

An alert Gazette newsreporting staff sweeps into action. Their eyes range over the entire campus and soon the culprits are spotted. Wearing an evil grin and engineering jacket they are seen walking away with hundreds of Gazettes under their arms. Nobody likes the Gazette that much.

At this point campus security is called in. Ever alert and on the side



of truth and justice, Dave Ness, head of security, moves swiftly to foil the plot. The submachine guns are distributed and all the stalls come under the alert gaze of Campus Security. "Shoot first, ask questions later", Dave tells his men.

An ultimatum is given out to the engineering society— either get the

Gazette back by that afternoon or else! Originally intending to not return the paper until Monday they now speed up their operation.

By Thursday afternoon the Gazettes were back with Engineers Ball stamped in blood red on the cover. Case closed— but wait, for the University News it was just the beginning of their nightmare.

One eager engineering student, zealous in his desire to stamp the student newspaper reasoned that the best method would be to divert the delivery truck to the Dunn building, thereby facilitating the whole scheme. He called the Dartmouth Press and told them that the newspaper office would be closed, could they have the truck deliver the papers to the Dunn building.

However what this engineering student did not know was that the Gazette is not printed in Dartmouth. The University News is!

So instead of being distributed on Friday the University News lay the entire weekend in the Dunn Building, neglected by the engineering students who had already hit their target and by the University News staff who found out too late to do anything about it.

This episode is over, but will such a thing be allowed to happen again. Why are these parasites that call themselves engineering students allowed to roam free! Who knows when they will strike again, with their senseless brutality. Society is not safe with the likes of these people free to perpetrate their evil desires.

## Brunswick Towers has rental problems

by Ron Norman and Bill Forrester.

Last week a certain number of apartment units in the Brunswick Tower complex were made available for rental purposes to the city of Halifax. The city responded positively to the offer but have stated that they would be unable to completely support the project, and so have turned to the Provincial government for financial support. Thus far the provincial government have failed to respond and the concept is still airborne.

In a telephone interview, Mr. Ben Stephanson the representative for

the operators of the complex - Lehdorff Property Management Ltd. - stated that the proposal had a twofold purpose: firstly, it was meant to fill some of the vacant units in Brunswick Towers (informed sources place this figure as high as 175 apartments); secondly, the move was a response to the Task Force on Housing's statement that the private sector had done nothing to help with low rent housing.

The rents for the units are among the lowest in Halifax (especially considering the area); \$168 for a 1

bedroom; \$204 for a two bedroom; and \$243 for a three bedroom apartment. According to Mr. Stephanson the new tower has been filling up quite quickly; however, the older towers have been harder to rent and have been the subject of some controversy.

In the interviews with various residents, it was the older towers which were the center of attention. One tenant complained that the walls were much too thin and could hear people next door even if they were only talking. Another woman complained about the bugs which she claimed had infested the apartments.

However, for the most part it seems that Mr. Stephanson has tried to create a better image for the complex. One tenant claimed that the only problems now were children sneaking in and writing on the walls.

the complex is in an excellent location to downtown Halifax, yet it is precisely that location which is

probably the cause of some of the rental problems. Mr. Stephanson admitted that the area (lower Gottingen Street) was a factor in the slow filling of the older towers.

A woman from the Residential Tenancies Board told the **Gazette** that the board receives as many calls from the Towers as they might from any other apartment building and that she would have no qualms about moving in there.

the area, then, is perhaps the main drawback to the Towers. The units are not officially open to students; however, students have been known to live there.

Finally, it might be said that the Brunswick Towers complex is a limited-dividend project sponsored by the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation. It was built by Dineen Atlantic Ltd. and is owned jointly by Dineen Construction Ltd. (Dineen Atlantic's parent corporation) and Lehdorff Property Management Ltd., both of which are based in Toronto.



## Hallowe'en pranks

By Diane Robinson

Weather wise it was definitely a "Hallowed Eve" day and the incidences that happened around the campus last Friday, October 31 also seemed a reflection of the day's date. While the wind rushed around and swirled the leaves into soggy masses and the rain-snow mixture added to the strange and excited atmosphere, a few people were playing Hallowe'en "pranks".

Within a period of two hours, four separate incidences occurred, the second and third concurrently

though most likely coincidentally. The first incident happened around 11:15 a.m. and was a rear end collision. This happened on University Avenue between Seymour and Henry Street, opposite the Arts Centre. Apparently nobody was

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