

Letters

Beware the magic formula

To the Gazette:

The Gazette recently carried a full-page ad for a "revolutionary new concept" that will give any student tremendous learning powers and total "instant recall", and will "guarantee graduation" easily and effortlessly. For "only" \$149 this mysterious technique will be revealed to you.

I am confident Dalhousie students are too sophisticated to believe every advertisement they read. However at this time of year some students' usual good judgment may be clouded by desperation. Indeed, the company would not advertise if they never got any replies.

Before anyone follows the ad's instructions to rush off \$149, they should consider the following points:

1. There is no secret magic formula that will guarantee graduation, or give you omniscient powers. If it does not exist, you cannot buy it.

2. The information on speed reading that you will get may help you read some materials, such as novels, faster, if you are willing to spend time and effort improving your reading ability. However your comprehension of textbooks, lecture notes, and other condensed materials that must be comprehended probably will not

improve through speed reading.

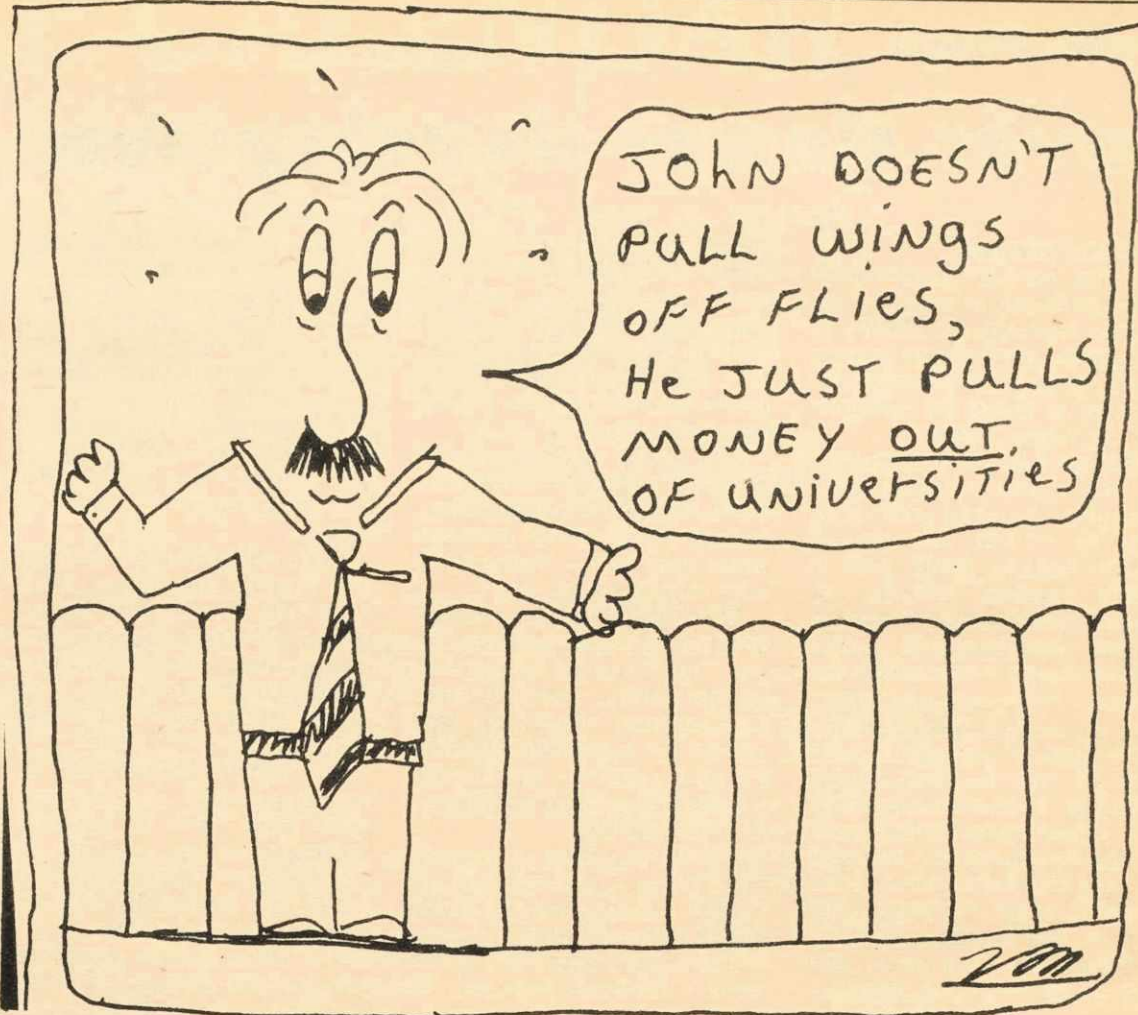
3. The tips on study skills techniques that you may also receive could be useful. However they are not the secret property of any particular company. You do not have to pay \$149 to have study skills techniques revealed to you. One of the best books on the subject, Pauk's "How to Study in College", is available in the Student Union Building Bookstore for \$8.15. You can borrow a copy of Pauk or other books on reading and study skills from the Counselling and Psychological Services Centre, for free. The Centre also has videotapes on study skills.

4. The Gazette does not, and cannot, check into every scheme that is advertised. However it could be more careful about printing advertisements that are obviously questionable. I am sure it would not like to be seen as just taking a slice of the profits through its advertising fees. For the present, the only rule of this game is **buyer beware**. Sincerely,
Victor Day
Counselling and Psychological Services

Thanks for the support

To the Gazette:

I was moved to write during the fall about the tremendous fan support we were receiving



during our soccer games. The support we have received recently during the AUAA hockey play-offs with St. Mary's surpassed all our wildest imagination. Outsiders often consider Dalhousians reserved and conservative. The enthusiasm which was displayed at the Metro Centre on March 7, 10 and 11 by Dalhousie supporters was greatly appreciated by the hockey team and the entire Department of Athletics.

We would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU for the tremendous support.

We look forward to your support once again next year.

Sincerely
H.K. Bellemare
Head of Athletics
& Recreation Services

Students not rich

To the Gazette:

I am disgusted with the differential fees.

Students from Third World countries are not rich. Majority of them can't pay the ridiculous \$1600 tuition fees. In many cases, the entire family, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, etc., scrape together the money to send one student over here to study.

While developed countries like Canada with their transnational monopolies such as Massey-Ferguson are exploiting the Third World nations

(paying a worker \$3 a day), it is denying the Third World students a chance to education so as they could develop their countries.

While this government is promoting tourism, it's difficult to apprehend why it is turning away semi-permanent tourists like foreign students (who, according to official immigration figures, spend between \$4000 and \$5000 each annually).

All foreign students should unite and support the March 21st protest. Give your fellow countrymen, brothers and sisters a chance. To protect yourselves against the racist C-24 Bill, do not forget to use hoods. Let's fight back!!!

Thank you.
Yours truly,
Suhaili Morkhtar



The Dalhousie Gazette, Canada's oldest college newspaper, is the weekly publication of the Dalhousie Student Union members, and is a founding member of Canadian University Press.

The views expressed in The Dalhousie Gazette are not necessarily those of the Dalhousie Student Union, the editor or the collective staff. We reserve the right to edit material for space or legal reasons, or if it is considered offensive to our readers.

The deadline for articles and letters-to-the-editor is noon on Monday. No unsigned material will be accepted but anonymity may be granted on request. Letters should not exceed 500 words and must be typed on a 64-character line and double spaced.

Advertising must be submitted by noon on the Friday preceding publication. National Advertising is handled through Youthstream, 307 Davenport Road, Toronto, Ontario M5R 1K5 (416) 925-6359.

Our office is located on the third floor of the Dalhousie Student Union Building. Our mailing address is The Dalhousie Gazette, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S. B3H 4J2. You can reach us by telephone at (902) 424-2507.

The subscription price is \$9 per year (25 issues), and our International Standard Serial Number is CN ISSN 0011-5819.

Editorial board: Danièle Gauvin, Alan Adams, Matt Adamson, Elissa Barnard, Nigel Allen

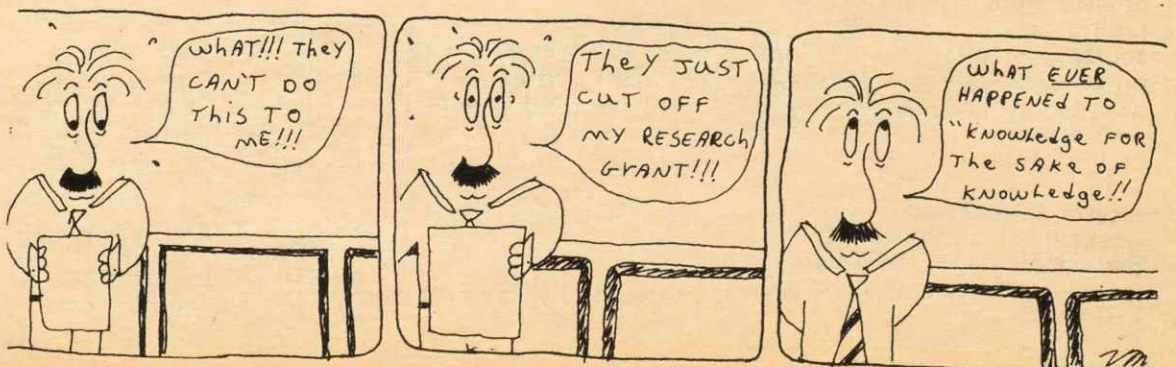
Entertainment co-ordinator: Eric Simpson

Sports coordinator: Micki Martinello

Advertising and business manager: Matt Adamson

Circulation manager: Joe Wilson

Staff for this issue: Brent Melanson, Glenn Walton, Michael Burns, John McLeod, Barry Sinervo, Ron Norman, Wayne Setter, Michael Cormier, and Kyle Jolliffe



For National Advertising, this paper is a member of
youthstream.
The Campus Network
307 Davenport Road, Toronto, Ontario M5R 1K5
(416) 925-6359