

VP takes up drinking challenge

(Ed's note: This letter was received in response to a letter in last week's Gazette concerning a challenge by Peter Rans, our Student Union President, towards this citizen of St. Mary's.)

To Peter Rans,
President, Dalhousie Student Union
Dalhousie University

Dear Peter,

After some deliberation of your challenge to me dated September 1982, I have decided to unconditionally accept it. One point should be clear, that being that no obscure challenge was issued by me. I will, however, drink the potion you have for so long overindulged in.

I am sure the frosh from both campuses will learn a great deal about being a student politician from this event. Also, after the battle I am sure the government of Athens would be most pleased to hire you seeing how overqualified you are.

I hope this acceptance of your challenge proves to you and your council that I do have the guts to face you on your terms. I am sure, during the contest, we will come to see exactly where your guts are.

So be prepared on September 25, 1982 in the Gorsebrook Lounge (SMU Pub) at 7:30 p.m. sharp to begin the contest of your life.

Remember, all is fair in love and war.

Yours truly,
Charlie MacArthur
V.P. Student Affairs, Saint Mary's University.

(Ed's further note: In future, Peter Rans is requested to air his dirty laundry (and tequila bottles) via a more private venue.)

Fitzgerald shouldn't have been impeached

To the Editor,

This letter is concerned with the question of whether or not Greg Fitzgerald should have been impeached for his actions. I was not in favour of continuing the impeachment proceedings.

Last year, it was discovered that an individual stole over \$2000 from the Student Union. He did not repay the money, nor did he even show remorse for his actions. In fact, when queried by Council, I believe he answered, "Well, that's the way life is." At least Fitzgerald repaid the society in question and had the decency to resign from Council.

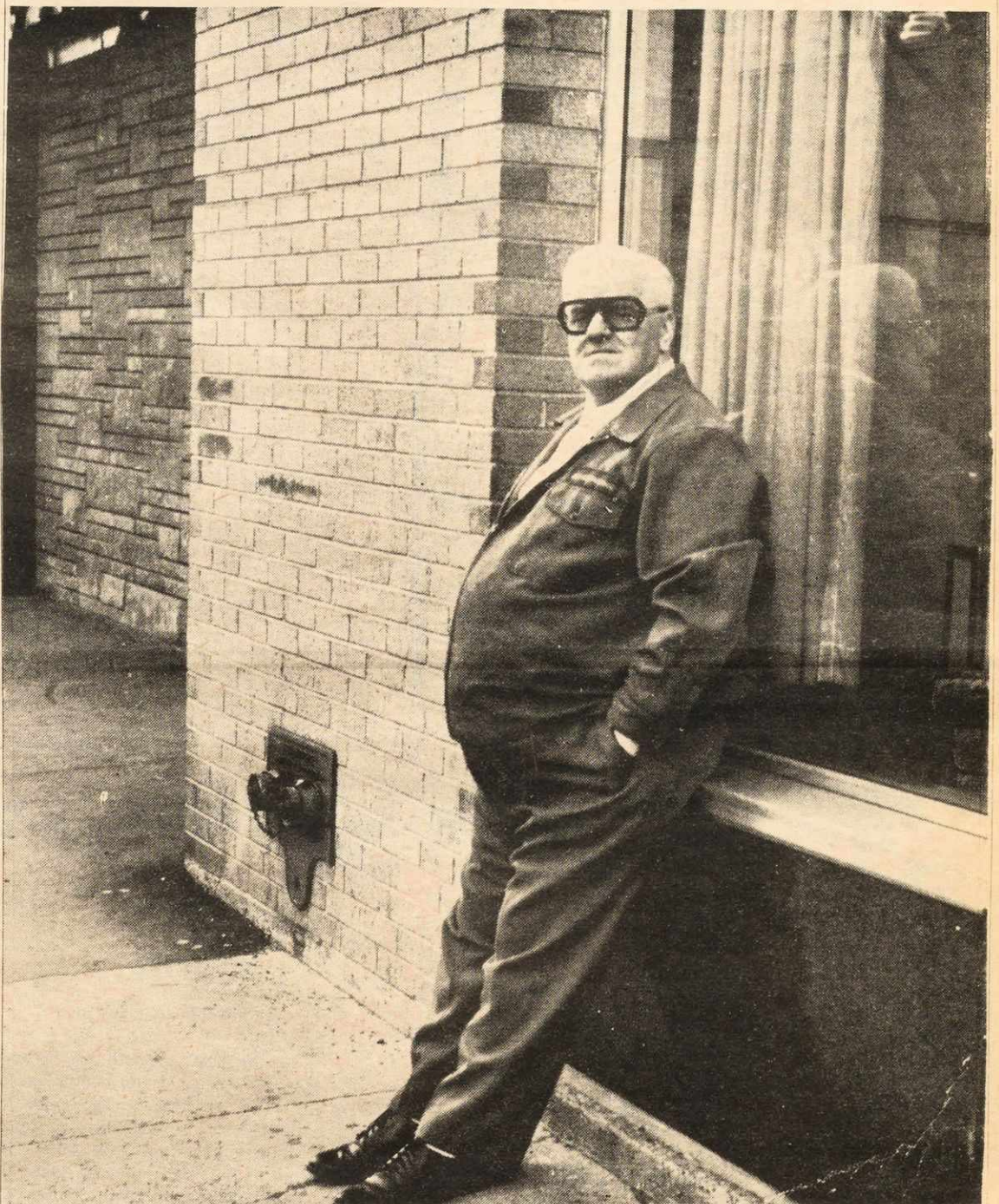
Furthermore, this incident will come back to haunt him if he ever does run for public office, whether or not a record of it is found in the Council minutes. It was incongruous, if not unfair, to punish Fitzgerald while permitting an even guiltier individual to escape scot-free.

By the same token, a repetition of this sort of action must be prevented. Council and the various societies should be forced to submit an independent audit of their books to the Student Body every year. Secondly, the Student Union constitution should be amended so as to forbid closed Council meetings. This would prevent councillors from hiding their opinions and permitting miscreants who also happen to be Council "insiders" from getting away with murder.

Finally, the constitution should stipulate that Council MUST attempt to have anyone who embezzles funds from the Student Union, or any society, prosecuted. If any Council neglected to do so while such a provision was in the constitution, any student could launch legal action against the Council. The threat of certain legal action would discourage future embezzlers and would prevent Council from shirking its duty.

Glen Johnson

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