

Wanted: one enthusiastic, dedicated editor

by Gretchen Pohlkamp

If you love power, frustration, hard work and the satisfaction of a job well done, the **Gazette** staff needs you to be our editor.

The position has been vacant since co-editor Glenn Walton resigned in September after the department of graduate studies informed him he could not have the job if he wished to keep his fellowship and his present course load. Ever the realist, Walton quickly calculated which would pay him more, and chose the prestige of a few more letters after his name over the unequalled prestige of being editor of the **Gazette**.

Enough nonsense. What the paper needs is an organized individual who has some expe-

rience on student newspapers and an ability to adapt to the unusual. For those who are not ready to commit their whole life to the future of free speech, the position is available in half doses.

The other half of the co-editorial team elected by the staff in February, Cathy McDonald, is still sane and more than willing to continue in her role as co-editor. But if someone out there wants the job full-time, she is willing to put down her whip, take off her crown and retire.

"The pay for a full-time editor is \$400 a month," said McDonald, who has been receiving half the salary since August. "A full-time editor would have time

for one course per semester, or a maximum of two easy ones," she said.

McDonald said she spends about 30 hours a week working on the **Gazette**. And that's only half-time.

"It's mainly a Monday to Thursday week," she said.

Money is definitely not the motivating factor of McDonald's desire to continue at the helm. The joys of the job include a sense of purpose gleaned from working closely with a crazy group of volunteers who struggle each week to put a paper together.

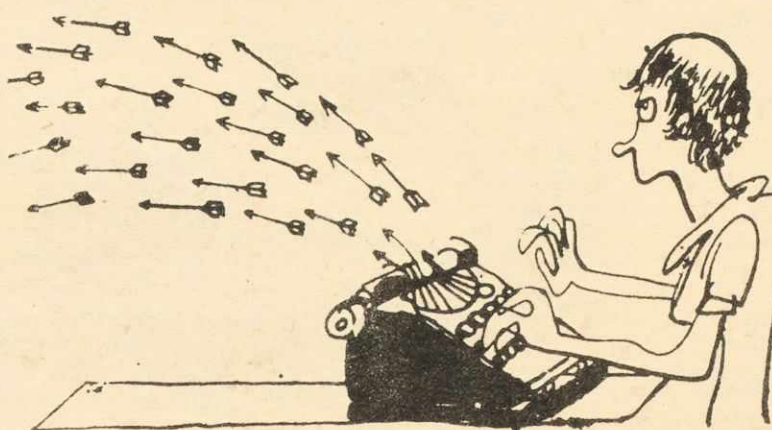
"We need someone who would be interested in pushing the news section of the paper or someone to take over the day-

to-day organization so I can work with the writers," said McDonald.

Duties of the editor include relating with staff, organizing production of the newspaper, and generally keeping the paper

abreast with events on campus, she said.

If you are still interested, you are just the kind of person we need. Come on up to our office on the third floor of the SUB for a visit.



Dal Legal Aid provides expertise

by Bruce Galloway

Providing Dalhousie Law students with a means of developing all the working skills of a lawyer is one of the two major aims of Dalhousie Legal Aid, said director Professor Archie Kaiser. The other is to provide a valuable and necessary service to the low income population of Halifax and Dartmouth.

Founded in 1970, Dalhousie Legal Aid processes 1500 cases a year. In addition it handles over 2500 telephone inquiries, referrals, and personal interviews. It was the first legal aid office in Nova Scotia (preceding N.S. legal aid by two years) and is now considered to offer one of the most complete ranges of this type of service in the country.

The office located on Cunard St. operates on a year round basis with a permanent staff of ten, five of whom are lawyers. Approximately fifteen third-year law students work at the office on a voluntary basis. They work for a full term, earning nine credits towards their degree. By working in this type of environment, handling real life problems, students acquire skills that

would only be partially developed in a classroom atmosphere, Kaiser said.

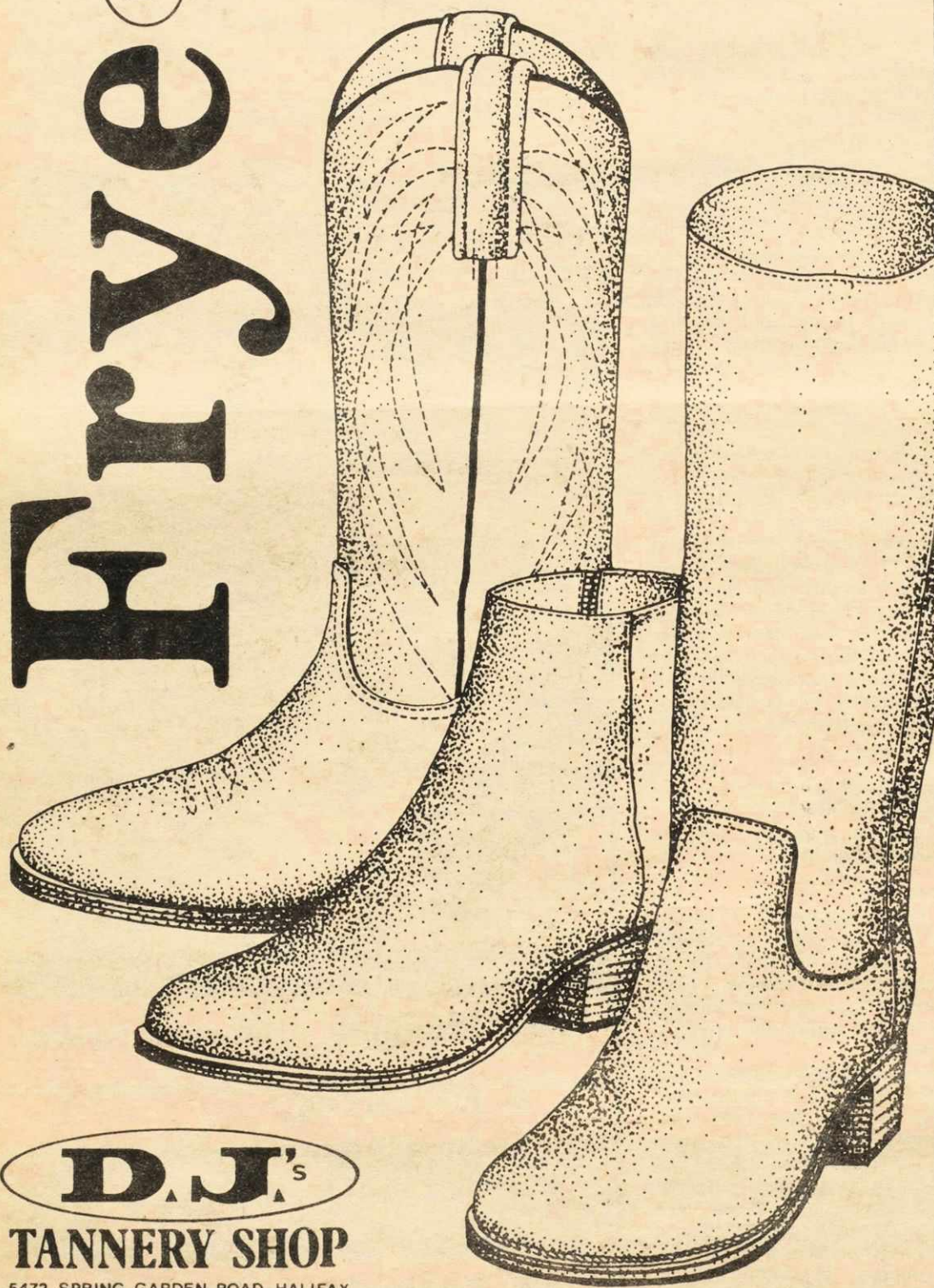
Two main criteria determine whether a person's case will be handled by Dalhousie Legal Aid. First, what type of problem the prospective client has and secondly, what his/her financial status is. At present 50-60 per cent of the office's case load deals with family law problems such as maintenance and custody, family violence and some divorces. The remainder of the cases cover a wide field, including landlord-tenant problems, consumer law, wills, juvenile crime and immigration hassles.

Kaiser cited the continuing financial squeeze as "critical". At present the bulk of the \$250,000 yearly budget comes from the university and the remainder from the three different levels of government.

"Right now we are okay until April '82" said Kaiser "but unless we receive additional funding we may be forced to cut services." Such cutbacks would hurt everyone, notes Kaiser, staff, students, and of course the public.



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