

Comment

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Winter carnival: 'Donneybrook'

Fourteen hundred people attended what was one of the blander Sub nights held here in recent years. As usual three bands performed, this year Shooter, The Estes Boys and McGinty.

The small donneybrook at the end of the night and the false fire alarm were, of course, familiar features. One seasoned observer was heard to comment that "over all the crowd was well behaved".

Shooter's show was, as well expected, loud and raucous. Since the transformation from the Greaseball Boggie Days about two years ago Shooter have been playing to large and appreciative audiences it was no exception here either. Most of the crowd jammed into the McInnes room to see this band. The Green Room was about half full with fans of the Irish band. In the cafeteria a small crowd watched the Estes Boys, a country rock band from Boston that was in my opinion easily the best band in the building Saturday night.

Many people spent most of their night in the lobbies preferring this to both the huge and nonexistent crowds.

The student union probably made a few thousand dollars on this and as a result are undoubtedly pretty pleased...Probably most of the audience was too, although a rough poll taken found many people disappointed in the general atmosphere, the loudness and grossness of Shooter and the fact that the

McInnes room probably had a thousand people in it for half the night.

"Sub night this year was at least fairly civilized compared to past years and compared to this year's animal show known as the beer bash it was quite refreshing," according to one patron.

The scavenger hunt on the other hand was another matter, breaking into the Grawood, abducting the Lieutenant Governor, taking over a radio station and trying to capture citadel hill were some of the thefts made by ingenious Dal students.

Some people may say that this contributes to school spirit; that it's a way to get rid of apathy. Maybe. But more likely, in it's present form it's liable to get some of the more energetic (and imature) students thrown in jail.

The clowns who stole the ambulance, the guys who did two thousand dollars worth of damage in the Dal rink and the few other jokers who pulled potentially dangerous and costly stunts deserve to be charged by the police for their infantile actions. A scavenger hunt could be a lot of fun but the kind practiced by some of the juvenile minds who somehow made it into this university is very dangerous.

I wish it was different but these stunts were pulled by fraternities according to my sources. Maybe a nice stiff fine will pound a little sense into their heads, but I doubt it.

Approves of carnival

The Dal -Winter Carnival certainly was something else this year!! It was not only interesting, but was also very exciting to watch. This total effect was due to the combined highly imaginative and courageous effort of a few Dal students.

To the average foreign student who had not seen the carnival before, definite enthusiasm was aroused. Questions like "What is the Winter-Carnival?, Is it a Canadian custom?, What does it mean?" popped out as eyes keenly tried to take in as much of the Carnival as

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To the Gazette:

I, as a newly "elected" representative of the Dalhousie Student Union, would like to make a few

they could. The general answer they got was that, in essence, the custom is held to add a bit of cheer to the long winter.

Perhaps behind the Carnival itself, are people who find somewhere, somehow within themselves that rare ability to forget all, and be happy for a while and as a result they make other people happy. We need people like that not only now, but all the year round to bring cheer to those hearts which have winter even during the summer.

Are you one of them?

comments on the elections before the whole affair has faded and is forgotten. To begin with, I am pleased to see that I received 100% of the popular vote (I believe the

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