

goal. Total anarchy can't be far away.

In perhaps the most unusual case reported so far, one Arnold Arbuckle of Walla Walla, Washington, went on a junk food binge after discovering his beloved Seattle Seahawks would not be on the tube last Sunday. Arbuckle ate 72 lbs. of Big Macs, Whoppers and Tacos and then sat in front of his blank TV crying. A concerned Mrs. Arbuckle was phoning a doctor when she heard the loud explosion from the front room.

She ran in and discovered the only thing left of poor Arnie was a few shreds of his Jim Zorn T-shirt and a pair of official Seahawk slippers. Unless this strike ends quickly there will be more Arnie's

-a lot more.

Although much of the settlement talk has centered around such things as binding arbitration and conciliators' reports, the most innovative suggestion for getting on with the season has come from Mr. R. W. Hood of Boise, Idaho. Hood, after watching two of his neighbours jump out of their front windows, wrote Football Commissioner Pete Rozelle and recommended firing every player now on strike. That's right, fire every one. The idea is so brilliant you wonder why it took someone from Boise to think of it.

Rozelle has reportedly contacted the one man in North America who is capable of pulling off this

maneuver, Ronald Reagan, and found him quite receptive to the plan. It's not surprising - Reagan has past experience dealing tough with labour. Remember the air traffic controllers?

Well, once more Ronald has a chance to endear himself to the American public and earn brownie points with football fans everywhere. With mid term elections in full swing and Reagan's popularity on a downward turn, this strike couldn't have happened at a better time. And what poetic justice! The man who once acted as Frank Gipp, Notre Dame All-American and the epitome of play-for-fun football, delivering the *coup-de-grace* to these ungrateful louts.

Of course, there is one snag to

Mr. Hood's plan. Who would play in place of the fired NFLers? Some have suggested college players as the obvious choice but I feel there are problems with this. First, the owners would have to pay the college players more than they earn now at school to entice them into the big leagues. Also, with all the college players playing on Sundays, who would we watch Saturday afternoons?

If not Hershel Walker and company then who? The answer seems pretty obvious. Across this continent there are millions of men who have dreamed of playing in the big leagues. Simply have these budding OJ's show up at the nearest NFL stadium. There, no doubt, they would be met by the fired NFLers

who would be determined not to let anyone else play on *their* gridiron.

Those who successfully crossed the picket line would be allowed to play in the game.

Anyone who can cross a picket line manned by the likes of Mean Joe Greene and Jack 'Hacksaw' Reynolds is more than welcome into my living room next Sunday. And eventually the pired players, reduced to abject poverty, would return, helmet in hand, looking for a job. The players would play, the owners would make money and the fan would get his Sunday/Monday fix. Perhaps these measures sound a little hard to you.

Just remember we live in hard times. Remember Arnie.

Quota continues causing concern

To the Editor,

In recent weeks there has been much reaction to the recently imposed international student quota. This reaction has ranged from being that of mild condemnation to emotional outrage. Nobody has so far tried to place this occurrence in perspective.

There were already quotas in place on not only international but also, for some programs, on students from outside the Maritime and/or the Atlantic provinces. In other programs preference is given to applicants from the Maritime and/or the Atlantic provinces. These quotas and the preferential standing have, in the past, been rationalized using arguments such as "owing to limited enrollment and the large number of applicants" or "because this is the only College of Pharmacy".

The rationale for the new international student quota has not been made completely clear although hearsay reports indicate that it was imposed to stop the influx of foreign students fleeing skyrocketing differential fees elsewhere in Canada. The belief that the Nova Scotia government would raise differential fees if the flood was not stopped also apparently played a role in this decision.

The use of the word 'quota' implies discrimination although, hopefully, it is used more in the financial rather than emotional sense. Certainly loss of revenue to the university at this time of financial difficulty would play a role in a decision of this nature. However, academic freedom must be protected from provincial politics.

According to a report presented at the Canadian Federation of Students conference at Charlottetown in May, the Ontario Minister of Colleges and Universities is on record as saying "The real problem is to get visa students to go to universities in other provinces." This statement was made even though Ontario is only 0.3 per cent above the national average for foreign undergraduates and below the national average for foreign graduate students. Will the same attitude now emerge in this province and give rise to a similar tripling of graduate student differential fees and doubling of undergraduate student differential fees?

The implications of what appears to be happening are mind boggling. The precedents for quotas have been present for years at this university and yet nobody except those foreign or Canadian students exempted from admission to these programs because of these quotas appeared to mind. Now, with a larger number of people possibly being affected, there is an outcry. Should an observer assume that we as a society are not concerned with discrimination against a small group of people and that we are concerned with discrimination against large groups?

The social conscience of many people has been aroused by the disclosure of this new quota system and perhaps rightly so. The moral responsibility of Dalhousie to provide an opportunity for third world foreign students to obtain a post-secondary education has been invoked. For example, Malaysian students of Chinese extraction are not permitted to attend university in Malaysia and Dalhousie has always been a mecca for these students to receive their university education. Is this to now change?

It is situations such as this that lay bare the moral checks and balances of a society. In the next few weeks the Senate and Board of Governors of Dalhousie will be thinking and possibly discussing this issue. It will not be an easy task because if they decide not to impose a quota on foreign students in one program, how can they justify quotas in others? If they decide to impose quotas on more programs, what will be the reaction to such a move?

Sincerely,
Ken Edgcombe

Foreign students controversy

To the Editor,

I am not sure that keeping alive the foreign student controversy on this campus will serve any useful purpose. However, it does seem to me that one or two points should be noted.

Now that the Registrar has confirmed that most foreign students had had their applications processed by August 1, one is compelled to wonder why applications were refused after mid August. It may be that the University was protecting itself from an anticipated influx that never materialized. It may be that the University was concerned about the Provincial Government's reaction in the event that foreign student enrollment increased significantly; it may be that some departments at Dalhousie believed that the number of foreign students would be so great that Canadian students would be denied admission to those departments. More likely some combination of all of these factors contributed to the decision.

In any case it was unfortunate because foreign students have interpreted the University's action as a threat to their educational opportunities and to those of future foreign students.

The one positive result of this whole unfortunate affair is that it emphasizes the need for some rational, well considered policies respecting foreign students. Dalhousie should and must address questions like the number of foreign students that the University can best serve, how quotas should be struck in specific departments and schools, how immigration and university regulations can best be coordinated. But, having raised the question of foreign students we should now take serious stock of our positions regarding housing, emergency financial support and a number of extremely difficult and unique foreign student problems.

It is my view that foreign students not only profit from education in this country but contribute to our programs and to our culture. It seems to me, too, that Canadians have a debt to pay to the International Community because we have relied on other countries to make education available to Canadian students. Surely the experience of the past few weeks can and will stimulate Dalhousie University to distinguish itself by formulating the first rational policies about foreign students in Canada.

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Dean of Student Services

Note: We welcome letters. A few ground rules: Space limitations force us to reserve the right not to publish letters exceeding 300 words, those which we consider racist or sexist, or letters which have been anonymously submitted. Finally, letters must be typed and submitted to the Gazette office before Monday afternoon.

Letters

Howe Hall hijinx low?

(Ed's note: The following letters were received in response to a commentary published in last week's Gazette. **Power Tripping and degradation of Frosh Week**, written by Andrew Ager, discussed the activities of "Frosh Week" in the men's residences, which he was not in favour of.)

To the Editor:

Having read last week's commentary, we were extremely distraught by the attitude of one person in Howe Hall. This person, having never been through initiation, claims that it is a morally degrading, dehumanizing factor of residence life. Well, it isn't. Having been both Frosh of 81 and on the Frosh Squad of 82, we find his remarks very hard to swallow.

As Frosh, one makes friends very fast, learns a great deal about the university, the city and life in general. Sure, its techniques look bizarre and far-fetched to an outsider - if you take an accountant into an operating room, he would probably find it vulgar and upsetting. Would he, like our fine author, deem such action unacceptable? If one takes part in the famed Frosh Squad, it is almost as much fun as being a Frosh again. Compared to previous years, Frosh Week 82 was a success for all involved. We suggest that the old adage "You can't please all of the people all of the time" applies here. If this is the case, which in any function dealing with masses is a possibility, one should not criticize the whole activity.

The name-calling in the article, which is quite descriptive, relates directly back to the person himself. Is this person a social outcast? He has no respect for tradition, the ladies of Shirreff Hall, or his co-workers at the front desk. It is quite obvious that he has shut himself off from society. How can such condemnation spew from the pen of one so out of touch with his topic. It is, in fact, only a topic that our "gifted" student has directed his literary skills upon. We feel that such essays would find a more suitable home in some cheap-shot magazine for mental deficients. Leave the commentary column to those who have participated, not observed. As for Mr. Ager's remarks pertaining to "power trips", we feel he should re-evaluate his essay and see who is truly mis-using power.

Innocently yours,
Henderson House Council
Todd K. Miller, President
Anurag Chopra, Vice President
James R. Snair, Treasurer

To the Editor:

Mr. Ager's obvious "chip" has left him very **DIS-ORIENTED**. His blind view towards the design and goals of Frosh Week display his wounded ego.

Frosh Week is an orientation process not a physical abuse campaign and we will NOT have it compared as such. Its objective consists of orienting Howe Hall freshmen not only to their physical environment but also to the people they will be associated with throughout the year. The comradeship which is shared during the initial week leads to lasting friendships.

If Mr. Ager is so determined to reduce the "abuse" of freshmen, we will gladly see him run for Howe Hall Vice President and thus become Inter-Residence Orientation Chairman for 1983.

Residents of Smith House;
Howe Hall, Dalhousie University