



Letters

Council Propaganda

To the GAZETTE

As a regular contributor to the Dal GAZETTE it is not a practice of mine to make use of the letters section of the GAZETTE, something which I have easy access to. However, there is a subject which is of enough importance that I feel compelled to say something. In reading the letters to the GAZETTE (Nov. 14, 1974 issue) I noticed that all but one were from student council members (five out of six). To make it short — what the hell is going on? Is the letters section of the GAZETTE to be used as an out of session student council, a place where dissatisfied council members can backbite each other and relieve their bowels, I mean grievances? I personally feel that the GAZETTE should review their policies and definitely restructure them. I think mine is a valid complaint! The GAZETTE should wonder if the paper is to be a propaganda machine for student council donuts!

Ron Norman Arts III

Editors Respond

Dear Mr. Donald:

In your letter to the Gazette 2 weeks ago you asked for information re: the Editorial in the Oct. 31 issue. Apparently a preferential voting procedure was beyond the comprehension of many of the students at Dalhousie. If the ballots had been read correctly, and thus marked preferentially, there would have been a conclusive result on the Referendum. You have a good reason to question why there was not a greater attempt to explain the repercussions of the possible results beforehand. Council did its best and learned to its chagrin that this was not enough.

"Cuts will have to come soon" simply refers to the fact that next year's Union budget will be submitted to the Council early in the spring. It will have to be prepared early in the New Year and all necessary cuts will have to be made at that time. Obviously the cuts will not truly be felt until the Academic year '75-'76 but that is not exactly what we would call the distant future!

A Union of any kind is defined in the dictionary as "a combining, joining, or grouping together of nations, states, political groups, etc. for some specific purpose". The Student Union at Dalhousie is the only bargaining power that is available to the students of this University. The Union can and will provide information, entertainment, protection for student interests and financial assistance to all pertinent student societies. However to do this effectively they need more cash and, more importantly, they need people. Perhaps this is the greatest deficit in the present Union - lack of student involvement. The Union can only be as effective and as meaningful as you and all the other students on this campus make it.

As for explanations of the cash increase mentioned on the Referendum one has only to read the Gazette Extra which was published on Oct. 28.

If you have any further questions re: the Student Union feel free to contact either the Gazette or the Student Union President, Daniel O'Connor.

Sincerely,
The Editors.

" True Grit "

TO THE GAZETTE

Who applauds the defeated football tigers? Who gives a damn whether they win or lose? Who knows what kind of guts it takes to be a loser? The answer is, not too many. Who are these classified underdogs of the Maritime Football League? Well, a large portion of them are Nova Scotians with desire to play and represent Dalhousie. You say, "So what". Well, is apathy a part of your training program for getting a degree, or did you come to Dal because you liked the look of the place. Where's the moral support that every team needs whether it wins or loses.

At the close of every season the Tigers face a losing streak that would discourage and frustrate any team from ever playing again. But let's hand it to the Tigers, they've got "True Grit". From the beginning of training camp till the end of the season they maintain that "get up and get them"

attitude. Does it hurt them when they lose?—of course it does, but losing is not half as bad as getting their faces grounded into the dirt by fellow students and their head coach. Where's the thanks and appreciation they deserve, or is it possible that we're the only university that lacks school spirit?

Whenever football is mentioned there's a general lack of enthusiasm to talk about it. It's enough to make the Tigers feel ashamed of themselves. Does anyone consider the odds that are stacked up against the Tigers? Like for instance, they're not competing against other maritime teams, but teams which have been recruited from out of province on their ability to play ball.

The Tigers have been gaining experience in football for years and it's just a matter of time before they will deliver a shocking blow to the other egotistical teams of Maritimes. But some of that responsibility is ours and that is to stick with them through thick and thin.

Nova Scotia has just begun to develop strong competition and Dalhousie, I'm proud to say is one of the main focal points in that development. Dalhousie has maintained a strong stand point in recruiting local talent and I hope it will continue to do so. But this development of local talent depends to a large degree on what we want and the kind of support we are willing to give it.

If you consider in any way that this opinion is biased, then your're probably right. That's because I'm proud of being a Dal student and if I can't play ball then I'll support it 100%.

Sincerely,
Tom Bell

Satan's Power

To the GAZETTE:

Alas! Oh woeful day! It was with a sad and heavy heart that I read of the diabolical falling into sin of Buelah Soloman and Ezra Fitzgerald.

One can only regret the powers Satan holds over mankind, and the above two named girls were unlucky enough to be drawn into the Devil's workshop - the infamous Grawood Lounge.

Oh ladies! I beg of you, repent your wrongdoing! Secure the grace of God! Are a few moments pleasure worth the torment of eternal damnation? Surely not.

I almost befell the same fate I must admit. I had just finished studying the finer points of Tudor England for six hours and I desired to refresh my mind with a few hours of prayer and spiritual devotion. Not being too familiar with the layout of our university (this is only my second year) I wandered around in search of a quite, dark chapel. I thought (at first glance) the Grawood was a chapel, and in I walked, with head bowed meekly.

Gracious, gracious me! You could not possibly imagine the horrific look of anguish that etched my face as I discovered what the Grawood was.

In order to warn off all other students who might not be familiar with the univer-

sity, please allow me to take this opportunity to describe this "Grawood". It is the most abominable breeding ground for sin possibly imaginable.

Everywhere one can see the Devil's advocate filling up glasses and serving people with that dreaded bottled evil - LIQUOR. I am speechless with shock and despair as I see this scene repeated again and again (at my first visit, I couldn't believe my eyes and ears and returned several times to confirm my worst expectations).

I can only hope that Dr. Hick's has been informed of this perfidious situation and will take suitable measures to (a) destroy the Grawood "Lounge" and (b) evict all who frequent that abode of sin.

May God have pity and deliver us all in safety!!

Kevin MacSweeney

Search For Sin

To the Gazette:

After reading Beulah's and Ezra's high faluting correspondence in the Nov. 7 issue of the illustrious Dalhousie Gazette, us sleazy chicks trucked on up to the den of sin on the third floor of the Sub, looking for free drinks and bawdy males. Unfortunately, we were to be sadly disillusioned.

Not a lay in sight, even after using our double whammy body language positions. The waiters did not pinch our arses. Not a whiff of mauretania (sic) even. Prices are low, we are interesting and attractive females interested in the more sensual aspects of life. However no, REPEAT, no mattress-minded men picked us up (or laid us out!)

If the Grawood Lounge was turned into a luxury brothel, I'm sure we would find our true positions (sic) in life.

Yours truly,
Passion Flower
Trixie & Eartha Quake
424-2400 Purity Palace)

Council Presumptuous

To the GAZETTE:

After reading the Council report in the November 14 issue of the Dal Gazette, and the letters of interested Council members, it appears that the Student Council has acted against the wishes of the students at Dal.

How can they presume that we students want an increase? No matter which way you look at it, Proposal D had more votes than any other proposal.

If Council had stated in the referendum that students should either vote for or against an increase, I would understand their reasoning in combining proposal A, B and C—to decide that the majority of students had voted for some form of increase. However, the referendum clearly stated four choices of the students.

I believe that our elected representatives have acted unconstitutionally and presumed authority which we, the students, have not given them. The only way they can increase our fees is if we vote for the increase which, as yet, we have not done.

Yours sincerely,
Barbi MacKinnion.
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