

MSI for foreign students, BUT...

by Jeff Round

Overseas students are once again eligible for coverage under the Medical Services and Insurance Act (MSI) of Nova Scotia. However, there will be a twelve month qualifying period, according to Maynard MacAskill, minister of the department of Public Health.

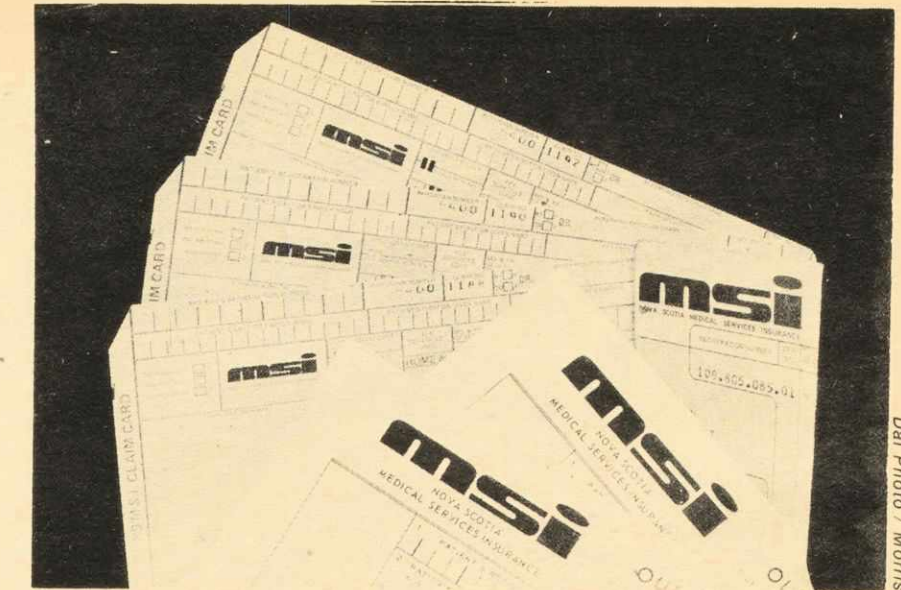
A year old ruling by the MSI Eligibility Committee that excluded overseas students from coverage under the act was overturned in a cabinet meeting last Thursday on the recommendation of the Health Services and Insurance Commission.

The recommendation by the Commission is in four parts: 1) Coverage will be effective the first day of the thirteenth month after arrival, provided the student has not been absent from Nova Scotia for more than thirty-one days during that period; 2) Such coverage is valid only for health services

received in Nova Scotia; 3) Dependents of students are to be granted coverage on the same basis once the student has gained entitlement; 4) Coverage is to terminate immediately upon the student's departure from Nova Scotia.

The minister met with representatives of the Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS), the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS), International Student Association (ISA), and Dal Student Union to discuss the commission's recommendation.

The representatives of the groups were displeased by the thirteen month qualifying restriction. According to Tony Kelly, AFS representative at the meeting, the problem lies with the immigration act. "A student visa is for the length of the school term, which is eight months. This will prevent overseas students from staying the full



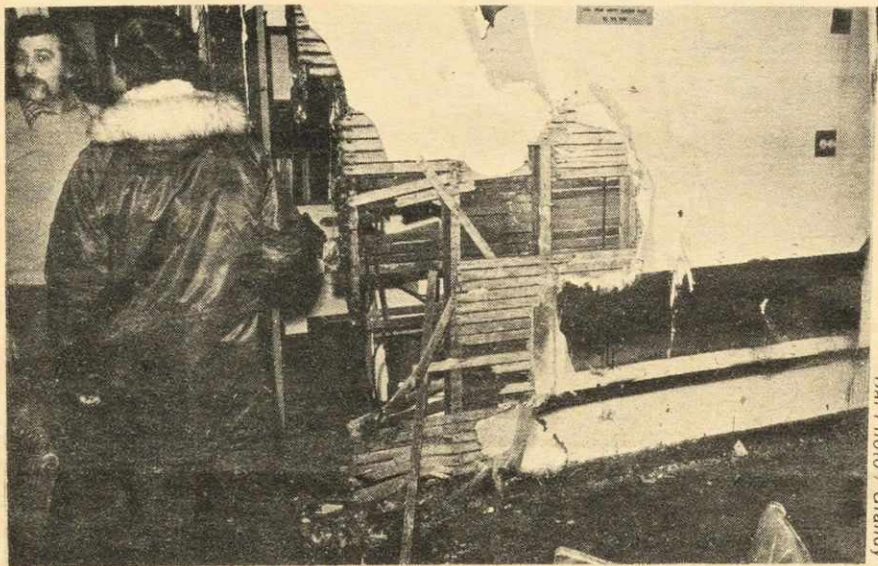
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twelve months," Kelly said. The immigration act also states that a foreign student cannot work in the country without a work permit, thus forcing many students to return home for financial support.

The commission's recommendation was based partly on a comparison with other provinces in Canada. Only two other provinces grant coverage to foreign students on entry. The rest have qualifying

periods of three to twelve months. "The commission has made an arbitrary comparison across the country looking for a way out of this business," Kelly said.

Milton Graves, president of DAGS, is now documenting evidence which will be presented with the immigration act restrictions to show that the new act is inadequate.



Dal Photo / Grandy

Things are looking rather damp at the graduate population's favourite drinking hole. Grad House, on the corner of LeMarchant and University, suffered extensive damage in last Friday's early morning fire.

Students march against cutbacks

by Valerie Mansour

Nova Scotia students today are protesting government cutbacks in post-secondary education financing. At 11 this morning, students from Halifax's institutions left the Dalhousie Student Union Building to march to Province House.

The demonstration, called by the Nova Scotia caucus of the Atlantic Federation of Students, will demand university funding at the level recommended by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission, a component to offset tuition increases, an end to all cutbacks that affect the quality of education, and faculty and staff wages, benefits and working conditions equal to those in the rest of Canada.

At yesterday's forum in the SUB lobby, both the Dalhousie Staff and Faculty Associations pledged sup-

port for the march through active participation. Jane Mersereau, president of the DSA, said cutbacks by the provincial government are resulting in wage decreases for staff. Philip Welch of the DFA asked whether we want Dalhousie to be a community college or a university with full facilities.

Henry Hicks, Dalhousie University President, said that the Administration could not support the protest. He felt there was no time to go to the Senate with a proposal to cancel classes as was requested by students, faculty, and staff. Hicks also voiced concern with further provoking Premier Gerald Regan who was hit with a pie at Dalhousie the previous week. "I won't say I'm not in support of the protest but I don't want the administration to support it by

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Grads burn out

by Daniele Gauvin

The Dalhousie Graduate House is closed due to extensive fire damage. MBA Brian Langlois first spotted the blaze on his way to hockey practise around 6, Good Friday morning. Seeing smoke pouring out of the building, he ran to the fire station. Fire fighters were on the scene within minutes and spent nearly three hours extinguishing the fire.

"There is no doubt that the fire originated in the electrical system," Grad House manager Robert Bagg told the *Gazette*.

"We have a new skylight where firemen had to cut a hole in the roof to let the smoke out," said Bill White, president of the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS). He added the firemen's efforts caused no unnecessary damage and that they had taken special precautions to protect the furniture. The inventory (liquor) was unharmed.

The fire erupted between the ceiling of the second level and the floor of the third level, where it was contained.

The building is operated by DAG's 1300 members but it is rented from the university. "We are fairly well off and we can afford to

rebuild right now, but we will need everyone's help," White said. He expressed hopes that the fire would bring the graduate community together to work as a team in the re-painting and refurbishing of their house.

According to White, council is anxious to get the building back in operation as soon as possible and is helping in the search for temporary facilities.

"Since 50% of the graduate population use the house, finding an on-campus replacement for it is a must," said Bagg. A benefit concert, with music donated by the house's usual entertainers, may be held in a few weeks to help with the cost of renovations. Hopes are high that the Grad house will be back in operation within nine to ten weeks.



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You'll be paying more for this room next year..

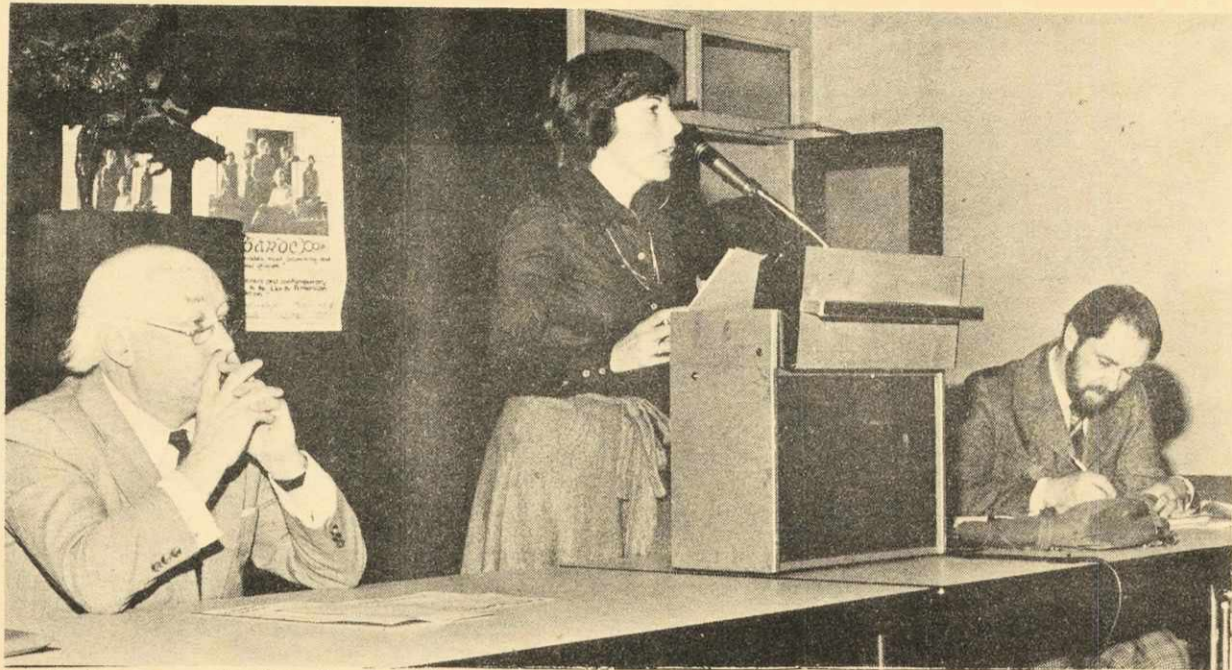
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Despite the Dalhousie Student Council's closure of the *Dalhousie Gazette*, the paper is publishing as usual. The name *Dalhousie Gazette* has been changed to *Gazette* not to disclaim the university or its students, but rather the Dalhousie Student Council.

Next week's issue is the last of the year, and we would appreciate submissions in by Monday noon.

The staff of *the Gazette* thanks those who are supporting us both financially and morally.

Dalhousie Student Union does not authorize any debts incurred by the Dalhousie Gazette after March 23— and will not be liable for their payment unless previous authorization is given through the Office of the Treasurer n240201



A cutbacks forum was held in the Dal SUB yesterday at noon. Speaking to the students were Jane Mersereau, President of the Dalhousie Staff Association; Henry Hicks, Dalhousie University President; Tony Kelly of the Atlantic Federation of Students; and Dr. Philip Welch, President of the Dal Faculty Association.

CKDU says goodbye!

This is the last week of broadcasting for CKDU and we plan to finish the year with a great party. Saturday April 1, from 4 p.m. until 12 midnight, we're having our office party on air. Almost everyone who had a program this year will be spending some time on air sharing their spirits with you. As the evening wears on you can imagine all the strange things going on air. It will be interesting to hear the party progress. As the night wears on the music will flow freely along with the wine, a great combination.

The year has been a good one and we hope you have enjoyed our programs. We hope to carry over what has been started this year and improve upon it. CKDU has provided the students of Dalhousie with their own radio station, an alternative in the wasteland of AM Radio. If you have any views on Dal Radio we welcome them, drop in, we are on the fourth floor, SUB. Finally from all of us, we thank those of you who listened, tune in again next year.

No credit course

by Valerie Mansour

Summer Language Bursaries will not be accepted as credit at Dalhousie University. James Brown, chairperson of the French Department, said although there was never an authorized policy statement, the French Department had been able to make recommendations to the Committee on Studies about which courses could be credits for Dalhousie students. "If the work involved corresponds with a course we offer we would often recommend it be considered a credit", said Brown.

Arnold J. Tingley, Dalhousie registrar, said the courses were never accepted as credits except in special circumstances. "Dalhousie only accepts regular university work", said Tingley. "Any previous acceptance was mainly by accident."

The Summer Language Bursary Program is funded by the Department of the Secretary of State and administered by the departments of education across the country. The bursaries, which cover the costs of everything but transportation or pocket money, are offered to students across Canada who want to learn a second language. Students can receive credit from the institutions offering the course, and at many universities can use the credit toward their degree.

Brown said the French Department is opposed to the blanket statement that no courses could be accepted as credit. "We'd like to have a say," he concluded.

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closing the university—that's going too far", Hicks told the *Gazette*. At yesterday's forum he wished the students well.

In response to a student wondering exactly what the government has done in terms of meeting with university administrations, Hicks said he has received a letter from Education Minister Mitchell requesting that the universities not raise tuition.

Hicks spoke against differential fees, saying Canada owes a debt to other countries. "Many of our professors have studied overseas," Hicks said. He also supported Canadian students studying in different provinces. "It is important that as Canadians we get to know each other," he stressed.

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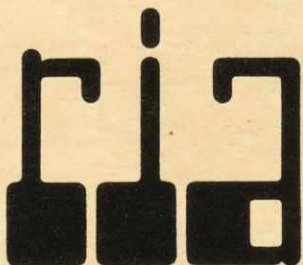
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\$90 increase

Dal residences to cost more

by Danièle Gauvin

The Dalhousie Board of Governors last Thursday approved a \$90 increase in residence fees for the next academic year. In the face of widespread cutbacks in the university's budget, the price hike comes as no surprise.

According to John Graham, Dalhousie's housing director, residences operate at a deficit and the extra \$90,000 in revenue that will be generated will only keep this year's deficit on par with last year's.

Last year's residence costs were the second lowest in the Atlantic, next to Memorial University of Newfoundland, whose costs are partly subsidized by the provincial government. A single occupancy at Dalhousie's Shirreff Hall last year cost \$1574.00, in comparison with \$1640.00 at Acadia, \$1428.00 at Memorial and \$1720.00 at Mount Allison. These universities all had a

'21 meal' plan. For universities with a '19 meal' plan, prices were \$1660.00 for a single at Saint Mary's, \$1540.00 at UPEI, \$1800.00 at UNB and \$1666.00 at Mount Allison. St. F.X. was the most expensive: \$1675.00 for a '10 meal' plan.

Graham feels that Dalhousie will still be among the lowest priced residences despite the \$90 increase. Asked about the possibility of alternate meal plans for Dal students, he answered that students could only save about \$35 a year by adopting a '15 meal' plan, since this plan does not have a 'missed meal' factor. "Under the '21 meal' system, missed meals are estimated and taken into account, benefitting students as a whole but obviously harming individuals who happen to miss a meal," he explained.

The new prices are not included in the 78 / 79 calendar, but they will become effective on Sept. 12.

SUB cafeteria is selling Bens bread



Students in the Student Union Cafeteria are urged not to eat Ben's Bread due to the legal walkout by members of Local 446 of the Bakery and Confectionary Union.

by Mark Simkins

Bread from the strike-bound Ben's bakery is being used at the Dal SUB cafeteria, said striking Ben's workers. The driver of a Beaver Foods truck told strikers last Wednesday that the food bread was for '300 kids' and they allowed his truck to pass. The workers followed the truck to the SUB. George Peiker, District manager for Beaver Foods, said the driver "hasn't crossed the picket line but I'm not saying he won't". He would not divulge the name of the driver to the *Gazette*, and he said that the "workers always come to the students because the students can be counted on to throw a bomb or start a riot."

Yesterday two trucks driven by management supervisors broke the picket line to get into the plant. Three picketers were injured. Strikers said that four Halifax city police watched the operation without interfering and they refused to identify themselves to the picketers. Inspector Magood of the HPD told *Gazette* today, that "no one was injured, no complaints, nothing happened". Strikers were bitter that the police claimed to be unbiased but did not intervene in the breaking of the legal picket line. One long-time employee said, "The Police just stood by and watched".

The Ben's Bakery management and local 446 of the Bakery and Confectionary Union, broke off talks last Monday. One of the strikers said the company tried to offer sick benefits, but also wanted to take away seniority rights of some workers, and the union found this offer unacceptable.

Management supervisors are attempting to produce bread by day and ship it out on trucks at night. The *Gazette* questioned management supervisors as they entered the building and received the reply that they had been out of the country and did not know the situation. A letter from Frank M. Covert, President of Ben's bread, warned striking workers at the outset: "You will of course help the competition . . . we may try to run the Bakery a few days—not to preserve the Company but in an endeavor to save your jobs and those of the Teamsters." Covert also said that many bankruptcies are happening in Canada, and that "It could happen here."

Strikers on the picket line said management was taking pictures of the picketers. The picketers are attempting to get the drivers of the Brinks truck to obey the picket line. They said they were determined at least to slow the production of bread by management.

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Single Room & Board	\$1768	\$50	\$1718	\$900	\$823
Double Room & Board	1693	50	1643	900	748
SHIRREFF HALL²					
Single Room & Board	1749	50	1699	900	804
Double Room & Board	1674	50	1624	900	729
ARDMORE HALL³					
Single Room	845	50	795	450	350
Double Room	795	50	745	450	300
GRADUATE HOUSES⁴					
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Single Room	875	50	825	450	380
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GLENGARY APARTMENTS⁵					
Single Room	920	50	870	500	375
Double Room	870	50	820	500	325
Bachelor Apt.	1425	50	1375	800	580
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3 Meals Per Day	875		875	438	438
2 Meals Per Day	850		850	425	425

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Faculty moves closer to certification

by David Angus

Attempts by some members of the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) to stall certification moves by the association failed at a meeting of the DFA March 22.

One motion called for the DFA negotiating committee to meet with an *ad hoc* committee struck recently by the University Senate to deal with DFA. Consensus was that this was no more than a token effort on behalf of the senate and Administration to appease the DFA—too little, too late.

The central question in the move to certification lies in the definition of 'teaching faculty' at Dalhousie. According to the Trade Union Act, practicing professionals (dentists, doctors, and lawyers) cannot belong to a trade union. There are 821 full-time faculty members at Dalhousie. A portion of this number are paid through honoraria grants, or other outside funds, so are not actually in the 'employ' of Dalhousie.

The decision on who will be in the bargaining unit will be made by the Nova Scotia Labor Relations Board (NSLRB), after DFA presents the signed cards to the Board. This decision will have a direct effect on the certification process since 40% of those in the bargaining unit must sign cards in order for the Board to

hold a vote on campus. If 50% of those in the bargaining unit vote in favour of unionization then the DFA will be recognized as the sole bargaining agent by the labor department.

Since DFA has no idea how the NSLRB will define the bargaining unit the DFA must sign up as many faculty as possible before presenting the signed cards to the NSLRB. A motion to disclose the number of signed cards to the membership was defeated, on the premise, that to divulge such information would only be to the administration's benefit.

The meeting, which took four hours to discuss three motions, failed to discuss the question of faculty support for the demonstration against cutbacks on March 30. DFA had been asked by Dalhousie Student Union and the AFS to join with the other employees of the university in calling for the administration to cancel classes on the day of the demonstration.

Denise Roberge, AFS Nova Scotia caucus chairperson in attendance at the DFA meeting, said, "It is unfortunate that the general meeting of the DFA did not have an opportunity to discuss this matter. We trust that the executive of the DFA will take it upon themselves to vocally support the demonstration."

The media and the Middle East

If the myth of 'objective' news reporting that sometimes still prevades the western news media needed yet another nail in its coffin, the recent events in the Middle East provided that. There are few other issues where the institutions that control our information are so strikingly biased in their coverage, or so inept in their presentation of facts.

Think for a moment of the popular image of the Middle East conflict created in our minds by the western media: valiant little Israel, heroically defending itself against its hostile and seemingly irrational Arab neighbours. David against Goliath.

With this image in our minds, it becomes very easy to support, or at least to justify, all the Israeli actions. After all, given such an image, who wouldn't support such an underdog?

But like all myths, once we begin scratching the surface, the truth begins to appear. Our news media begins to be seen, not as the 'objective' transmitter of facts, but rather as a highly selective partisan of events, reporting little that contradicts the outlook of the wealthy families or corporations that own them. And Israel begins to appear, not as the heroic underdog but as the alien aggressor who stole, by terror and deception, someone else's homeland, and who has refused ever since to recognize the national rights of those whose land she took.

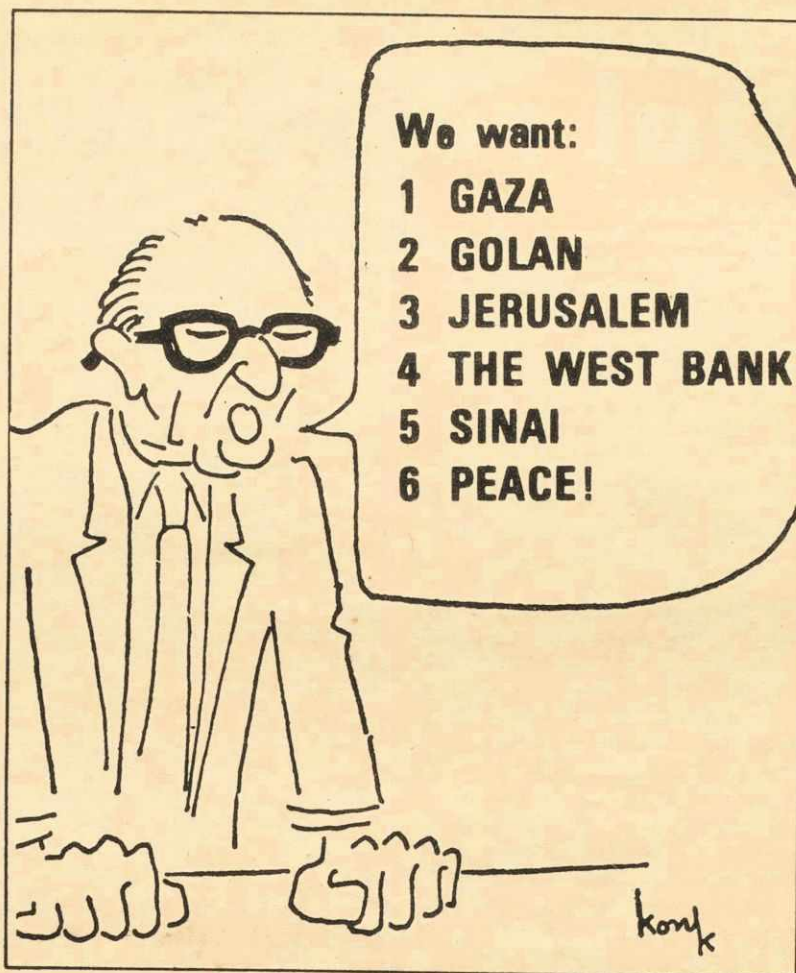
The events of the last several weeks in the Middle East are yet another example of this myth-making. The image created (or rather built upon) in the reporting of the events by the media goes something like this: Israel, the avenger, invades southern Lebanon as a retaliation for the Palestinian raid into Israel. Israel's sole purpose was to clean up the Palestinian terrorists, in order to protect her sovereign territory. A few Lebanese civilians may have been killed in the invasion, but that's unavoidable and certainly unintentional. And Israel shall be leaving the conquered territory 'shortly'.

This is the image of Israel which the news media, and the Israeli leadership themselves, would want us to believe. It might make good copy, but it has little to do with the truth.

In scratching the surface for the truth, we first come across this principal historical argument, which forms the whole backdrop to the question: two groups of people have a claim to the same piece of land. Which claim is more just? Does the land belong to the people who have lived there continuously for the past 4000 years (the Palestinians) or to the people who have not lived there as a community for almost 2000 years (the Jews)?

This recognized, and other myths begin to crumble: the Palestinians were not nomads wandering on desert land, who generously left when someone else came along and offered to make the desert bloom. They were forcibly expelled from their already fertile and blooming land by people who came not to live with them, but in place of them.

Now the events of recent days may begin to stand up in sharper relief. The Arab-Israeli conflict is not a border dispute, nor is it a religious war, but a struggle to regain a lost homeland. The Israeli invasion of Lebanon is not a 'retaliation' to protect



sovereign territory (even Israeli army officers have admitted such a raid had been planned for months; only a pretext was needed) but an attempt to protect and possibly extend the borders of an already occupied homeland.

But perhaps the biggest myth which the western news media (with few honourable exceptions) let grow was that the principal Israeli targets in Southern Lebanon were Palestinian resistance fighters. But as the **Manchester Guardian** reported (one of the few exceptions): "The only real effect of the vast quantity of Israeli ordinance discharged into the Lebanese countryside of the last week has been to kill and wound large numbers of civilians, destroy the homes of thousands more, and to trigger an exodus of refugees."

As they say, truth is the first casualty.

by Michael Lynk



Larger lode for miners

To the Gazette:

The introduction to the letter of thanks from the West Virginia miners which you published last week might have given the mistaken impression that only \$96 was forwarded to the miners. For the information of the many generous persons who contributed to this donation, I would like to point out that the entire sum of \$216.47 Canadian was forwarded in two equal parts to the miners' support committee in Berkley and in Morgantown, West Virginia, and of course converted into American funds.

Yours sincerely,
James MacLean,
Halifax-Dartmouth OXFAM
Committee

Disgruntled microfilm fans

To the Gazette:

The following is a letter sent to Dorothy Cook, University Librarian.

Dear Mrs. Cook:

We should like to express our dissatisfaction with the operation and services of the Special Collection Section of the Killam-Library; Specifically, the microfilm; microfiche facilities. It is extremely difficult given the condition and

limited number of readers for students to take advantage of the micro materials collection.

The problems are:

1. Hours: These should be the same as in other sections of the main library.

2. Non-functioning Readers and Printers and / or worn parts; e.g. scratched lenses and glasses, broken crank mechanisms: These should be repaired or replaced immediately.

3. To avoid line ups, a greater number of machines are required.

Yours truly,
Susan Williams
David Angus
Neil Armstrong
Executive Dalhousie History Society

Student Union sincere ?

To the Gazette:

The following is the text of a letter sent to the Dalhousie Student Union.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to the University Administration in response to your President's request for our co-operation in the rally scheduled for Thursday, March 30th.

The decision to support your request was made with some difficulty. Your suggested demands

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are the same frustrations which forced us to strike action last November and, if you recall a special Council meeting, your decision in support of our case during that time of need was negative in all respects except the one of access to the Student Union Building. Even the Student Unions of other Universities issued statements of support. You have taken a long time to realize funding cut-backs affect us all and the best way to a solution is through organization of a united effort.

On the positive side, we do owe our gratitude to the staff of the **Gazette**, the many individual students and other members of the University Community who played an active role last November. I'm sure there were also some Council members sympathetic to us. We can hope that maybe, just maybe, our mutual concerns are beginning to gel and perhaps your present state of mind will have some influence on the incoming Council. Don't expect the Administration of the University to lead the way for our experience has been that they are content to sit back and squeeze our pocket books, thus forcing us to make all the noise.

Good Luck!
Reg Fenerty
 Business Representative
 Local 968, I.U.O.E.

No free speech in library?

To the Gazette:

This letter is written to express a concern on the part of both the students and members of the community who use the Dalhousie University library and its services. It has become obvious over the past few years that the internal politics of the library's administration have often worked against the best interests of the people using the library facilities.

Those of us who frequently use the services of the professional librarians have noticed an unusually rapid turnover of such personnel. This would be understandable if such individuals were incompetent. Yet, it appears that some staff members who have performed their duties competently and professionally have not had their contracts renewed.

Naturally, there could be many reasons why contract renewal is not offered. It is apparent, however, that providing satisfactory and consistent service to users of the library does not weigh heavily in consideration of contract renewal.

In a recent case, an individual who has provided efficient and helpful services was informed that his contract would not be renewed. The fact that he had the support of fellow employees, concerned students and the History Department did not influence the administration's decision. It is believed that because this individual has at times questioned the administration and

has been outspoken on topics that do not please his employers he has been denied renewal of his contract.

This is not an isolated case. There is suspicion that many staff have left the library due to similar circumstances. It is our opinion that in our enlightened society an individual should not be so severely penalized for his opinions. Furthermore, the rapid turnover of personnel in the library is inefficient. It is not in the best interests of those who use the services frequently. It takes time to develop a rapport with the library staff that is productive, and it takes time for the library staff to develop efficiency in whatever areas they work.

In consideration of these facts we appeal to the library administration to deal with their internal relations in a way that retains respect for their employees and will not jeopardize the services they provide.
 K.D.



Wholesale ignorance?

To the Gazette:

I do not intend to engage in a prolonged debate with Ismail Zayid over the alleged Zionist "monopoly of the news media" or any other aspect of Israeli-Palestinian history. To be sure, his own ability to use the letter columns of the **Gazette** to propagandize on behalf of the PLO indicates the apparent failure of Zionism to control the Halifax news media. More important, his latest letter only confirms my argument that complex historical questions are not readily resolved in such forums.

Like its predecessors, this latest letter reflects Zayid's wholesale ignorance of the true history of Israeli-Palestinian relations. That he places complete responsibility for the plight of the Palestinian refugees upon the Israelis and that he cites such supposedly neutral authorities as Arnold Toynbee and Bertrand Russell speak for themselves: no one minimally acquainted with the facts of the situation and with Toynbee's and Russell's distortions of those facts would take such a stance or quote such biased observers.

Because my original letter was written before Israel's retaliatory attack against the PLO, I could hardly have criticized its apparent

excesses, as Zayid would wish. I do not personally endorse those excesses and certainly do not advocate the killing of innocents on any side.

It is nevertheless curious, to put it charitably, that Zayid can with certainty characterize Israel's retaliatory attack as "genocide" against all Palestinians yet wonder if the PLO raid which prompted that attack was "deliberate or otherwise." It is curious not only because there is no evidence of such Israeli intentions but also because there is abundant evidence of such PLO intentions. As a medical doctor Zayid would, one would like to believe, have sufficient respect for all human life, including Jewish life, not to justify the deliberate murder of unarmed civilians. Sadly, his latest letter indicates otherwise.

Dr. Howard P. Segal
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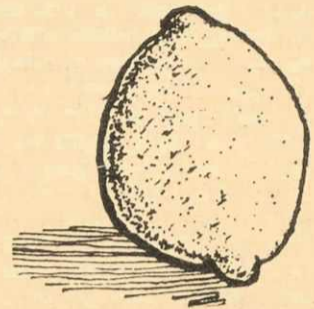
Hefner makes women obsolete?

To the Gazette:

The present debate over whether or not the **Gazette** should publish explicit condom advertisements is indicative of much more serious and pertinent questions. Does the "sexual revolution" really produce the freedom from sexual and emotional inhibitions that man is attempting to rid himself of? If the answer is "yes", it would only seem fitting to endorse condom advertisements which promote safety. On the other hand, is the Christian

ethic of sex within the confines of marriage still a moral absolute in the twentieth century? If the answer is "yes" to this question, it would seem inappropriate for a student newspaper to publish condom ads in a paper which largely serves non-married students. These are the real issues.

Has the sexual revolution delivered its promise of freedom for the woman in sexual relations? Midge Decter, literary editor for "Saturday Review" has written, "The woman who flirts now labors under the consciousness that her behaviour might easily be seen as an invitation . . . It thus carries both for herself and her interlocuter



either the possibility of sleeping together or humiliating one another. She will, in other words, run the risk of being either a prig or a tease." Instead of delivering freedom, the sexual revolution has produced a tension which militates against the development of a healthy relationship.

Instead of securing respectability for the woman, the "New License" has in fact demeaned her. The

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hedonist philosophy of Hugh Hefner, (an insult to Hobbes, Bentham, etc.), makes women obsolete after they turn twenty eight. Hefner claims that 73% of college males in North America read Playboy. One can draw one's own conclusions. Furthermore, people who have sought much needed love and security within the sexual revolution have often emerged guilt-ridden and depressed. As in many revolutions, the casualties seem to outweigh the benefits.

The sexual revolution is a product of the relativism which pervades modern society. Samuel Johnson has said that when a relativist comes to dinner, be sure to count your spoons! This same principle applies to the sexual revolution. When he says "I love you", does he mean "I love you", or "I want to go to bed"? Does this dilemma produce sexual freedom? It seems safe to conclude that it does not.

Returning now to the second question, is the Christian ethic of sex only within the confines of marriage still a moral absolute? The Bible, (unlike some relics of the Victorian age within the Christian church who present sex as dirty and vulgar), presents sex as a beautiful expression of a deep commitment between partners; "Marriage is honourable and the bed undefiled". The Bible is frank and open in discussing sex (for those who doubt this—take a look at the Song of Solomon). However, the Bible is very clear—no sex before marriage.

Adopting this Christian policy enables social relations between men and women to be mature and natural—a peace prevails not a tenseness. Steven Board has written, "In the biblical scheme of things sexual intercourse is a statement, a kind of declaration, about a couple: It states the fact of a permanent, exclusive, unqualified commitment between them".

If sexual activity in the physical realm can only follow real commitment, the only question which is left to be discussed is whether or not a public ceremony is necessary? Walter Trobisch, a psychologist,

has said that a public ceremony is essential to protect the interests of all involved. It protects the woman from the insecurity of a fickle partner, it protects society from relating to the woman as if she were single, it protects the potential offspring from the problems of illegitimacy, and it protects the husband from competition. It seems reasonable to conclude that the Christian sexual ethic can be held with integrity as a moral absolute.

The age-old paradox of Christ's teaching has surfaced; he who saves his life will lose it, the quest for freedom entails bondage, and the bondage of Christian ethics entails freedom. Jesus said, "the truth shall make you free."

Sincerely,
R. Mark Harris

Throw SMU rowdys out

To the Gazette:

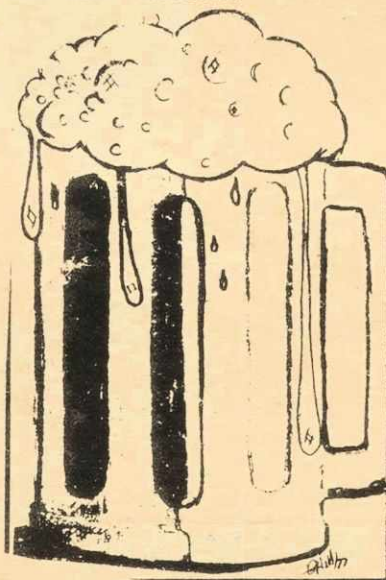
Last Thursday night, March 23, the Dalhousie Student Union in cooperation with Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority held what would be termed financially "a successful disco." However, after incidents on three successive weekends between Dal SUB staff members and inebriated students from St. Mary's University, it is this author's opinion that a new policy should be implemented with regards to guest policy, and specifically with regard to St. Mary's University guests.

It is unfortunate that a small minority (about 15 male students with attitudes less than conducive to having a good time) should spoil it for the majority who enjoy dancing and drinking in a sociable atmosphere. It should be pointed out that these occurrences are not infrequent; they have been happening since the beginning of the '77-78 school year, and the Dal SUB staff, particularly myself, are incensed over these constant tauntings, lack of sufficient identification, and threats of violence. The fact that we, as a united body, have decided to fight back when the occasion warrants it, is a step, I feel, to correct the situation. The

other basic realization is that calling in the Halifax Police Department no longer becomes a shallow threat but a definite and viable alternative to the destruction and torment wrought by these inane students.

I would like to propose the following change to the Dal Student Union with regards to guests from St. Mary's:

(1) All St. Mary's students should be barred from Dalhousie Student Union functions **unless** they are signed in by a Dalhousie student. The St. Mary's I.D. number should appear beside the student's name and only one guest should be allowed per Dalhousie student. The St. Mary's student will be responsible for his actions in the building, and the Dalhousie student who signs him in will be equally responsible. This may help prevent some of the damage and verbal abuse experienced by Dalhousie SUB staff members.



(2) If a St. Mary's student becomes involved in an altercation or causes damage to the SUB building proper, he shall be held by the staff and charged subject to the local, provincial or federal laws. This would definitely inhibit those who have any ideas of violence or damage and would spare the SUB staff from any unwarranted trouble.

(3) If a St. Mary's student is involved in an altercation or damage to the building, his name and student number should be sent to the Dean of Students at St. Mary's with a description of the incident, which should be cause enough for suspension or expulsion.

The alternatives to the present policy are understandably harsh, and well they should be. It is only a matter of time before a student at Dal is subject to a physical beating by one or more St. Mary's students which is unwarranted and initiated by an individual who is out "looking for a good time." Those kinds of good times we can do without,

specifically since the SUB staff is not paid sufficiently to absorb these physical encroachments.

The activities sponsored by the Dal Student Union are for the enjoyment of the students and the advancement of the students' social life. I'm sure other students will agree with me when I say that physical beatings do not fall in this category. Let us see more "good time" functions at the Dal SUB, without individuals who believe that "might is right".

Kenneth E. Wakulich
(on behalf of the Dal SUB staff)

Big lie used?

To the Gazette:

Last week you carried an alleged letter to the editor, under a phoney name, headlined **Victory**. This "letter", attacking the Dalhousie Student Movement for its opposition to the Gazette's campaign for incorporation, and appearing directly opposite your own pro-incorporation editorial, is an insult to every student in this university.

For those who have yet to read this gem of creative writing, I will paraphrase: DSM is to blame for the Gazette's defeat in the recent referendum and is therefore aligned with the forces of evil; furthermore, DSM is no good because, the author asserts, they are stupid.

(One may wonder, if they are so stupid, what is he/she worried about.) The nameless writer then cinches the case against DSM by ending his "signature" with the dreaded letters—RCMP.

Unfortunately, rather than saying as much in straightforward language, the Gazette's unnamed "defender" chose to unleash a frantic stream of abuse and insinuation, veiled in the kind of humour which usually decorated washroom walls. He has bravely taken gutter politics out of the sewer and submitted it for display in the pages of the Gazette—but what is amazing is that the Gazette seems to think it fits.

I strongly protest the participation of the Gazette in this low form of slander. The pseudonym under which the item was signed is absolutely transparent, especially to the editors of the Gazette, and in itself constitutes a character assault which I believe warrants legal investigation by the offended party. No respectable publication will accept letters under such a pseudonym—your own policy statement says that unsigned letters will **not** be accepted, but that anonymity may be protected **if necessary**. If necessary, it might be appropriate to accept a letter **unsigned**, but

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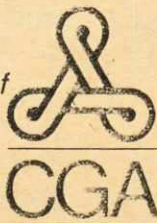
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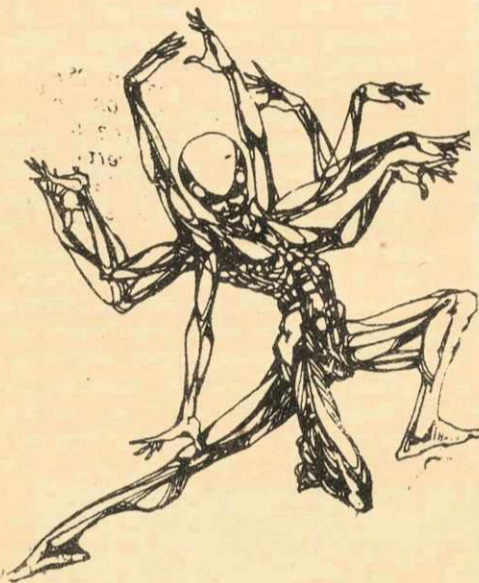


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NOT signed by another person's name (disfigured enough to confuse the naive, but another person's name nonetheless). Why does the editor of the Gazette feel that it is **necessary** to protect the anonymity of this cowardly mystery person at all?

As infantile and vacuous as the "letter" seems, three points need to be made:

1—The letter is not a joke. It is a political attack on DSM and CPC (ML), but it is an attack WITHOUT ANY ARGUMENT. This is an insult to the intelligence and integrity of all students. We are **not** apathetic morons in need of patronizing demagoguery, in-jokes and preaching at—we deserve the facts and viewpoints upon which to make up our own minds on these issues, and this is precisely what the Gazette should be offering.



The fact that the "letter" is enthusiastically agreeable with the Gazette's position on the question cannot be merely coincidence. Rather than open itself to democratic debate on the subject of its campaign for incorporation, the Gazette has single-mindedly portrayed any opposition to its plans as a reactionary assault on "freedom of the press", and has even invoked the ghost of Joe Howe. The editorial and "letter" of last week simply put the icing on the cake, continuing the one-sided slurs and

implications **EVEN IN THE FACE OF DEFEAT AT THE POLLS.**

If the Gazette sincerely wishes to promote a democratic student press, you should practice what you preach, stop using the Gazette as your exclusive podium, and allow intelligent debate—even when it hurts.

2—Nowhere did the "letter" actually criticize **anything** about Dal Student Movement's point of view, even though this view is well known to anyone who read one of their leaflets. Among 11 other points, DSM proposed that a democratic student press be available to **all** the students and that this be guaranteed by full **REFUNDABILITY** of student fees to any student who feels the press does not serve his interests. Why is this proposal so easily ignored if you are concerned about a democratic press and worried about what DSM says? Whose interests does it serve to hide this from the students?

3—It is not incidental that the "letter" is ended with the four letters RCMP, in fact this constitutes the entire armament for the attack on DSM. Mention the communists in the same breath as the RCMP and presto!—instant equation of your opponents with the police. But a technique which might scare already frightened children will not necessarily scare the students of Dalhousie.

The **BIG LIE** technique has been discredited for decades, but there are always those who are desperate enough and bankrupt enough to dust it off and give it another try. Assert a lie of fantastic enough proportions about your enemy and it is useless for him to deny it—absolutely no evidence or scientific argument is required—only a lofty perch to shout from and a complete lack of integrity.

I believe that the "charge" made against DSM is far less incriminating to them than it is to its maker, whoever he/she is. If the Gazette's position is in need of "defense" of this nature, you should seriously think about where this position will take you.

Sincerely,
Mike Malloch.

No future in seperatism ?

by Eric Lawson

Michael Cross, of the Dalhousie History Department, doesn't see much of a future for Quebec separatism.

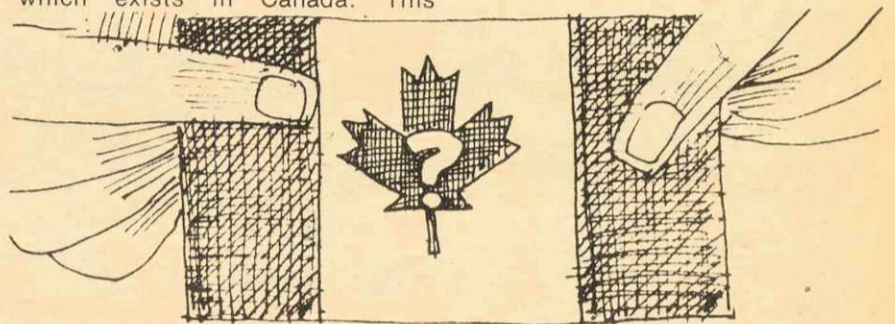
Speaking at a lecture Tuesday evening in the Arts Centre, Cross expressed his opinion that multi-nationalism is the most important issue facing Canada today, and that Canada must deal with its place in the world economy as its primary problem, not internal politics.

Tracing the recent history of Canadian nationalism, Cross outlined that through a series of government studies, ranging from the Gordon Commission of the mid-1950's to the recent Simons report, Canadians became aware of the degree of foreign ownership which exists in Canada. This

although decreasing, remained pervasive.

However, Cross feels that it is in the economic sphere that nationalism has really lost out, producing no significant level of independence and leaving our branch-plant economy open to the vagaries of international trade fluctuations.

It is from this point of view that Cross approaches the national unity question. Cross feels that the nature of Canadian federalism, for example fiscal redistribution to the economic benefit of the poorer provinces, must be preserved, and that Quebec must remain in the union, if Canada is to remain powerful enough to combat the powerful multi-national corporations.



awareness created a powerful nationalist movement in all aspects of Canadian life, calling for Canadian control of the arts, the media, the economy, and politics in Canada.

None of the various nationalist lobbies, ranging from Canada First to the NDP left-wing Waffles, made much progress, and American control of the arts and culture,

In Cross's words, "like it or not, Ottawa is still the only game in town", and it is only as a strongly unified state that Canada can take a stand against such actions as the recent INCO layoffs. For this reason, Cross urges a withdrawal from concerns of national unity and a return to the concern of a Canada casually battered about by multi-nationals.

THE SCIENCE OF RELIGION

by Dr. William Hatcher

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Palestinians hold key to peace

by Roger Metcalfe

"The Middle East problem cannot be solved until there is a just solution to the Palestinian question", said Abdullah Abdullah, Director of the Palestinian Section of the Arab Information Centre in Ottawa. He was speaking at a meeting March 16 in the McInnes Room, organized by the Canada-Palestine Association.

Reviewing the history of the Palestinians, Abdullah pointed out their long historical roots in Palestine. "They have been the only consistent occupants of Palestine, with their roots going back 4000 years to the Caananites". He went on to say that the products of the Palestinian orange and olive groves were known world wide at the beginning of this century. Palestine was not a "land without people" as the founders of Zionism led others to believe.

Abdullah then turned to the claim of Zionism to Palestine. Noting that the vast majority of Jews had for centuries lived outside Palestine, he asked how someone could lay claim to a land that their ancestors had not occupied as a people for 2000 years.

He added that when the Zionist movement began sponsoring immigrants to settle in Palestine at the beginning of this century, they came not to live with the Palestinians, but to live in place of them. "Zionism was not a liberation movement of the Jews, but a European settler-colonial movement, similar to the imperialist settlements of Africa going on at the same time".

"The Balfour Declaration of 1917, promising a homeland to the Zionists, laid the basis for the strategy to come", Abdullah said. "... what right did the British have to promise Zionism a homeland which already belonged to somebody else: the Palestinians?"

Resisting both British colonial rule and mounting Zionist immigration, the Palestinians fought, often unarmed during the 1920's and 1930's. But eventually, Abdullah pointed out, faced with superior weaponry and frequent terrorist attacks by Zionist groups, the Palestinians were forcibly removed from their home and land in 1947-48.

"One particular incident, little spoken of in today's press, was the massacre by the Zionist Irgun group of 246 men, women and children in the Palestinian village of Deir Yassin in April 1948. The leader of the Irgun group which led the raid wrote later in his autobiography that had it not been for this massacre, there would not have been a state of Israel. That leader's name?—Menachem Begin!"

Turning to more recent history, Abdullah briefly touched upon the

us to stay forgotten in the eyes of the world, so that they could create a Jewish state free of any Arabs whatsoever, as Moishe Dayan put it".

He concluded his talk by asking: "What do the Palestinians want?" He replied by stating: "They want the right to return to their homes and land, their inalienable right as a people to self-determination and recognition of their national rights, and the right to create their own state, free from any external

be expected. What should be surprising, he said, was that after having been uprooted from their homeland, forced to go into an exile of refugee tents, and faced with the denials of Israeli leaders like Golda Meir, that the Palestinians ever existed, that such strikes were not more frequent.

Abdullah noted that while western voices were quick to speak on the Palestinian strike into Israel, he could hear only silence when the massive Israeli invasions of Lebanon were launched, killing hundreds of people, including many civilians. An audience member added that the western media in effect condoned the Israeli invasion by calling it a 'retaliation'. "The Middle East crisis did not begin last Saturday", he argued, "the Palestinians have been struggling for 50 years for their homeland. This invasion is only the latest Israeli attempt to liquidate the Palestinian resistance".

On Sadat's visit to Israel, Abdullah said that the Palestinians were deeply disappointed that Sadat took such an individual initiative, thereby weakening Arab unity and support for the Palestinian struggle, with little concrete to show in return. He warned that the Zionist leadership—and the present government in particular—has never shown any inclination to recognize the Palestinian right of self-determination; "the Zionists are only deluding themselves to think that peace can be achieved without a just settlement of the Palestinian question".

Abdullah ended the meeting with an appeal for understanding and support of the Palestinian struggle. He cited various Jews who were critics of Zionism or, even more, supporters of the Palestinian cause. "A democratic, secular Palestine where Jews, Christians, and Moslems can live side by side with equal obligations and rights, is, in the long run, the only viable solution to the Middle East question", he said. "... this is what the Palestinians propose, this is what we are struggling for".



Palestinian refugee camps in the Arab countries surrounding their homeland. He argued that, contrary to the oft-cited Israeli claim, it is not the responsibility of the Arab countries to re-settle the Palestinian refugees, "... for they have a home—Palestine". Even if efforts were made to absorb them in other Arab countries as permanent citizens, the Palestinians would resist: "Their desire to return home is immense".

Palestinian Resistance

After almost two decades of living in the refugee camps and waiting in vain for the right to return to their own homeland, the Palestinians began to re-group and arm themselves. The Palestine Liberation Organization was founded in 1964. "We learned through bitter experience that force can only be met with force, that the Zionists had no intention of ever letting us return, let alone recognizing our national rights. Rather, they wanted

interference".

"We are prepared to live with the Jews", Abdullah added, "for we have never opposed them either as a community or as a religion. What we oppose is Zionism, a political ideology which justifies the seizing of someone else's homeland. It is Zionism which is the obstacle to peace in the Middle East, not the Palestinians, or any so-called religious dispute".

During the question period that followed, questions generally focused either on the Palestinian strike into Israel and the subsequent invasion by the Israeli army into Lebanon, or on the visit last November of President Sadat of Egypt to Israel.

The Palestinian strike

Asked about the strike into Israel, Abdullah answered by saying that he deplored violence of any sort, but that such a reaction to Israel's continued refusal to recognize Palestinian national rights was to

CUPE gives banks ultimatum

OTTAWA (CPA-CUP)—The country's largest union has warned Canadian chartered banks doing business with South Africa to reconsider their position or face a boycott.

In a letter to the heads of the Royal Bank, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Toronto Dominion Bank and the Bank of Montreal, the national secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Union of Public Employees said the union would ask its 240,000 members to withdraw their accounts and place them in community credit unions unless the banks stop dealing with South Africa.

Kealey Cummings said he had taken the position "in light of South Africa's terrible record in dealing with human rights and civil liberties."

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Life in a goldfish bowl

New opium for the masses

by Tim Patterson

As the Guardian goes to press, model Cheryl Tiegs has clearly emerged as the cultural-superstar-of-the-moment in the U.S. (But by the time you read this, chances are it'll be somebody else.)

In the past two months, Tiegs' career has taken her from a see-through swimsuit pictorial in Sports Illustrated to the cover of Time magazine, and from the top ranks of fashion and commercial modeling to the dubious front ranks of "celebrities." Her case is merely the most blatant illustration of the current obsession with the glorification of stardom and "personalities," an emphasis that cuts across the media and even reaches into the dignified realms of the "fine arts."

The basic cultural message being marketed here—the promotions of individualism—is, of course, nothing new. Individualism expressed in cultural and ideological forms has always been a staple of capitalist society, reflecting and in turn legitimizing the anarchic individualism in property relations that is at the heart of the system. Stars of one kind or another—from entertainers to politicians—have always been with us. But the updated packaging has its own revealing features.

Part of the power of the capitalist system is its ability to make a point and make a buck at the same time. The buildup of stars in the media has both the economic function of selling the product to cultural consumers and the ideological function of selling those consumers a set of ideas.

COVER—STAR WARS

Cheryl Tiegs' appearance on the cover of Time is the kind of publicity coup that even presidential candidates dream of. Among her future possibilities are now a book on beauty tips for Simon Schuster, a weekly spot on the "Today" show and

examples of such demands being made by big-name celebrities, including a detailed look at the unsuccessful attempt by Bob Dylan's manager to orchestrate a flurry of visibility for Dylan's new movie. One of the most interesting cases was a People magazine cover deal for Glen Campbell; Campbell was promised approval of the story copy, didn't end up getting it, and is suing People for \$1 million for breach of contract.

"PLATINUM CONSCIOUSNESS"

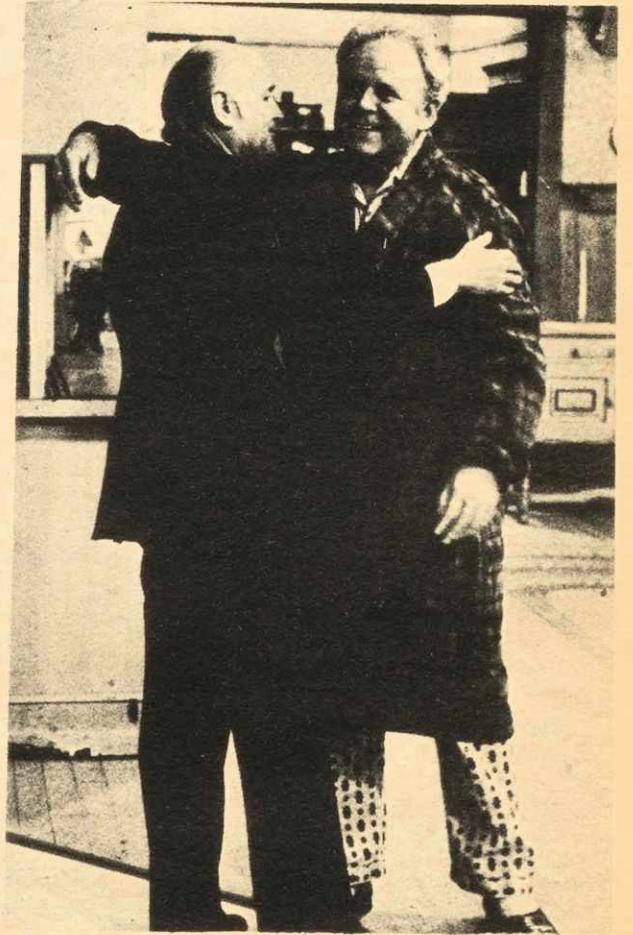
"It's simple dollars and cents," according to a Los Angeles public relations man quoted in New Times. "In the music business we're in the era of platinum consciousness and disposable journalism. Major magazines have allowed themselves to become talk shows for the semiliterate. And the publications are as guilty as the publicists. We're both involved in an aggressive competition to sell an image first."

Image-making has become a profitable concern even for the more refined promotion efforts in the area of classical music, opera and ballet. High-culture superstars—Rudolf Nureyev, Leonard Bernstein, Beverly Sills—now command the level of pay once reserved for rock stars; Chicago Symphony director/conductor Sir Georg Solti's various musical activities bring in close to \$1 million annually. In the past few years, the works of contemporary painters and sculptors have brought in auction prices that rival the old masters, inflated by the celebrity status of figures like Andy Warhol.

While high-culture idols are unlikely to push Burt Reynolds or any one of Charlie's Angels off the front page most of the time, the quantity of publicity and the personal-image emphasis in the approach has been firmly established. The calculation, apparently a correct one, is that hyping stars in the fine arts attracts audiences and spurs ticket sales for concerts and recitals. Since there are no "new" Beethoven symphonies, the logical marketing strategy is to emphasize the mystique of a conductor or soloist who can become a hot property at the box office.

One reason why classical star promotion remains a limited enterprise is the difficulty in projecting a sexy enough image—who's going to buy a Georg Solti pinup? The current personality fixation blends the selling of sex with the selling of celebrity to the point where they are almost indistinguishable. Focusing on and manufacturing the "sex appeal" of stars is the perfect complement to the general rise in soft-core pornography in all the major media. While glamorous, undraped women provide the main aspect of this double barrage, the sexual packaging of men has produced a growing crop of hairy-chest, open-collar pictorials as well.

Alleged "inside stories" about the sexual adventures and other scandalous behavior of the stars is, of course, the basic stuff of tabloids like the National Enquirer and the Star. Downplaying the sensationalized reports of ax murders and other crime fare of the past, and bolstered by



extensive television advertising, the tabloid weeklies have enlarged their readership. In the world of star hype, bad news is clearly better than no news. Spicy gossip about infidelity, dope busts, barroom brawls and the "real story" behind Hollywood divorces can only help the careers of the accused.

"PERSONALITY" MAGAZINES

But the low comedy of the scandal sheets has been upstaged in the past few years by the slicker showmanship of two glossy "personality" magazines—People and US. Essentially high-class versions of the Enquirer, they nonetheless represent a real breakthrough in making star hype palatable to a wider, more educated, more affluent audience. Perhaps the classiest of all is Quest '78 (launched last year as Quest '77), a monthly which details the contributions of scientists, researchers, inventors, explorers and other notable professionals, giving them the status of "ministars" on the basis of their worthy individual efforts.

Fame is certainly fleeting. Jimmy Carter may not be a big-selling cover figure, but he's bound to reappear anyway, while Cheryl Tiegs has probably now had both her first and last national newsmagazine shot. The essence of the media star system, however, is the system and not the star. The publicity machinery itself chews up the stars it creates, forcing the production of new symbols to become even more rapid and even more extravagant.

At the same time, the process sinks its teeth into the audience, the spectators and consumers of star promotion. The merchandising of entertainment celebrities is clearly not the source of rampant individualism in U.S. culture; it merely reflects and reinforces the individualism built into the entire structure of social relations in the economy, the political and legal systems, and nearly all areas of "personal life."

Star hype plays only a supporting role, but an important one that is indicative of a growing cultural desperation in the U.S. The stress on individualism carries with it a wide range of illusions, fantasies and distortions of reality—the promise of instant social mobility, the pleasures of escape, the obscuring of class conflict, the thrill of self-indulgent hedonism, to name a few.

The accelerated production of stardom as a cultural theme in the current period testifies to the durability of individualism as a mainstay of bourgeois ideology. But the successful appeal of star hype (which is selling better than ever) also shows that the ability of bourgeois culture to deliver anything more substantial is slipping daily.



A heady time for Pia

various TV and film offers. The race is also on to see whether her just-released pinup poster outsells last year's Farrah Fawcett-Majors hit (7 million copies), which surpassed the previous mark set by the World War II Betty Grable "classic" (3 million).

But the competition for cover space also has important economic significance for magazine publishers, since the selection of cover personalities has a dramatic impact on sales. The results of 1977 sales have been tabulated, and the big winner was Elvis (top-selling cover for Rolling Stone, Photoplay, True Story and the National Enquirer), while the sure loser was Jimmy Carter and his staff (bringing up the rear for Newsweek, Time, Rolling Stone, McCall's and Ebony).

Since show business celebrities have proven to be an increasingly good bet, general interest magazines like Newsweek have joined with the pulpy screen publications in featuring more entertainment figure covers. The profit-oriented push for celebrity covers has given salesworthy performers the upper hand, with magazines outbidding each other frantically and even relinquishing editorial control of the copy that goes with the covers.

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Thursday, March 30

One of Quebec's outstanding political analysts will be giving a public lecture in Halifax on March 30.

Professor **Henry Milner** will be speaking on "The Political Economy of Contemporary Quebec Nationalism". He is the author of **The Decolonization of Quebec**, which was published in 1973. His new book, **Politics in the New Quebec**, is being published this month.

Professor Milner's visit to Halifax is being sponsored by the Political Science Department of Saint Mary's University. The public is invited to hear him on Thursday, March 30, at 8:30 p.m. He will be speaking in Theatre A of the Burke Education Centre, Inglis Street, on Saint Mary's campus. There is no admission fee.

Swedish director Mai Zetterling's film **The Girls** is featured at the final evening of the Festival of Women's Films sponsored by A Woman's Place-Forrest House at the National Film Board Theatre, 1572 Barrington Street, on Thursday March 30 at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

"The Girls" are actresses in Aristophanes' play **Lysistrata**, in which wives withheld their sexual favors until their husbands put an end to war. Faced with so strong an example of activist feminism, the actresses begin to question their own relationships with men and male society.

Virginia Woolf; the moment whole, a Canadian film directed by Marian Seldes, will also be shown. Admission is \$1.50.

Bruce Barber, who will receive his Master of Arts degree from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in May, will give a performance entitled "E" on Thursday evening, March 30th, in the Anna Leonowens Gallery, 1889 Granville Street, beginning at 8 o'clock.

From March 28th through April 1st, Bruce Barber's drawings will hang in Gallery II of the Anna Leonowens Gallery. Fourteen drawings depict audience arrangements for viewing performances, and four pertain specifically to Thursday's performance.

Following the performance there will be a reception to which the public is invited.

Friday, March 31

The suspenseful science fiction film, **Colossus: The Forbin Project**, will be shown at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Friday, March 31, in the Life Sciences Building (Room 2815). Admission is \$1.50 (\$1.00 for children). Tickets available at the door.

Saturday, April 1

Dal Scuba's final boat dive and end of the year party will be held on Saturday April 1st. Divers are to meet at 10:00 at the front entrance of the SUB. The big bash will be held at 7:00 in the 8th floor lounge of the Biology Dept. Subsidized beer is available from 7-9:00 a.m. Check information board in the SUB for more details.

End the term with a bang! An ALL-NIGHT film festival will be held in the Life Sciences Building (Room 2815) on Saturday, April 1. Shows begin at 7:00 p.m. Films to be shown: **The Wizard of Oz** (Judy Garland); **Follow The Boys** (W.C. Fields, Orson Welles, Marlene Dietrich); **Invasion Of The Body Snatchers** (the 1956 film classic—Kevin McCarthy, Dana Wynter); and **Them!** (award-winning 1954 sci-fi—James Whitmore, Edmund Gwenn) . . . PLUS cartoons! All seats \$3.50. Bring a pillow . . .

Saturday April 1st, attend the **Atlantic Canada Conference on Russian** at the Rebecca Cohn: MacAloney Room. 9-10 registration and book display, 10-12 a panel on Russian culture, 2-4 a panel on Human Rights, 4-6 songs and poetry from local Russian Community.

Sunday, April 2nd from 1-3 **Bruce Vogt** will lecture and give a recital of Russian music.

Eight years of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist). **Anniversary rally** on Saturday, April 1st, 7:30 p.m. at the North End Library auditorium (rear door) 2285 Gottingen St. All friends of the Party or Dal. Student Movement are warmly invited to attend.

Wednesday, April 5, Marxist-Leninist Forum. The topic will be, "**China after Chairman Mao: Educational reforms are part of the restoration of capitalism.**" Organized by Dal. Student Movement every Wednesday evening at 7:30, Room 316 Dal. S.U.B.

Sunday, April 2

The Nova Scotia Museum Sunday afternoon film series concludes on April 2nd with two outstanding films. The first, "**The Hand of Adam**", is a film about the talented 18th Century architect, Robert Adam; the second film, "**Come Paint and Photograph Us**", is about Newfoundland and narrated by artist Christopher Pratt. Show times are 2:00 and 3:30 in the museum auditorium. Admission is free.

Donna Meagher and Miriam Stewart are two members of the Dalhousie University School of Nursing who will be co-ordinating an information booth on Health, Fitness and Lifestyle in Scotia Square during National Health Week, (April 2-9).

The booth will be open on the evenings of April 6 and 7 and all day April 8.

Monday, April 3

Fantasy - Writers And Ideas, a program sponsored by the Dartmouth Regional Library for young fans and writers of fantasy will take place at Woodlawn Mall Branch on Monday, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Jean Thornley will be the speaker.

Tuesday, April 4

Professor **Cy Gonick** from the University of Manitoba will give two public lectures on "**The Crisis of Modern Capitalism**" on April 4th in the Dalhousie Life Sciences Building. The first at 11:30 a.m. in Room 2805 will deal with alternative explanations of the present crisis and the second at 2:30 p.m. in Room 2815 on the options for Canada.

Wednesday, April 5

Strength, the beauty of it. Jan and Terry Todd, two very strong people who have elevated power lifting to the realm of fine arts. Eye Level Gallery, Wednesday, April 5, 8:00 p.m. Eye Level 1672 Barrington Street, Halifax, 425-6412

Coming Soon

The **one-hundredth annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Historical Society** will be held in the Red Chamber of Province House at 8 p.m., Friday, 7 April, 1978. This business meeting will feature committee reports and the election of a new Council of Officers for the 1978-1979 season. A large attendance is urged. This will be the last meeting before the Centennial Banquet, 21 June 1978, and tickets will be on sale. **Bring a friend.**

An exhibition of textile art from West Africa will open in Saint Mary's Art Gallery from March 28 until April 23.

SAKAKKE (pronounced say-kaki) is the title of the exhibition; it is a Hausa word meaning "that which is woven" or "textile"

The International Students Association invites you to its **post-examination reception** on April 21 in Lounge 314, SUB. Submarines, Chinese food and Japanese tea will be served. Bar service and music is provided. Admission is free and everybody is welcome. Food is free for international students while the rest pay \$1

General Notices

The **Fifth Annual Societies Show** will take place in the Nova Scotia Museum from March 4-April 16, 1978. This is truly a community show, where club members plan and design their own displays, with help from museum staff. This year's exhibitors are the Halifax Coin Club, the Nova Scotia Bird Society, the Photographic Guild of Nova Scotia and the Scotian Railroad Society.

The **Abbie J. Lane Memorial Hospital** needs volunteers. You can become involved as companions, advocates, helpers with specific tasks such as speech trainers, tutors, and transportation volunteers. If you are interested in finding out more information about volunteer involvement at the Abbie Lane or if you want to become a volunteer you can contact: Debbie Hansen, Director of Volunteer Activities, Abbie J. Lane Memorial Hospital, 5909 Jubilee Road, Halifax, N.S. 425-5800 ext. 117.

Saint Mary's University may have something to assist you in making plans for summer.

The list covers a wide range of interests from anthropology to astronomy, business administration to sociology.

There are also non-credit courses such as French Immersion, Economics in Education and a print-making workshop.

The spring session extends from May 16 - June 28, and the summer session from July 5 - August 18.

Fees are as follows: for each full course, \$165; for each half course, \$82; auditors, half fee. Students aged 65 or over are not required to pay.

On-campus living accommodations for the six-week spring and summer sessions are available for both male and female students.

If you need more information before you start making plans for the summer, call or write to: John Battye, Director, Continuing Education, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 3C3, Phone: (902) 422-7361.

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Gazette not alone

Council closes student paper

MONTRAL (CUP)—In a move billed as an attempt to reorganize the newspaper, the student union at John Abbott College closed the newspaper on March 15, for three to four weeks against the wishes of its staff.

The student union complained that the paper, the **Bandersnatch**, had no written editorial policies, and had failed to bill for typesetting work done in its shop, resulting in a cash flow problem.

Newspaper editor Paul Brown said the paper's staff thought the student union finance officer was taking care of billing. He also said that the newspaper had "never had any written editorial policy," so he didn't understand the council's

sudden concern with that aspect of the newspaper.

After the council meeting, Brown complained that the matter was "railroaded through the council without enough discussion about the implications this had for the freedom of the press."

Canadian University Press staff person Doug Ward said the council action seemed to be "a thinly disguised purge of people the council didn't like," and that the financial charges were not serious enough to warrant the action taken.

Student union president John Revay said "no one really liked having to close the paper but we had no choice if we wanted to change the structure and image of the paper." The council established

a subcommittee to reorganize the paper's structure and to set new elections for editorial positions.

The action is under investigation by a CUP commission, and a report on the council attitudes and relationship with the newspaper will be released shortly. CUP president Susan Johnson said: "The student union's attitude to the

paper is very important here—they seem to think nothing of closing the paper and don't understand how to bring about change in the paper in a democratic way."

The newspaper staff has complied with the council decision and is not making any attempt to publish the paper against the wishes of the student council.

Grads slam rules

OTTAWA (CUP)—Canadian graduate students have characterized a proposal by Immigration Minister Bud Cullen to disallow work permits to international students seeking teaching assistantships, as "lunacy".

The change would "radically damage the infrastructure of the entire Canadian post-secondary education system," says a March 10 letter to Cullen from the Graduate Commission of the National Union of Students.

New immigration regulations, which come into force with the new Immigration Act April 10, will retain the power of the ministry to force universities to hire their teaching assistants through Canada Manpower centres. This will guarantee the jobs go to Canadians and effectively disallow work permits for visa schc'ars.

The graduate student letter points out that "immigration and international students can be scape-

goated only so much . . . (the proposal) would not solve Canada's unemployment problem." Immigration and employment ministry officials have argued that the proposal would create jobs for Canadians.

"Teaching assistantships are not permanent jobs but part of an educational program" the graduate statement says. The measure would not save money, because the cost of teaching assistantships is now returned to universities through the service they provide at low costs. They cite figures for the University of Toronto, where TAs do 40 per cent of the undergraduate teaching for 10 per cent of the university's teaching budget.

The graduate commission says the greatest loss would be to the quality of education for Canadians. "No nation can now be in the educational mainstream without taking advantage of what the rest of the world can offer."

Rich get fatter

OTTAWA (CUP)—Not only are the rich getting richer, they're getting fatter at the same time. And the poor are getting hungrier.

While more than 450 million people, or one quarter of the underdeveloped world, is undernourished, according to a United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization report released March 13, rich and industrialized countries suffer from "excessive food intake or improper diets". This leads to "the steadily rising prevalence of diseases" resulting from calorie intake per person of as much as 3,380, according to the report. In the poorer countries the calorie intake is declining, and now stands at around 2,000.

As a result, the percentage of undernourished in Africa rose to 28

per cent from 25 per cent, and a similar increase was noted in Asia.

In the poorest countries, nearly half the children can be classified as underfed. In developing countries, 40 per cent of the women are anemic and up to 100,000 children go blind every year. In Latin America, more than half of the deaths, in the second year of life, are attributed to nutritional deficiency.

The situation is likely to worsen and the food gap widen because, the study says, poor countries with low food production also have high birth rates. At the same time, food production in the industrialized countries is increasing, but in the poorest countries food production has actually declined.

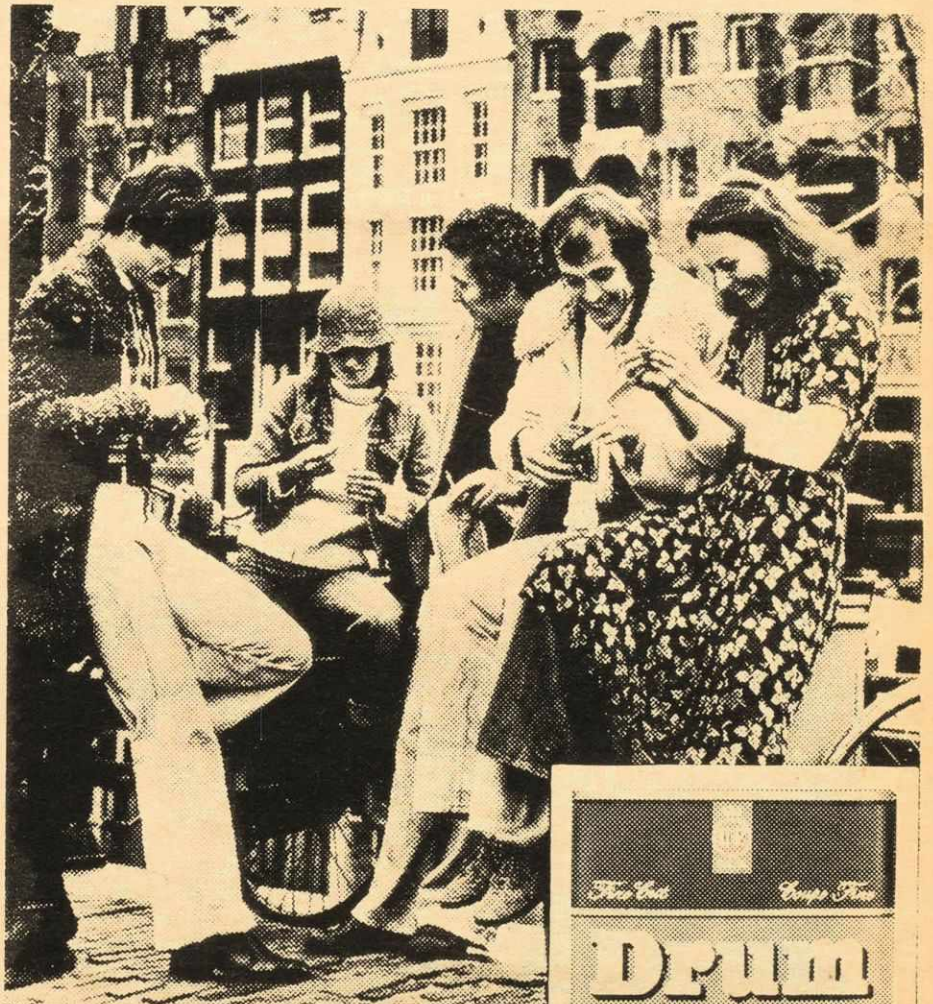
Bank withdraws loans

SAN FRANCISCO (NDS-CUP)—Citicorp, which owns Citibank, the United States' second largest bank, says it has stopped granting loans to the government of South Africa and to companies owned or operated by that government.

Declaring that it "deplors" apartheid, the bank-holding company says it will loan money only to "constructive" private companies "that create jobs . . . which benefit all South Africans." "Tangible

progress away from apartheid" will apparently make it easier to get Citicorp funds.

The firm refused a request made by five church groups that it reveal how much money it has loaned to South Africa in the past. But a recent U.S. Senate report showed that Citicorp had lent more than \$760 million to South Africa from 1974 to 1976. It was also one of 11 U.S. banks which lent \$2.2 billion at the beginning of 1977.



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The Big Nickel

The Big Nickel: Inco at Home and Abroad, Jamie Swift and The Development Education Centre, Between the Lines, 97 Victoria St. N., Kitchener, Ont. N2H 5C1, \$5.00 paper, 173 pp., illus.

Timely in its appearance, given the recent announcement of layoff of workers in Sudbury, this book details the development of Inco, its effect on the national and international economies and its relations with its work force. The corporate history of this Canadian-based resource extracting company, from its beginnings at the close of the 19th century up to the present, is contrasted with the history of the unionization of its Canadian workers.

Unlike other literature in the genre of corporate exposé, this book devotes an entire chapter to the reasons behind the writing of this case study. The authors see Inco as "a microcosm of the larger economic system", and their study puts the winding down of Inco's Canadian enterprises into a global perspective. It details the company's ongoing strategy of acquiring the raw materials of Guatemala, Indonesia and the seabeds of the world's oceans, and points out that this allows the company to shift from one area of the world to another and to acquire a new work force each time it moves. The book also points to the various political forces which aided Inco's development both in Canada and abroad, and there is an analysis of Inco's financial backing, which is largely North American in origin.

Given the amount of pro-Inco publicity in the world's business press, this book serves as a useful

adjunct to the library collection of anyone who attempts to see both sides of the question. Non-rhetorical in nature and clearly and concisely written, it carefully explains the subject in an informative and useful manner.

by Bob Gauthier

Marxist analysis

Imperialism, Nationalism, and Canada: Essays from the Marxist Institute of Toronto, Craig Heron, ed., New Hogtown Press, \$5.95 paper, 206 pp.

Although, as the preface admits, this collection of essays is "to some extent dated", it does provide a for-the-record statement of an impressive series of lectures analyzing Canadian nationalism and its role within the dynamics of a global capitalist system.

The nine papers delve into Canada's dual imperialist-imperialized, dependent-independent nature as it exists on various societal levels. They pay careful attention to the centres of domination (the cities) and the classes (both national and international in orientation) which enable internal national colonialism of the Canadian hinterland to occur.

The essays also look at the role of the Canadian state, in particular the importance of the federal level of government and the interchangeability of its personnel with that of the country's business sector. Also important are two essays about instances of Canada's internal imperialism—the native peoples and Quebec.

Academic in nature, these essays are not meant for a general audience, but they deserve inclusion on university reading lists at least.

by Bob Gauthier



Workers striking against Ben's Bread are demanding better job security, sick leave, and less compulsory overtime. Three picketers have been injured by management trucks crashing the line.

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Mystery maze novel suspends

The Family Arsenal, by Paul Theroux, Ballantine Books, New York, 1976. \$2.25

To anyone who has read Joseph Conrad's **The Secret Agent**, Paul Theroux's new novel, **The Family Arsenal**, appears as a modernized version of Conrad's novel of anarchy and perverse characters intent on destruction. Like Conrad's, Theroux's novel is set in London, exploring the same industrially-blackened districts. Theroux himself honours Conrad by referring to **The Secret Agent** and its plot three times in the book and when the protagonist Hood takes the young Murf to Greenwich he tells him "how the ponderous man in the overcoat had tried to blow up the Observatory, how he had blown his younger brother-in-law to bits." Hood concludes that "it was a simple tale, a shadowy outrage, a bout of madness. It started, it squawked, it was gone; a story of self-destruction." Theroux's novel

is also a tale of outrage. It verifies Conrad's interest in the abnormal delight taken in anarchical destruction and effectively brings the secret agent to the London of the 1970's.

The strange collection of characters in Theroux's novel adds considerably to the maze of the plot. From the ex-American consul Valentine Hood, filled with opium-induced memories of Vietnam (conjuring up Graham Greene's **The Quiet American**), to Mayo, the IRA misguided anarchist, who seals a famous painting from a private house and cuts off pieces of it to send to the newspapers, hoping to incite public outrage, to Lady Arrow, the aristocratic lesbian who directs plays in women's prisons in order to be near the root of violence she so envies, to Brodie and Murf, the young, pot-smoking novitiates in the anarchist home of Mayo and Hood, to Araba Nightwing, the actress who is playing in the West

End production of **Peter Pan** as well as playing at smuggling arms from the Continent for the IRA: all are carefully delineated by Theroux and each seems to contribute to the disruption of even the temporary home and comfort of the anarchists. There is no solidity, in character or in actualities, to ground all these to what may be called comfort and security. All is noticeably temporary; only the self-destructive idiosyncrasies of each remain steadfast, to condemn each to their own purgatory.

Theroux's major achievement in the novel is his characterizations. The slang of London's lower elements is recorded with superb accuracy, as are the sounds, smells, sights and tastes of London. There is a prominent perversity running throughout the book, both in character and in surrounding. Nothing is simple and as the book proceeds it becomes obvious that not even the elemental drive of destruction can be relegated to a particular brand of personality. Hood kills because the local street-sweeper has been insulted. Mayo steals because of a vision held by her IRA sector, and therefore destroys what Theroux accentuates

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'Boys' and 'girls' are people

non-sexist childraising, Carrie Carmichael, Fitzhenry & Whiteside Limited, Toronto, Ontario. 162 pp.

"To free the child to be whomever or whatever he or she wants to be, not squelching the variations because they do not conform to some arbitrary definition of what a man or woman is. Encouraging children to define themselves according to personality instead of sex; a commitment to create an open, a commitment for a child and to avoid falling into the stereotype . . .". That is what non-sexist or open-options childraising is all about, according to Carrie Carmichael.

Carmichael's report on the progress of parents attempting to raise their children in a non-sexist manner is both educational and encouraging. It is satisfying to hear about parents who realize the dangers of sexism in society and their role in its elimination. These are people who are trying to make their children avoid the stereotype and to be whatever they want to be.

Non-sexist childraising does not mean to put dresses on a boy or to try to make girls and boys exactly alike, but rather it means to raise children as people. Boys don't have to hold back tears in order to be "tough", and girls can play baseball without worrying about being a "tomboy". These children should be individuals who are not obliged to follow a certain model.

Carmichael realizes parents must first break their own traditional living patterns before they can bring their children up in a non-sexist manner. Children can hardly be expected to understand the im-

portance of changing the roles society has defined for people when they see their father going off to work while their mother stays at

home, takes care of the house and family, and prepares for the father's arrival.

Carmichael attributes the

women's movement of the sixties as the cause of changes in people's consciousness. Both men and women have realized the inequality in society and have recognized women's need and right to be and do whatever they desire. These same people realize their children's need for an upbringing different from their own—an upbringing that will hopefully lead towards the creation of a non-sexist world. Their children will be educated about the women's movement and the history of both female and male oppression. Options in terms of toys, books, and learning materials will be provided for them.

Carmichael stresses the importance of the father's participation in his child's birth as well as actual involvement in the child's upbringing. She deals with the "male bias of the mother tongue", and the sexist atmosphere in schools and books that must be combatted.

non-sexist childraising is an optimistic appraisal of concerned individuals who are working towards an improved society, a society which provides fair opportunities for both men and women. For parents, the book is a guideline with ideas on how to both improve yourselves and your child's upbringing.

For the rest of us, non-sexist childraising is a strengthening review of people working towards a society based on equality and respect for individuals. It's a book worth reading.

by Valerie Mansour



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as a work of artistic inspiration, because she sees revolution as final, rather than as evolution. Brodie proudly wears the distinction of bombing some lockers in Euston Station although it is abruptly forgotten by a London accustomed to violence. The family of anarchists finally disintegrates when the vision held by all of an organized IRA-led violent upheaval is lost, and significantly the home disappears in a huge bomb blast.


Theroux shows in this novel that anyone can play at terrorism; there is no distinct stereotyping. Perhaps the most characteristic violence is Hood's, who tries to create goodness through violence. But even he

finds that violence is not an end in itself; it leads to repercussions which have to be coped with if the violence is to be meaningful. It is something many of the characters never do find. Theroux's novel is more complicated than this and the strains of thought emerging throughout *The Family Arsenal* are numerous and varied. This is a book which will appeal to both the scholarly reader and to those who love the thrill of good writing, an exciting plot, and superb characterization. His next, which sounds suspiciously like Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*, will, like this one, demand to be read by those interested in the modern development of the novel.

by Judith Pratt

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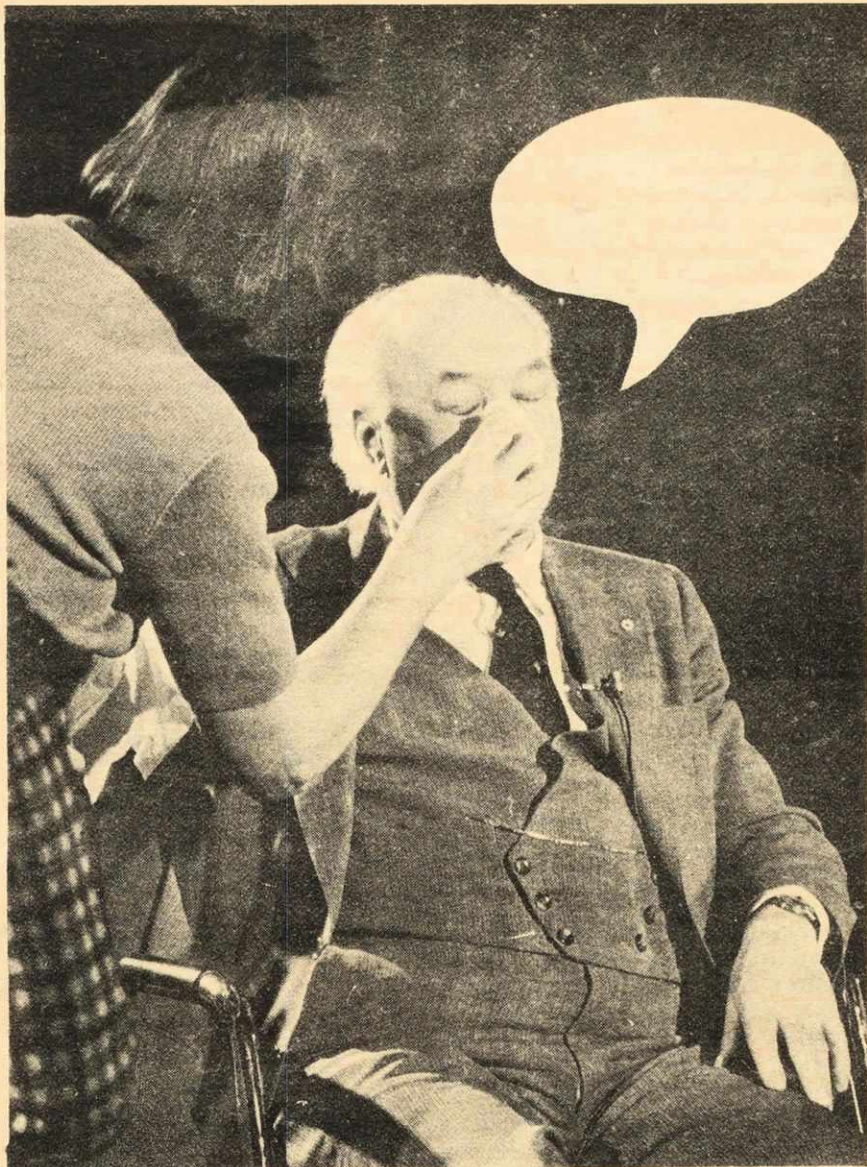
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Silly Snaps

Ace Bozo sent us this week's winning quip for his former boss. Ace says he'll be up for parole shortly and intends to apply for Bill's old job.

For next week, Silly Snaps features the return of Oxrut Oilzy. We're not quite sure if his attendant is wiping away a tear, dabbing him with powder, or blowing his nose. We've left that up to you to decide.



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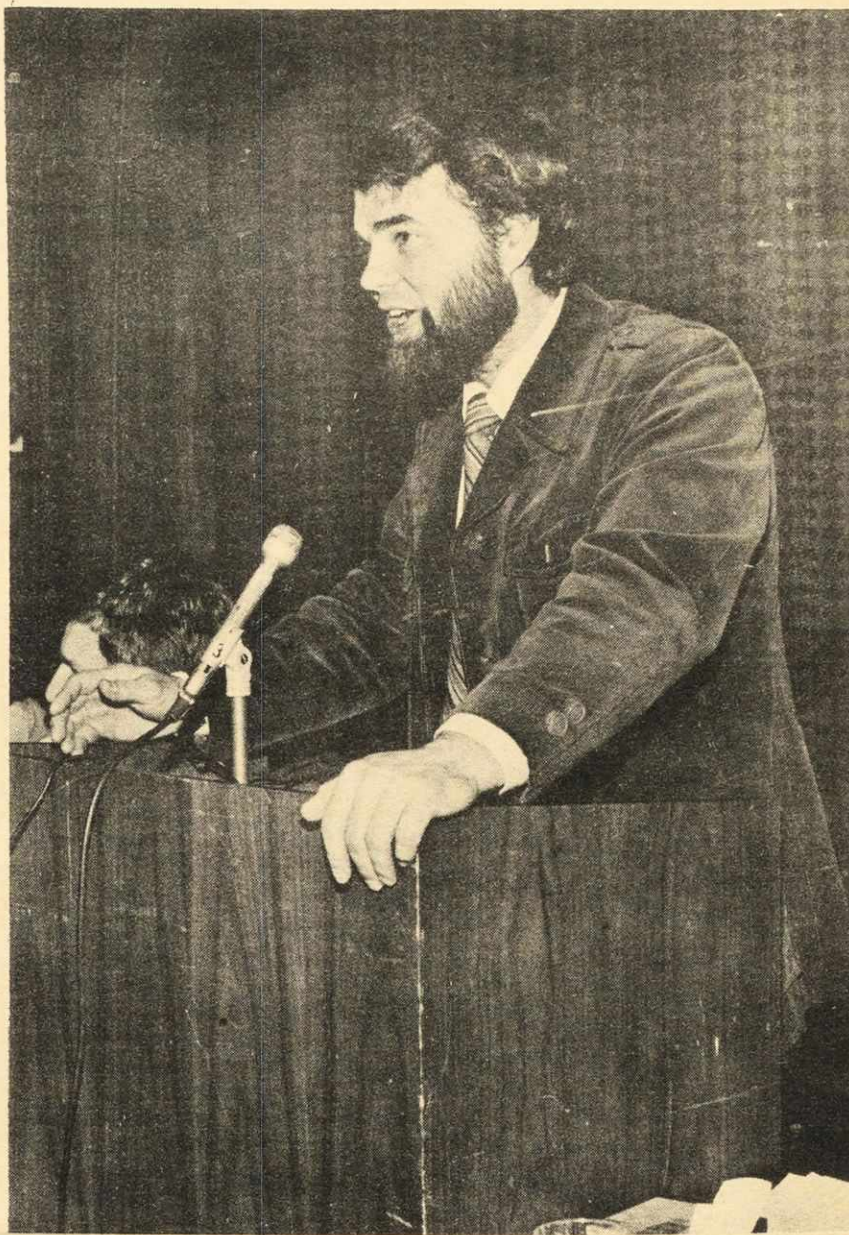
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The Dalhousie intramural athletic banquet was held last night in the McInnes Room in the Dal S.U.B.

Next week, a sports wrap-up

The sports department will feature a year end review and wrap-up on varsity and intramural sports in our final issue. Watch for it!

Rugby club news

On Wednesday, March 22, the Rugby Club held its annual general meeting at which a new executive was elected. The new officers are: Ken MacRitchie, President
Bob Sheppard, Vice-President
Nigel Kent, Secretary
B.J. Johnston, Treasurer.

A Coaching Clinic, under the guidance of the Canadian Rugby Union, is to be held in early May. Anyone interested in obtaining a

level one coaching certificate should contact Ralph Davies at the Dal Physical Education department or at 423-7437 for details.

Many of this year's club members will be graduating and the new executive is now seeking new club members. Anyone wishing to join the club (as a playing or social member) should contact any of the above mentioned or any club member.

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of the most prevalent venereal diseases in Canada today. What the symptoms are, the various stages of the diseases and most important of all, what you can do to prevent infection.

Now, if in the course of reading this advertisement, you suspect you might have some of the symptoms described, consult your physician immediately. The treatment is confidential and if caught early enough the disease can be easily treated.

GONORRHEA

This particular disease has become rampant due to possible changing social and sexual attitudes. Despite the most advanced treatment methods medical science has been unable to check the spread of this condition.

STAGE I

Symptoms generally appear from two to six days after exposure to the bacterium *Neisseria gonorrhoea*, however, up to 20 percent of men and as high as 80 percent of women show no symptoms at all. In the male, the usual signs are pain when urinating and a discharge of pus from the penis. Women are likely to experience burning during urination, a yellowish vaginal discharge, abnormal menstrual bleeding, and swelling or abscess of the Bartholin's glands at the mouth of the vagina. (Symptoms of oral and anal infection may include, in the throat, a burning sensation, and, in the rectum, burning and itching, persistent urge to defecate, and a bloody discharge).

STAGE II

If allowed to progress untreated, gonorrhea can produce severe inflammation of the pelvic organs; blockage of the Fallopian tubes and sperm ducts and thus sterility; gonorrhoeal rheumatism or arthritis; inflammation of the heart valves; even blindness, particularly in newborn babies.

Up until a few years ago, penicillin was the standard treatment method, but today, several penicillin-resistant strains of the disease have appeared and other, stronger drugs—tetracycline, spectinomycin, ampicillin, amoxicillin—must sometimes be used. Cases in which pelvic inflammatory disease has developed may also require hospitalization.

SYPHILIS

First of all let's make one thing clear: you can't pick up syphilis from lavatory seats or public drinking fountains. Syphilis is transmitted only through sexual intercourse.

STAGE I

About three weeks after sexual relations, a lesion called a chancre (pronounced "shanker") develops at the site—usually the genitals or mouth—and nearby lymph nodes become enlarged. The chancre itself disappears within four to six weeks.

STAGE II

If syphilis is left untreated, more lymph nodes eventually become enlarged and a spotty red rash appears over most of the body. During this stage, fever, weight loss, general weakness, loss of appetite and headaches are typical. After several months, the rash subsides and syphilis enters a latent period lasting months or even years.

STAGE III

Blindness, insanity, impotence, heart disease.

Children born to syphilitic mothers are also infected. The earliest sign is sniffing, after which sores appear on the skin and the mucous membranes, and the disease starts to progress as in adults.

If caught early enough, syphilis can be easily treated with penicillin. Other antibiotics such as tetracycline, erythromycin, or chloramphenicol are also used.

GENITAL HERPES

This sexually transmitted disease was almost unknown until the late sixties. About 95 percent of all cases are due to infection with herpes simplex virus II, a virus affecting only the genital areas; while another 5 percent result from infection of the genital area with herpes simplex I, the cold-sore virus.

STAGE I

In women, tiny, painful blisters resembling oral cold sores appear on the labia, cervix or anus. Symptoms in men include similar lesions on the penis or anus, accompanied by burning urination and watery penile discharge. Fever is a possibility in both sexes. Within a day or so the blisters break, then form round, grey-white patches which generally heal spontaneously within two weeks. This may be the end of the problem, or genital herpes may reappear periodically as cold sores often do.

STAGE II

A possible serious complication: recent studies suggest that herpes II may play a role in the development of cervical cancer. The virus is reported to be present in 36 percent of cervical cancer patients, and parts of the herpes II virus have been extracted from cervical cancer cells. Because of this, women who've been infected should be especially careful to have regular Pap tests.

No totally effective cure for herpes exists. While some gynecologists paint the infected area with gentian violet, others maintain this treatment doesn't work. However, a promising new antiherpes drug, adenine arabinoside (Ara-A) is being tested and may soon be approved for general use.

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