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The Gazette's weekly staff meetings are now at 5:30 every Thursday.

## Editorial

### Gazettalk

There are few things on this planet that look worse than a newspaper talking about itself. I mean, most people just don't think it's crucial to know who cleans the typewriter ribbons at the Gazette, or would want to read a bio of each staffer in an issue (with glossy attached).

On the other hand...

On the other hand, this *is* your community newspaper, financially assisted with some'a your bucks through a student union grant. And at least a few people claim to read this newspaper, if only for the advertisements and scattered oases of humour in the package. So maybe it's reasonably okay to pay attention to the Gazette, every once in a while.

After all, regardless of what I said in the first paragraph (and this does seem to be shaping up as a Gazette discussion), the Dal Gazette is an open organization. Anyone can join, although we discourage people reporting on issues they are (or can be) involved with. More important to most of you, any and all Dal students paying Student Union fees are members in good standing of the *Dalhousie Gazette Publications Society*. Yeah, that's right, probably another society you didn't know you were in. But it's more than that. Honest.

You see, as a member in the Gazette Publications Society, at General meetings, you have a vote and a voice equal to anybody else's. And we just happen to be having one of these General Meetings a week Thursday. That's right, Thursday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m., our annual General Meeting is being held in the Brown Bag Lounge on the main floor of the SUB. In case you don't know where that is (I didn't until a few months ago), it's opposite the Green Room, down the hall from the Housing Office. There should be copious signs...

Ah, but most importantly, why should you come to this meeting? For one, we give out our financial statement so you can see where this fine, upstanding publication stands with debtors and friends alike. It's important that we be accountable for what we're spending, and your questions help to do that.

Secondly, the only way our Constitution can be amended is through a vote at a General Meeting. Our Constitution will be there on Thursday, as will be some proposed amendments to it. If you want to find out what corporate structure we affect, then would be the best time. You can also make sure we don't vote ourselves complete and absolute power.

Other things which happen at these meetings are the giving of reports - amongst which the Editor will give his state-of-the-newsroom speech. And there'll be free coffee and donuts for the first sixty people. If we don't happen to get sixty - and quorum at this meeting is 25, count 'em, 25 - there's just more to go around.

Perhaps most importantly of all, if this General Meeting is a success, you'll have also prevented me from writing another Editorial that just talks about the Gazette. Whew. It's over.



"WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT HAVING FUN?"

## Humour

### Let Them Eat Quiche

by Bruce Galloway

Well, it had to happen. One of the few pleasures left in this harsh world was snatched from millions of North American males last week when the NFL Players Association went out on strike. No more leisurely Sundays in front of the TV sipping lite beer. No more Monday nights laughing at Howard. The winter months stretch ahead like a barren landscape.

Once again our society faces a brutal situation where millions are

being held to ransom by a small and greedy minority. The problem is an old one - the players claim that the owners of the teams make all the money and give nothing (well, practically nothing) to those who do all the work. The owners claim they are barely making ends meet now and higher salaries would cripple them financially.

Well, if the problem is an old one, the consternation and panic that the strike has caused to millions aren't.

Suicide rates have jumped drastically in several states and provinces. Last Sunday officials in many centers reported numerous cases of grown men jumping out of their front windows after finding nothing but *Big Valley* reruns on the set. In San Diego, thousands gathered in the parking lot of the empty stadium to drink beer and listen to two NBC announcers call a 'computer game'. San Diego won the hypothetical match on the last play of the game - with an 87 yard field