

Gazette autonomy

The **Dalhousie Gazette** wants the students of this campus to vote on the issue of independence for the **Gazette**.

Only when a newspaper receives financial autonomy can editorial freedom be realized. At present the Dalhousie Student Union funds the **Gazette** through its student fees paid at registration. The **Gazette** is proposing that each student pay a separate levy of \$4.00 for the paper's budget. The **Gazette** would then have the control of their money without it passing through council. This does not necessarily mean that student fees would rise. The money could be deducted from the present Student Union dues. To insure proper control of the budget an editorial board would be appointed. This would consist of two students, one grad and one under-grad, two professors, and two **Gazette** staffers. They would meet weekly to discuss the paper's policy.

An independent paper would not have to worry about a possible abuse of power by their council. This year, the Waterloo Student Federation closed down **The Chevron** claiming a political takeover of their paper. At Acadia University, the editor was fired last year for refusing to retract statements he made accusing a visiting professor of plagiarism.

The Dalhousie Student Union has not taken such drastic action, but this year some council members did try to stop the **Gazette's** boycott of CBC radio advertising. In September when an attempt was made to ban **Halifax Life** from campus, council tried to make the **Gazette** print an apology for statements that were true.

On Sunday night the **Gazette** brought forth their proposal to council in hopes of having it put on the February 16th ballot, along with council elections and the AFS/FEA and NUS referenda. Council tabled the proposal due to a lack of concise information. On Sunday, February 7th, the **Gazette** will again approach council so that the students of Dalhousie will have the opportunity to decide on the issue.

All we are asking is that council hold referendum on February 16. We want to let students decide whether or not the **Gazette** should gain autonomy.

An autonomous system is presently working successfully at Mount Allison University in Sackville, Simon Fraser in Vancouver, Queen's in Kingston, and at the University of Guelph.

An independent student press best serves the interests of students. We hope that council allows you to make the choice.

by Valerie Mansour
Harvey MacKinnon



Gazette wants you

Last week the **Gazette** presented the Chronically-Horrid to our readership. It was easily our most popular issue ever.

We would like to thank the many readers who congratulated us on our parody and we figure that since we are riding on a wave of popularity that this would be a good time to appeal for new staff members. Sneaky, eh?

The **Gazette** is presently in a crisis situation. We simply do not have enough people to handle all the tasks required to put out a high quality newspaper.

There are over ten different jobs at the **Gazette** which do not involve writing. So, if your excuse is, "I can't write," then it is a weak one. If you can write then we also need you; a newspaper obviously depends on its writers.

There are many potential stories around the campus and community but we simply do not have the personpower necessary to cover them. That is why we are asking anyone who has an interest to visit our offices to see if you can help us; and believe us you can. Thanks.

Letters

New system

To the **Gazette**:

Your charge of bigotry leveled at me in the Jan. 6 **Gazette** shows you as opinionated in your own way as you consider me to be, because it is not true.

Regarding everyone as being of equal worth does not entail condoning their attitude and action. I don't necessarily approve everything I think and do. I would not, for example, like to see my own "besetting sin" of resentment glorified on television, knowing what it does to relationships between people when promoted as an acceptable response rather than checked at its source.

People have been given the free will to be as they are (although God can also change anyone who would

like to be changed), but for the continuing health of society, there are a great many things that are better kept to oneself.

Yours truly
Charmaine Wood

Prefers privacy

To the **Gazette**:

I am responding to an article that appeared sometime ago in your paper entitled, "Capitalism equals greed" by Donna Treen. It was sent to me by a student from St. Mary's University as part of an ongoing dialogue between the student and myself about social justice.

The article states that a Mr. Mike Bradfield of Dalhousie put forth as a "Christian" answer to the problems created by big finance capitalism, "some form of socialism."

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