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## DSU fires General Manager

BY GAZETTE STAFF

Last Sunday, student council voted to dismiss the General Manager of the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU).

During an in-camera session that lasted for an hour and ten minutes, council debated whether or not to dismiss Steve

Gaetz, who, for the last seven-and-a-half years, has held the position of General Manager.

Because the meeting was held behind closed doors, the details are not available. However, there is some speculation as to whether or not Gaetz was acting appropriately in the fulfilment of his duties.

Following a routine performance review, the officers agreed to suspend Gaetz with pay, and on September 14th he was escorted out of the Student Union Building (SUB) by DSU Treasurer Bret Leech and President David Cox.

Cox would not comment on whether or not Gaetz was pre-

sented with any other options prior to his suspension.

The dismissal became official on Tuesday, September 19th, following a final meeting with Gaetz.

The constitution of the DSU outlines the role of the General Manager as an "advisor" to the officers and to the council of the Student Union.

The duties that fall under the responsibility of the General Manager position include such areas as financial management, budgeting, the food plan, the health plan, maintaining files for Student Union Committees, and working with the full and part-time staff of the Union.

For the past month-and-a-half, an internal DSU policy designated that signing authority was to be in the hands of the President and the Treasurer of the Student Union, although this was, formerly, a responsibility shared by Gaetz.

Cox would not confirm any connection between this and the review of the General Manager position and claims that this policy was intended to help him become more aware of the business of the Union.

"I think that the students should be quite comfortable that the people they elect are responsible for this organization," said Cox.

Cox also stressed that pending approval by legal counsel, "...anything about the case in particular is confidential."

The general manager is not an elected position, but is instead appointed. The president, with

the support of council, has the power to appoint and dismiss the general manager.

On Sunday night, Cox received the direction that he needed. Council voted 22 to 0 to dismiss Gaetz. Two councillors abstained from the vote, with Arts Society Vice President Ryan Benson requesting that his abstention be noted.

There are no immediate plans to appoint another general manager.

"The duties of the General Manager have been divided up amongst the officers of the Student Union and the full time staff," said Cox.

Last Sunday's council meeting was the first regular-session meeting of the year, and throughout the open session of the meeting it was apparent that there were newer councillors who were unclear regarding procedure, as DSU chair James Pflanz had to remind councillors several times of the Union rules and procedures.

Cox did not feel that bringing an issue of this magnitude to council early in the year was inappropriate.

"At any time, councillors must expect, as the ultimate governing body of the student union — the group that I report to — that when issues of this significance come up that they have to be handled promptly. We presented something to council, and council gave direction to me. I can only react on what council directs me to do."

Steve Gaetz did not feel that he was able to comment at this time.

## New location a step up for Costume Studies

BY JEN HORSEY

After 25 years in the poorly ventilated basement of the Dalhousie Arts Centre — in a space that was originally designated for storage — the Costume Studies Department has moved to a new location.

The costume program has grown considerably since its start in 1974, and over time, the original space provided for it became less and less viable. With ceilings at a variable seven feet high and exposed pipes and duct work providing an unattractive decor, students complained that their work-space was uncomfortable.

In the past few years, the lack of a ventilation system in the dye-room forced students wishing to paint clothes or shoes to go outside to the loading dock to do their work.

Although the University had been working for some time to find a more appropriate space for the costume studies program, it was only over the summer that this much needed change was implemented.

When space became available in Carleton House located at 1685 Argyle Street, the decision was made to make the move. This new space is able to accommodate more students and, additionally, allows space for a museum of costume.

Although this change has come only two years after budget cuts almost forced the close of the costume studies program, Chair of the Theatre Department Lynn Sorge stresses that the university administration has been instrumental in facilitating the move.

"The university administration has been very supportive and worked hard to ensure that the move took place in a timely fashion," said Sorge.

"I just think everybody realised how important and urgent it was to get us out of the basement," she said.

In order to accommodate for the rent of the new space, students in the first and second years of the costume studies program will be charged



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## Dal woman accosted

BY SAM McCAIG

For the second time in four days, a Dalhousie woman was involved in an incident with an unidentified man.

The woman involved in the second incident is a third-year student at Dalhousie. The woman, who did not want to be identified, was walking north on Dublin Street on Wednesday, September 13th at approximately 6 p.m. when she felt a presence close behind her.

"I felt like someone was breathing too close to me, so I turned sideways to let him by. He had his shirt undone and got in front of me, blocking my path on the sidewalk. He pulled his pants down to his knees and started walking towards me, saying 'C'mon baby'. He was not wearing any underwear," she said.

She continued, "I screamed, ran to the closest house, and rang the doorbell. When I looked back, he was running south on Dublin St., doing up his clothes."

The people in the house called the police, who arrived approximately ten minutes later. The woman accompanied the officers to the Halifax Police Department (HPD). She looked at mug shots for about an hour, but could not positively identify the suspect.

The woman came to *the Gazette* on Friday, September 15, after she read the *Assault on Dal campus* article in the September 14 issue. The article described an incident in which a Dalhousie woman was accosted in front of the Dalhousie Student Union Building (SUB) on Sunday, September 10 at 3 p.m.

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