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There is no doubt that the DAGS Council's goal is and always has been secession from the Student Union - graduate students will no longer have to pay a fifty dollar title to what is by-far-in-largest-part an undergraduate student union. Mobilizing graduate student support for withdrawal has, however, been a delicate matter in view of publicized hysteria as to how earth-shatteringly catastrophic dismemberment of the Union would be; and it is moreover a matter that has been handled exceedingly well by the DAGS Council members. The DAGS Council made only the imminently reasonable request that ten dollars of the fifty dollars paid be returned, no-strings-attached and as a matter of course, to those very persons who had paid it- this was a request far short of the ultimate goal (full refund of the fifty dollars) yet fully reasonable enough that it could command the support of graduate students and at the same time seemingly threatening enough to the Student Union that the Student Council would feel compelled to reject it: truly an offer the Council could not accept; the rejection of this most reasonable request served only to solidify the DAGS Council's support. Such rejection, if not entirely anticipated nor fully predictable, was certainly welcomed by the DAGS Council for it then allowed the DAGS Council to go to its now-mobilized membership and seek ratification for what was, all along, the goal anyway. And they got it.

And furthermore, the Dalhousie Gazette, does not tell it like it is: a front page story of "December 75 headlines, "Grads support society by over 50 percent" - well, chachacha, the casual reader thinks, for it sounds as if the referendum barely squeaked through. Yet using even the DAGS membership figures the article provides, it is readily apparent that 60% of the total DAGS membership present in Halifax voted on the referendum - an astonishingly high percentage of voter turnout for any student vote. Additional elementary mathematics reveal that of those voting fully 87% support their Council's actions and intent - now, 87% is a whopping number, evidencing near-total solidarity and conveying a much more realistic assessment of the referendum results than does your "over 50 percent" headline.

The Dalhousie Gazette's coming-out, continuing revelation as a reactionary, mayhap mindless, mouthpiece for the Dalhousie Student Union (of which it is a weekly, official publication) is a continuing source of mild amusement, in that it is the only benefit so-called which I personally receive for MY fifty dollars. The close constitutional relationships of the Dalhousie Gazette and the Student Union lead one to question the coincidental nature of the recent convergence of viewpoint of the Gazette and the Union. The editorial page blurts says, "The views expressed in the paper are not necessarily those of the Student Union..." - one expects further that said views are not necessarily not those of the Student Union.

Here's hoping that you receive transparent blinders for Christmas.

Aloha, Ali Taylor
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Thanks

To the Gazette,

Attn. E. Kranz

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