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Unsung heroes

This coming Monday, as is the yearly custom at Dalhousie, the abyss yawns to claim more victims. Nominations open for Student Council elections, and the new bunch bound in, flushed with either fake or genuine enthusiasm. Some are elected. Some shouldn't be.

Just as sure as councils coming and going every year is the fact that there will be those involved with politics at Dal who'll never get the recognition they deserve. Some aren't even on student council, but give time (and good grades) away because of their dedication to students. Some don't even care that most students aren't all that interested in things like "accessibility" and "quality of future education", and think student council is a glorified High School dance committee.

So now is the time to praise not-so-famous persons. Hopefully, the good work done by Peter Rans, John Russell, Peter Kavanagh, the rest of the Dal Council Executive, and other names in the (Gazette's) news is already known to most. But others deserve as much credit, and at least a brief spotlight.

Like Caroline Zayid. After being active on council for the past two years, Caroline didn't run last year. So what has she done this year besides attending Med 1?

For starters, she is probably the main reason Dalhousie Student Pugwash is so incredibly active and visible this year, holding seminars on the ethics of science, disarmament, and medicine. This year Dalhousie has played the role of host to a staggering line-up of Nobel laureates for lectures and symposiums - and all due in no small way to the work of Zayid.

And then there's student politics. Caroline Zayid is more active in student politics than most people sitting on council. When Dave Rideout resigned as Vice-President (External), she spent many hours attempting to salvage some good from the mess that the "Week of Information" had become. She's been in and out of council's SUB offices ever since the CFS political wars developed - the role of peacemaker as much as anyone can. In short, she's got enough energy to run council single-handedly if she felt like it. Let's hope she gives it a try.

Susan McIntyre is another name that comes to mind when looking for unsung heroes. Susan is the most active Community Affairs Secretary Dal has had for a long time, if they ever had a worker to match her ceaseless organization. The "Thursday at Noon" lecture series has been well-promoted, organized, and - most importantly - chock full of extremely valuable speeches. The concept of screening the film "Missing" with a speech by Tom Hauser, the author of the book, is something many might not try for "Winter Carnival", but McIntyre managed to slip one brain-cell-activating event into an otherwise, well... "Dalhousie Winter Carnival".

McIntyre's also been important to Dalhousie for her work as chair of a very active Women's Committee which succeeded in having several motions on women's issues passed by council and has been a prime mover behind the campaign for better security for women at Dal. Add to that much time devoted to the Dal Disarmament Society and you have a very busy woman.

There are others unsung - enough, in fact, to merit another editorial at year's end - but for now, Caroline Zayid and Susan McIntyre should suffice as very notable examples. And please note: on a student council executive where a president, treasurer, and three vice-presidents are all male, these women continue to work for students every bit as much - only, hopefully, they might get their deserved recognition soon.



Should old acquaintance be forgot?

Watch for the Gazette Survey and tell us like it is!

RETRACTION

Re: the article "Prof claims students should foot whole university bill" in the December 2nd issue of the Gazette - at no time did Professor Graham make any statements about University students "footing the whole university bill" or mention any figure as to projected tuition under a "user-pay" system of funding, as was reported in the article. The Gazette sincerely apologizes for the mistake, and we hope Dr. Graham was not unduly inconvenienced by the errors.

In the article "Night prowlers stalk Giengary rooms", Laurel McCubbin's name was accidentally left off the by-line. We apologize to Laurel for this neglect.

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