

The Gazette year slams to an end

As the year stumbles to an end here at *the Gazette*, we find it necessary to reflect on the people who made the year possible.

As a student newspaper, *the Gazette* has had to rely and will continue to rely on the kindness of strangers. And to students who feel that they have something to say and who have the 'balls' to come forward and contribute.

To all of you, thank you. It's your selfless contributions

that made *the Gazette* possible this year, and continuing support that will make it possible in the future.

Something that people fail to realize, however, is that *the Gazette* is a student paper, run by students, read by students. If you have an objection to a story, or perhaps an idea to assist the paper's content or quality, don't just whine about it, do something. Because we rely on volunteers for our publication, we rely on anyone willing to help.

Well, not all, per se, but most. The small percentage of the mentally deranged at Dal don't help much, but everyone else does.

A lot of people don't look at it that way. Some people feel that they can only write for *the Gazette* if they have some experience, or if they are sleeping with one of the editors, which is not always true. We want anyone and everyone to contribute what

they can, even if it's only once or twice a year, and even if they don't have any experience.

In particular, the writer's who dedicated such an enormous amount of their time to the paper, for little reward other than their name in print and the occasional free drink.

We want to thank those who

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have participated in various Streeters, and even those who told us to "fuck off" or "get away, I hate the Streeter." Hey, at least they know what the Streeter is.

People that stir and maintain controversy are also key to the success of *the Gazette*. The people that submit letters to the Editor or write opinions are doing the paper surprisingly good.

Thanks to all the people and animals who volunteered to pose on the back of *the Gazette* for our "Keep Dalhousie Decent" campaign, and an equal thanks to all the people who said what we

were doing was wrong.

Thanks to *Playboy* for existing on Dal's campus, and thanks for Bruce Yip and Bruce W. Wildsmith, the Dal's 'superheroes' of pornography for giving *the Gazette* an argument to mediate.

Who knows what's going to come here at *the Gazette* in the next year. Maybe a few lawsuits, maybe more nudity, less (or more) sex-related stories. Maybe more spoofs, maybe more drugs. Who the hell knows?

But that's all yet to be decided, and if anyone has any ideas, we want 'em. No, wait, we need them. Stroll on in and give us any suggestion you can think of, no matter how screwy.

The future of *the Gazette* depends on it.

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All submissions must be typed double-spaced on paper, e-mailed, or on a Mac or IBM 3 1/2 inch disk, in a WP version not greater than Word 6.0 or equivalent. The deadline is Mondays at 4:30 p.m.

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- Design & Layout
- Photography

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Interviews will be conducted during the summer. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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- Sports
- Managing Editor
- Dalendar
- Opinions

Anyone interested in holding an elected Editorial position should attend the *Gazette* general meeting at 4:30pm, September 13th.

For more information, contact Brianne Johnson at 494-2507.

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rm 312 SUB