

## Dal Gazette says...

### thanks and so long...

...to Richard Coughlan who is leaving after two years as advertising director;

...to Greg Zed who has written sports for the *Gazette* for four years.

...to Harvey MacKinnon, who after six years at Dalhousie actually expects us to believe that he is leaving.

...to Christine Maclean, Bradley Warner, Rick Plociennik, David Gutnick, and anyone else who has threatened desertion.

...to Atlantic Fieldworker Susan Johnson who is now in Ottawa as National President of Canadian University Press. (impressive or what?)

...a special thanks to the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students, the Arts Society, the Dalhousie Science Society and the Grants Society for financially sponsoring special features.

...to Don 'Scoop' Soucy for his fine work with the Atlantic Federation of Students. Oh yea, he's not leaving.

...For that matter neither am I. I'd like to thank, well, yea, I guess I'm overdoing it.

...to Allan Zdunich who doesn't want his name in here...I never did pay much attention to him.

...the biggest thanks of all goes to those few but wonderful professors who passed *Gazette* staffers this year — and for those of you who have yet to mark the final papers and exams, a big thank-you to you too — Hint Hint.

I'll be here all summer so anyone who wants to drop by and talk about the *Gazette* (or anything - for that matter), or volunteer for next year's staff, feel welcome. - room 334, Dal SUB - 424-2507.

Valerie Mansour



## Letters

### Impressed

#### To the Gazette:

Your labour supplement in the March 24th issue was impressive to say the least. It is encouraging to see such meaningful attempts to establish a dialogue between students and workers. Your supplement serves as an excellent model for other CUP papers to emulate. It is well planned, excellently written, and well laid-out. It is by far the best supplement of its kind I've ever seen in a CUP paper. Keep up the fine work!!

Fraternally yours,  
John Bowman  
Manitoba High editor

### Committee fair

#### To the Gazette:

This letter is a reply (of some sorts) to the two articles written by Valerie Mansour in the latest issue of the *Gazette* (April 7). The articles were "Committee Rejects Treasurer Candidates" and the editorial titled "Executive Patronage".

Perhaps I will start by providing some answers to the first article. The criteria on which the Recruitment Committee is basing their selection of Treasurer are, as Pat Stewart felt they should be, academic excellence, past experience, ability to get along with people, and a concerned interest in student activities. In addition to these, however, we also had to weigh their independence of thought and their ability to make pressured decisions. There is not a point system for the above criteria, by which we could mark the candidates and come to an easy arithmetical conclusion, but instead, all the factors had to be weighed together in our own minds, then after coming to our own conclusions, the committee again discussed the merits and faculty of each of the candidates. After considering all the factors, the committee did come to a conclusion, however none of us were satisfied with the reasons by which we made this decision. When considering the sum total of our decisions on the criteria, we found that all the candidates were very closely matched in qualifications, yet none of them meet the level we were looking for; hence the decision to re-open applications. The committee's aim is to find a treasurer

who will best serve the students interests. As for the time delay, if the committee thinks two weeks is going to make the difference between a mediocre treasurer and a good treasurer then I think that it is their responsibility to the students of Dalhousie to take that extra two weeks and obviously thinking of expediency and not the students.

Now, if everybody hasn't fallen asleep yet, I'll answer to the second article titled "Executive Patronage". Firstly, if Sampson and Mancini wanted the person of their choice appointed to the position of Treasurer, then I'm sure they would have fought to have two other people rather than Tom Mann and myself appointed to the Recruitment Committee. I for one don't give a damn for the game of politics and apart from not knowing 75% of the people who applied for positions, I don't know any of them and that includes Sampson and Mancini well enough to call them my friends. Secondly, I don't think I'm stupid enough to be manipulated by Sampson and Mancini without my knowing it, even if they were trying, and if the rumors are implying that I am aiding to their wishes knowingly, then I would appreciate it if the advocates of that rumor would discuss it with me.

As for being unfair to the candidates, (for what, not giving one of them the job), if it comes down to being unfair to the candidates or to the students, then I'm afraid I would have to go with the students. Also, I'm sure that the present applicants qualifications are equal to those of past treasurers, but I'm also sure that there have been an equal number of good and bad treasurers in the past; which one of these are you comparing their qualifications to?

To refer to Gail Rudderham's late application. I didn't think that her reason for submitting it late were all that convincing but I did feel that in fairness to the students, then I should accept her application, what if her application had outshone all the others. How could we have justified turning down her application if it had come to light that she would have been the best treasurer the Union has ever seen??? I have only one thing to say in conclusion, "Damned if you do, and damned if you don't"!!!

Sincerely  
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Dalhousie Student Union

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