

Merry Christmas!

In keeping with the holiday spirit the **Gazette** staff has decided to give the following Christmas presents:

for Tony Kelly, the new AFS secretary-coordinator: a copy of How to Make Friends and Influence People.

Vice-President Louis Vagianos: the wage of a CUPE worker and a chance to see if he can live on it.

Council President Robert Sampson: a gold-framed full colour autographed picture of Gerald Regan for his office.

Council Vice-President Peter Mancini: a white flower and a kiss on the cheek.

Sandy McNeill: a life-time subscription to the **Dalhousie Gazette**.

Bob Coates: an all expense paid trip to the Transkei including occasional meals and accommodations in a mud-hut.

CKDU: 50,000 watts.

Saint Mary's University: a campus newspaper.

Pierre Trudeau: tickets to see Margaret in "Kings and Desperate Men".

The SMU Journal: a subscription to the Chronically Horrid.

Rene Levesque: a carton of cigarettes for the National Assembly.

Joe Clark: Jack Horner's footsteps.

Hardial Bains: a subscription to the Canadian Tribune.

Anne Soucy: Don back at home.

Gerald Regan: a snow-making machine for his living-room.

AFS: Dalhousie's funds and more meetings without Sampson and Mancini.

The Gazette: the Chronically-Horrid's ten fired staffers.

The Lord Nelson Hotel: lots of luck when 200 student journalists converge on it over the Christmas break.

Canadian University Press: a future.

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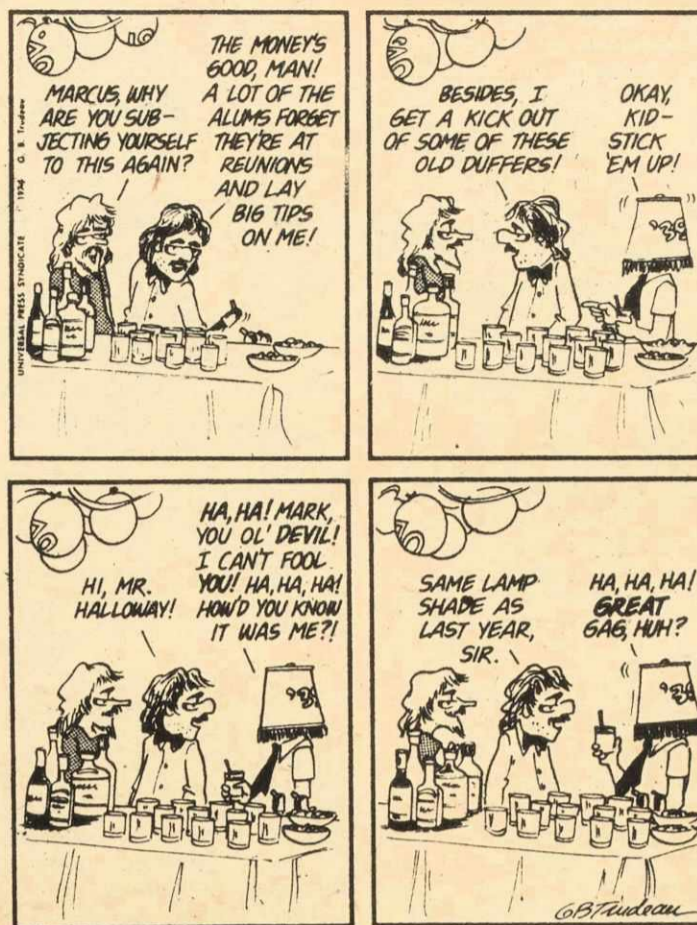
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Letters

'Really, Diane'

To the Gazette:

Seeing as how the **Gazette** decided to dedicate the letter column to me last week, I felt it only proper to respond. I shall deal first with my comments which caused such a controversy, secondly with the letter from the lady who calls herself an External Vice-President, and lastly (what better place) with the "open" letter from Todd Davis.

At the Council meeting held November 27, I did indeed state that the march on Province House was a success because of the participation of Dalhousie students and because of the participation of Robert Sampson and myself. Please notice, Miss Wright, that I did not say **exclusive** participation. Giving credit where it is due, the King's campus police did an excellent job at maintaining order even though one of Ms. Wright's heroes, Miguel Figueroa, kept yelling for students to "take the streets". As well, there were many students from Mount St. Vincent who were present and deserve credit. Other groups were present as well and work was done by many. However, this does not overshadow Dalhousie's contribution.

It is a **fact** that Robert Sampson and I began calling other Presidents to discuss a march in mid February just after our election. It is a **fact** that Office Services at Dalhousie printed up the petition forms, letters to faculty and signs for the march. As well, we provided microphones for the speakers and a van to carry equipment to Province House. Also, the students from out of town stayed in the Dal S.U.B., at no cost. The Green Room normally rents at \$45.00 per hour - for 24 hours that would have amounted to slightly over \$1000.

This is a sizable contribution, and doesn't even mention the man power provided by individual students at Dal - Tommy Stevens who provided the leadership in organizing the march route and in obtaining a parade permit; the boys

from Howe Hall who helped police it; Paul Zed who arranged for press coverage; and Mike Power and Andrew Lynk who helped staple together most of the signs on the sticks (which incidently Dalhousie ordered).

Finally, we cannot forget the most important element, the students themselves. Because of sheer size, the Dalhousie students made up the majority of marchers. I ask you - if the few people from CCB, the Mount students, and the NSCAD students had marched alone; would there have been the same impact? And lets not forget the Dalhousie faculty and staff association who added to the ranks.

I hope this will be enough to jog Miss Wright's memory a little. It is too bad this "external" Vice-President (who I have yet to see at a Dal Council meeting) has to get her information second hand. Really, Diane, the students from the Mount deserve better! She calls Dalhousie Student Council an egotistical fairyland - I suggest it's Miss Wright who has on her emerald green glasses. Please, Diane, stop playing Dorothy to Soucey's wizard, the role fits neither of you very well. Your letter was ill-informed and based on hearsay. So quite frankly, dearie, pack it up and go home.

As for Mr. Davis' "open" letter - I have yet to receive it so cannot send him a personal reply. I do realize the input from SUNSCAD (even if they sound like they should be offering a tour to Florida) but please note I did not say Dalhousie **alone** ran the march, but the things pointed to in this letter show how much our students did contribute. These are the true facts, Mr. Davis and you can demand apologies all you like. In fact, you can stand on your head and spit nickles (if you don't already) before I apologize for stating the truth.

Peter Mancini