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## Do you feel belittled by the STRIKE?

We would like to use your stories and feelings in a feature article. Please drop material off at the Inquiry Desk or the Gazette Office on the third floor of the Dal SUB.

## Still angry

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settled, yet surprised by the DFA's acceptance of the final settlement.

- panic stricken as they realized their interests had not been assured in the negotiations and much work had to be caught up on.

- angry with both the administration and the DFA.

**Why were students angry?**

- abrupt notice given as to when classes would resume.

- some professors had to reduce three class sessions into one.

- in all classes important material has been missed.

- the administration's attitude that the two weeks missed were basically non-existent, although students know that the administration will argue that time is being made up.

- as a result, students could not perform their best and therefore were not learning from what has turned out to be a rushed education.

- the most intolerable element was the unnecessary pressure the students were suddenly experiencing.

- students claimed to be under more pressure than ever before in an academic situation. This being the case, students were going to complete different quality work than they would have otherwise produced.

- in the end, things were smoothed out and forgotten about quickly as it was absorbed into the exam rush.

**Additional administrative measures pointed out by some students.**

- extended library hours.

- extended hours at the registrar's office.

- the change in policy upon withdrawal from the university before December 20, 1988.

- on a whole, the situation was dealt with quite well; nevertheless, there were individual cases that were dealt with poorly.

- although some are satisfied that in many classes material is being made up by consent of the students, there are those who say that more could have been done to satisfy students.

Dalhousie University can rest assured of one thing: the strike has not made a positive impression upon students. Most of the students indicated that the strike has negatively changed their attitude towards Dalhousie.

## Dalhousie students feel helpless to combat the wrongdoings, for the battle would be against two university superpowers

"I thought I picked the best university," explained one student. "I now realize I picked the second best. If they had a high class university, they would not have let students suffer."

Others explained that they now have a much lower opinion towards Dalhousie and given a choice, they would not come back. One student summed up a lack of faith by stating, "As a student, I would not trust that my needs and expectations would be a priority based on this expe-

rience. Everyone says students are a priority, however, I see no proof."

Although most students realize they have been subject to injustices at the hands of the administration and/or the DFA, the vast number of students have adopted a "business as usual" attitude. Regardless of the way students were treated during or as a result of the strike, most have chosen not to become involved. Dalhousie students feel helpless to combat the wrongdoings, for the battle would be against two university superpowers, i.e., the administration and the DFA. Students are trapped between the knowledge that their education has been jeopardized and the pressure exerted from those two groups — pressure in the form of administrative measures or in the form of marks. Therefore students do not want to become outspoken or high-profile. As Emily Dickinson states, and as many students echo, "Then there's a pair of us? Don't tell! They'd advertise — you know!"

In the end, Dalhousie students want only to return to normal. Unfortunately for some, this state of normalcy can no longer exist, for in the end students were the most injured party. Instead of forgetting the past to step into the future, everyone at Dalhousie University must remember the past in an attempt to prevent history from repeating itself. After all, history will have that opportunity two years from now when the Dalhousie Faculty Association's contract expires. Sadly enough, if students forget about the way they were manipulated during this strike, they may expect to remain powerless in a similar situation once again mourning, "I'm Nobody! Who are you? Are — Nobody — Too?"

## Apathy

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well was this money accounted for? The books and records of the Commerce Society from last year are incomplete and sketchy at best. They might as well have been put together by Robert Hanf, who incidentally was an executive of the Law Society last year. He conveniently handed in his resignation over the controversy concerning the Law School contract-funding fiasco. This man is currently Chair of the Dalhousie Student Union. This is an example of defilement of the student trust brought upon by apathy.

To continue in this vein with the Commerce Society, there have been repeated allegations of misuse as well as misappropriation of Commerce Student funds. There have been problems with documenting receipts and a controversy over expenses which may have influenced the resignation of the elected treasurer earlier this year. The Commerce Society has not even audited its own self to correct and prevent any further problems.

The Commerce Society has found reason to consider suing a former vice-president and golden-achievement award winner (awarded for most work done on behalf of the Commerce

DSU Council and is seeking another term in office. If this is the best that we, as students, can do through our representative organizations then I am ashamed of my past associations with the Dalhousie Student political movement.

This mismanagement is not indicative of Commerce students in general, who I feel to be honest and trust-worthy, but it is unfortunate that the problems of last year may reflect negatively on Commerce students as a whole. In this respect I want to make the effort to correct any existing errors and prevent further mismanagement of our student funds by revealing the digressions of the past if only to maintain the value of our Student Societies.

We, as students, should be prepared to publicize the failures of our student leaders, both unintentional and deliberate, through general forums or through the student press. In addition we should be prepared to take our place at the helm of respective societies. It is only in doing so that we can assure ourselves that our Societies are run effectively with honesty and integrity.

If students took a more active role or played any role in their own education then we could prevent this gross mismanagement of student affairs and our funds. *Scott Matthews is a former member of the DSU Executive.*

## Letters

### Gazette Trashed

To the Editors:

In response to "No one tells us what to put in our paper," I have a few thoughts to share with you. Where do you think you get the funding to run YOUR paper?? From our student union fees perhaps?

There have been continuous complaints about the content of your paper, where general campus concerns are not addressed but there is ample print space for GLAD and feminist issues.

Well, you should be informed that not everyone is interested in reading the same mumbo jumbo in every issue. Haven't you been wondering why people pick up the *Gazette* for use in their kitty litter boxes? AAAh, no redeeming social value perhaps?

To your more sensitive readers, I apologize for the violent outburst. Now, to get to the heart of the matter. Myself, and six other commerce students took up the Levi's Campus challenge in competition with nine other universities across the country. The most effective promotional campaign

wins. All money made at the various events that we held went to the Heart Fund. In case you are not a commerce student, to promote a campaign of this sort you must publicize events. Well, we thought, what a better place to publicize than our own university paper.

Alas, we did not know at the time that commerce students seem to have problems obtaining coverage by the prestigious *Gazette*. Standard responses are: "No one tells us what to print in our paper," and "We never received you PSAs in the mail." Well, my response is BULLSHIT!

I don't expect this letter to get published, and even if it does, no one will read it. Basically, you have alienated the majority of the campus. Maybe you should take some lessons from the *SMU Journal* staff. Wake up and smell the coffee, guys!

Heather Logan

### Gazette Thanked

Dear Dal Gazette, you ol' cornerstone of investigative journalism,

You did it — yes, you. Undaunted and resignation-free, you persevered. Sweeping past accumulations of grime and prej-

udice, you uncovered a till-then-only-dreamed-of gay and lesbian supplement. A darned good one at that, too.

Among the little nuisance corrections, one looms larger. A GLAD meeting, listed for the twentieth, is actually slated for the 30th of March, a Thursday, at 6:30pm.

To each and to everyone involved in the Gay and Lesbian Reader, many thanks for the exposure — we needed that.

Dan "A well-placed official"

Hart.

### Gazette Trash?

To the Editors:

Each week since about Christmas, I've noticed a file of unclaimed papers in the Foyer of the Dunn. There seem to be there even late in the week when the next issue is coming out.

This week, for example there is a file about this high!

These days we're all sensitive about waste. Perhaps you could save some student \$ by printing a few less?

Or maybe your advertising revenue depends on how many you print?

R. March