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interest in further matters of social concern - just one example being the current situation of the blind in Nova Scotia who recently were denied a modest incremental increase in a present pension scheme that can provide as little as \$1500 a year.

No President and Vice-President of the Student Union, be it Gord Neal and Anne Gillis or whoever, can meet and act singlehandedly upon these and other issues without the support, encouragement and assistance of members of the Dalhousie Student Union. Our strength lies in our organization and the numbers comprising that organization, and in this sense participation of Student Union members is critically important.

Constructive criticism of Student Union leaders is encouraged, indeed it should be welcomed. Comments of the sort we were obliged to read in last week's *Gazette* are, quite literally, worse than useless.

Sincerely,
Bruce Russell
Arts IV
President, Dalhousie Student Union

Filth in SUB

To the Gazette,

The time has passed for change in the S.U.B. as the students have been putting up with inadequate management for too long. This building is a shambles and certainly not acceptable to those who pay for it.

We can NOT blame the S.U.B. cleaning staff as there is more filth around here than an army of white tornadoes could compete with.

What I suggest is a more stringent policy towards care of the S.U.B. With all the members on the S.U.B. staff, why can't there be some disciplinary action taken to keep the building from becoming a pig sty. (I take that back. Most pigs wouldn't live in this squalor.)

It seems the only time you see S.U.B. staff is when they are in the Grawood shooting the breeze with their friends.

Since we are forced to pay their wages and for the maintenance of the building, why can't the two harmonize to keep it clean. There should also be stiff penalties for foolishness in the S.U.B. (i.e. barred from S.U.B. function or forced to eat SUCCA foods, that's something else again.)

I have been to dances and seen gimps, and that is the only word for them, they throw glasses of beer at the wall.

I write this letter as a Dal student who lives in Dartmouth and is

forced to spend some time in the S.U.B. out of necessity. But I ask you, What is the building for - people or dirt? Talk about rats in the Grawood, there will be plenty of the little varmints around here (and I don't mean informers).

An alternate suggestion would be to offer the building as a land-fill site to Premier Regan.

This letter may be offensive to some, but let's face it, the misuse apparent here is a joke!

J. Simmons

Poor reception

To the Gazette:

Recently a new restaurant, the Gin Kee Hing, opened on Spring Garden Road. Close to Dalhousie it is highly accessible to university students.

Although the cuisine is fine the behaviour of the management towards students prompts me to write this letter.

On many occasions the manageress of the Gin Kee Hing has been unnecessarily inhospitable. On one occasion a simple take-out order turned into an arduous task when the manageress seemed capable of only nasty replies to my simple order for a coffee and hot chocolate. And I have heard of other times where she was similarly rude.

I don't understand why some restaurant managements do not feel obligated to treat their college clientele with the same respect they give the "older generation" Those who want continued student business should treat us with the necessary decency.

Allan Jefferies
3rd Year Economics

...courage Eileen, it's always darkest before the dawn

To the Gazette:

The student union elections are now history. However, as one of the minority of Dalhousie students who did have enough interest in the future of this union to exercise my right to vote, I would like very much to see the actual poll by poll results. I would appreciate seeing exactly how my fellow students voted in the election. If my memory is accurate I believe that it has been the past practice of the *Gazette* to publish these results.

Last week's *Gazette*, March 4, carried several notes on the results of the election, a few of the notes carried predictions for the future as they dried their wet towels of defeat. These articles carried data that has not to date been released

publically through the media to the student body as a whole. I for one believe that statistics which have no documentation can not be a sound base for any review.

The major lack within this university is that of a "spirit" - I do not mean those of alcoholic content. The turnout for previous union elections is a symbol of this lack of spirit.

Many people who have never lived in a university residence will be unaware of the feelings of unity and pride that develop from this experience. The results of the student union election signify the desire of those interested members in increasing the spirit of university life.

It is my aspiration and the aspiration of other students to have a union concerned about its members, but also members concerned about the union and its purpose.

The university residences are reservoirs of interest which can be motivated by the aspiration of "HOPE" for the university as a whole; never underestimate their degree of concern.

The willingness to work for the betterment of the union must come from within the individual; any candidate for elected or appointed to office must have this inner force. I would be leery of any appointed official who would need persuasion to spur his candidacy for that appointed position. In past, defeated candidates have been placed in the appointed positions because of genuine interest and willingness to perform their task of improving the union as a whole. I am hopeful that those defeated in this election hold this desire and not the desire for the limelight positions of President and Vice-President. These workers of the union give as much to the union as the elected officials; their genuine interest and willingness to work without maximum exposure is very important.

Neal and Gillis will have a successful year if the interest in the union and its purpose expands. This expansion will bring in talent for the future benefit of the union. A note in closing—a good administration has the ability to delegate responsibility to talented, capable and trustworthy assistants.

Thank You
Eileen Holden

The defence never rests

To the Gazette:

I would like to comment on

remarks made by two people in last week's *Gazette*. The comments that I refer to are those made by G. Dillis and Mr. Ken MacDougall in regard to the recent Dal elections. I feel that the comments were both highly unfair and uncalled for. G. Dillis claimed that the Executive-elect had been elected on the basis of popularity and not on issues. I beg to disagree for I felt that Mr. Neal and Ms. Gillis did have constructive policies and I felt that they were much better suited to the post than the other two teams. The D'Orsay team ran a slate approach and I have commented repeatedly that such a policy would be detrimental to Council. As for the third team, I saw a lot of attacks on present policy but very little constructive proposals for improving things.

On to Mr. MacDougall. I agree with him when he says that past Councils have failed in some regards to live up with some expectations, but this can be expected of any government. But, I also feel that many of his remarks were unjustified. To criticize the Executive-elect before it has had a chance to perform is definitely prejudiced and unfair. Mr. MacDougall has failed to give them even a beginning benefit of doubt. Mr. Neal has worked on Council
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