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### The Committee on the Presidential Appointment

*Invites members of the University community to  
reflect on the following questions:*

What major challenges did Dalhousie face at  
the time Dr. Howard Clark was appointed?

What contribution has Dr. Clark made to  
aspects of the University such as the following?

Academic Leadership, Planning and  
Administration

Administrative Management

Alumni Relations

External Relations (Public and  
Government)

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Internal Relations - Human Relations -  
Collective Bargaining

Student Issues

Issues of Concern to Women and  
Members of Minority Groups

What do you perceive as  
Dr. Clark's strengths as President?

As his shortcomings?

What are the major challenges  
facing Dalhousie now?

What qualities will its President and his or her  
administration need to possess in  
order to meet these challenges?

Please submit your views on these and related questions in writing to:

Mr. Allan Shaw  
Chair

Committee on the Presidential appointment  
c/o Office of the Board of Governors  
Room #3 Arts and Administration Building  
Dalhousie University

The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 22, 1991.  
(Submissions will be held in complete confidence)

## NEWS

### Article offends

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"This article — and the accompanying photograph — depicts a sexuality which is mutually pleasurable and entered into freely, not one linked to violence, humiliation or ridicule," she said.

Robin Whitaker, a Memorial student and former *Muse* editor, said the article has been used by some people as an excuse to gay-bash.

"AIDS is the issue here and hiding the fact that people are sexually active and the ways they are sexually active will only perpetuate the problem," she said.

Biology and Women's Studies professor Joan Scott said the university should support the article.

"Art May is only exciting homophobia on the campus when he should be squelching it," she said.

"At cinemas, we are exposed to an avalanche of movies that are graphic, explicit and full of coercive sex and violence against women. The (gay/lesbian) supplement is completely free of coercive sex," Scott said.

May retracted his linkage of tuition fee hikes and the "pornographic" article the next day.

*Muse* editor Dawn Mitchell said that despite the news conference,

none of the "zillions" of journalists pestering *Muse* staff members seem to care about AIDS education — the point of the article in the first place. Their interests; "shock value, the police investigation, the (student council) and May's comments."



"It's totally amazing — they've blown it all out of proportion. On TV, we were put ahead of the Gulf War and a possible outbreak of meningitis," she said.

Kinsman cited the backlash over the gay-positive article as an example of attempts by government, religious groups and the mass media to suppress information about safe sex.

"The reality is, you have to decide whether you're going to allow HIV to spread because of your "moral" perspective, or whether you're going to seriously grapple with explicit education," said Kinsman.

"Hopefully, more people will realize we have to deal with this issue, even though it may offend a few people. In many ways, this is a health emergency," he said.

*The Muse* is one of about a dozen university newspapers in Canada which publish annual lesbian and gay supplements. So far, at least one of these — *The Ubysey* at the University of British Columbia — have reprinted the article in support of *The Muse*. *The Link* at Concordia University and *The Varsity* at the University of Toronto plan to follow suit next week.

Members of *The Muse* staff have yet to hear anything from the police.

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