

opinions

Ask Joe and Jo

After last year's near loss of many of the arts programmes on campus (saved by a huge student/faculty campaign), we took a look at the subtleties of the campus layout, our major buildings and their distribution.

Maybe it's not so strange that these cuts were proposed, not so inconceivable that it took mass student support to save the rich arts life on campus. It's much easier to try to get rid of what you rarely see than what is scattered all over the campus (like statues no one can explain).

Unfortunately, to simplify the issue, we've taken a look at only the undergraduate arts and science programs. Don't feel ignored if you are in a graduate program, dentistry, medicine, law, education, economics, etc... — we love you; we're just not talking about you. Relax, chill out, have some java. This may affect you too.

Let's break up the major buildings on campus into two categories: Arts and Science.

Science has the Dunn (physics and engineering), the Chase (math, computer science and statistics), and the chemistry (you guessed it) buildings, in addition to the Life Science Centre (for your biological, earth scientific, psychological and oceanographic bliss).

Arts has the Arts and Administration building and the Dalhousie Arts Centre. Shorter list, longer names. The A&A actually has only one floor reserved for classrooms, and even those classes are not reserved for arts. The Arts Centre is arts-centered, holding practice rooms, small studios, classrooms and the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. However, in the Cohn, Dal performers do not typically stand centre-stage.

Now, don't get us wrong. We are not pissed off artsies with a machete on one shoulder and a peace sign tattoo on the other (not that there's anything wrong with that). We are just one average science student and one average arts student who've noticed some disparities.

So what are we to do? Go buck wild, take all the cash from biology and give it to costume studies? Of course not. Our opinion is this: support the arts programs. If you don't they may not be here long.

If you've got any questions or have made any weird observations that you'd like checked up on, just ask Joe & Jo. You can reach us through the Dalhousie Gazette office.

Joe Tratnik and Jo Mirsky

I say...you say...

Well, as your newly elected editor of the opinion section, I thought I'd say a few words to set the tone of the section for this next season. This is the section where you get your say. Send it in and I'll print it.

I'll start off by telling you about myself. I'm an irreverent ass with absolutely no sense of propriety. I thrive on controversy and I don't mind offending people if it inspires them to respond. I want to keep this section juicy. And to start this section on the right note, here are some of the things that have really burned my ass over the past few days and weeks.

• I just hate these left-wing crazies that always take the position that if you have an opinion that in any way differs from theirs, you're obviously not informed on the issue, or you're just not personally evolved enough to fully understand. And, therefore they should be allowed to contravene basic principles of democracy and rule from a totalitarian standpoint. Now, I'm not just rambling here; I'm going somewhere with this. This all stems from the recent activities of certain members of the Student Unions of Nova Scotia executive.

In an effort to contravene the processes of democracy, the Treasurer and the Chair of SUNS got a non-quorum number of Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students councillors to illegally elect them as DAGS-reps to the Dalhousie Stu-

dent Union, and as a result, DAGS has been put into a very tenuous legal situation. This sort of activity would never have been tolerated by members of a right-wing group if the circumstances were reversed, so why are they doing it themselves? Obvi-

ously, I'm not evolved enough to understand.

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• Another thing that really pisses me off is the cartoon in the Saint Mary's newspaper that suggests that there are some Dalhousie students who might be withholding information related to the Darren Watts

case. Do they really think that Dal students would protect some dumb high school kids? That's just plain bullshit.

• On a final tirade, I'd like to say that the Canadian Federation of Students referendum is coming up and I certainly hope all you people out there do the right thing and remove Dalhousie from that dying organization. It's a stupid, un-democratic, loose collection of backwater schools that should have been something useful, but instead became a money-wasting bureaucracy. Their only goal for the past few years has been to slow their impending death. Let's do ourselves a favour and get them out before they die and take a chunk of Dal with them.

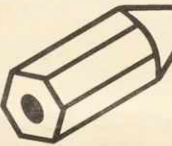
Well, that ends my tirade for the week. If you liked what I said and especially if you didn't, please respond with a letter to the editor, or an article of your own.

Joe Tratnik



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In Honor of
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October 5

- Noon - Public Legal Education Society presents an overview of "Women and the Law." At the Dalhousie Women's Centre.
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