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Sincerely,
David Orton

Tales

Dear Readership:

As a lover of democracy, I would guess that the single greatest privilege in life is the free vote. The ability to change the status quo without a lot of shooting and acrimony is important to me. And so I have come to bear witness to the changing of the guard here at the Dalhousie Gazette.

The courage and shenanigans of the previous administration of Ellen Reynolds and Heather Hueston are now familiar to us all. But what can we expect at the new editor? What sort of creature is he? What sort of moral tone can we expect from him?

Allow me to put him into perspective for you. Mr. MacKay and I were sitting on the Spring Garden bus one day. We were bantering a bit about Karl Marx's theory of overproduction and surplus-value. A thoughtful woman on the bus looked over at Sandy, and then looked again. Finally she asked, "Do I know you from somewhere?" As it turned out, she did know Sandy. She was a student at NSCAD who participated in a drawing class where Sandy was the model. "I didn't recognize you with your clothes on", she said happily.

And so I have come to tell you that Sandy MacKay is, of all things, the most approachable person I have ever met. He is a chameleon. Some kind of brilliant enigma that I can't explain. He is sort of like Tom Hanks in the movie BIG. For instance, Sandy is the kind of fella who will pick up a stick when he walks across the city so that he can swat and poke every single object along the way. Likewise, Sandy is the guy who would assemble a group of kids on the street and have them vote to determine the kind of candy he should distribute on Hallowe'en.

I like Sandy because he wears funky Hawaiian shirts; because he is one of those crazy gifted people who can play any musical instrument they pick up; and because all sorts of incredible women always tell him their innermost secrets. He is abso-

lutely unbelievable.

Now I will tell you a secret and you will understand why Sandy is going to be a great editor. You see, Sandy is a very principled fellow. He stands for goodness, rightness, the environment, Feminism, Marxism, long life, good health — you name it, Sandy stands for it. Chances are that if he is made aware of your reasonable revisionism, he will come to stand for that too. Sandy is a very reasonable person.

And so, if you would like to make the Gazette "more like it should be", or may be "more like it used to be", or just plain more representative of yourselves, then this is what to do. Go to the Gazette office and explain your proposition to Sandy in a plaintive voice (it always works). Demand to speak to him alone if necessary. If all else fails, then challenge him to an arm wrestling match in front of the entire Gazette staff, Winner-Take-All.

That's the best advice I can give you.

Speaking for myself, I think it might be fun to see an Erotica Issue with a Massage Supplement; or maybe an Engineering Issue with a Humour Supplement; or how about a Marxist Issue with a Vacation Supplement. The possibilities are endless n'est pas? This issue of the Gazette is the first one edited by Sandy. Why don't you write and tell him what you think?

Sincerely
Peter Ross

Tories

Dal Gazette:

The threat by the conservative government to make drastic cuts in the funding of universities is an unexpected step towards a serious mistake. Following such drastic cuts, let the commerce and science majors matriculate and graduate — they would soon quit re-electing the conservative government.

This uninformed sort of valueless prioritizing to make novel economies in expenditures ignores fundamental facts. Universities are valuable for the development of the economy in Nova Scotia. Without them, the province would lack educated workers, managers and scientists, not mentioning the other professions. Meeting the needs of the businesses and industries is an important practical result of a multi-faceted post-education.

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