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Dear Professor Shaffee,

David Tenenbaum tells me he's planning to switch from ag journalism to journalism grad school. Although my own feeling is that people interested in journalism should get the hell out of school and write, I have no doubt that he can withstand the transistion.

A regular contributor to Isthmus, David is a first-class researcher and an excellent distiller of information. His writing is thoughtful, stylish, precise. Although his work could benefit from tighter organization and a bit more polish, he is the kind of reporter that makes working with freelancers a delight.

In addition, several of David's classmates have told me that he is an incisive critic of other's work, and hence an excellent addition to workshops and seminars.

I am sure that you will be pleased to have a writer of his ability--and potential--in your school.

Sincerely,



Bill Lueders  
News Editor