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story — such as how safe and effective current birth control methods are for both men and women.

"This kind of contract demeans and exploits women who must rent their wombs to pay their own rent." (p. 11)

This quote can only serve to misinform readers on the issue of surrogate motherhood. The positive aspects of this issue are not brought out in this article. It is not mentioned that the women enter into these contracts of their own free will and that they are providing a very special gift that none else can offer.

In closing, we feel that we speak for the silent majority of both male and female students. We also feel there should be balance in all reporting and the March 19 issue is sorely lacking in balanced reporting.

As a final note, there is no need for the explicit text in the cartoon on page 23, since it provides a very negative image of Dalhousie students. We are all of the opinion that those responsible for the tasteless text should apologize in the *Gazette* and then resign since there is an obvious lack of judgement on their part.

Tena Taylor
Tim Landry
Peter Potties

Money-back guarantee

My concern was raised over the editorial in the March 26 issue of the *Gazette* entitled, "Preposterous proposal". One gets the impression that a half million dollars will be spent on renovating the Grawood lounge alone, which is not the case. The renovations, as I see them, will cover a fair amount of construction that is being proposed for many areas of the SUB.

The second point I'd like to make is that since the Grawood was opened for lunch, the congestion of traffic at that time has eased up considerably. Therefore, I see the expansion of the SUB's Grawood lounge as a viable solution to the existing problem of congestion of people at Lunch-time in the SUB.

The third point I'd like to make concerns the funding problem raised in the article. Here, I would like to point out that the loan provided by the University would just extend the pay-back loan period that already exists in the form of \$10.00, that has already been paid by students as part of the student union fee for a number of years now. The funding proposal would just extend the period that that amount would have to be continued to be paid by students, not increase that amount. This would not be a great loss for students considering the fact that they will be receiving badly needed renovations to a facility that all students eventually come to use.

Lastly, I would like to point out that it may seem amazing that the University would allocate a loan of this magnitude and for this purpose, considering the effort the University has put into cutting spending in most of its departments. But if one reads that correctly one would realize that the University would be getting its money back with interest to re-distribute once more to its ailing departments. Therefore this loan benefits the students while providing no harm to the University's finances.

Sincerely,
Michael Vlahos

Protest Reagan

The news agencies have reported that Mulroney has invited the international criminal Ronald Reagan to 'visit' Ottawa on the fifth and sixth of April. There he will be presented as the centre-piece of an extravagant show just as he was two years ago in Quebec City. Agreements will be signed between the two countries such as the proposal to give the U.S. military unrestricted access to the Canadian arctic if the U.S. recognizes Canada's 'sovereignty' over that region. Mulroney is also preparing to show Canadians that he is "getting tough" on questions like acid rain. For him Reagan's visit is an opportunity to improve his lagging popularity, and he welcomes it.

But while Mulroney is doing

all this, the Canadian people are preparing a different reception. The American and Soviet super-powers are the greatest threat to international peace and security. Reagan is notorious for his financing of international terrorists like the 'contras', and for such atrocities as the bombing of Libya, the intervention in Lebanon and the overthrow of the government of tiny Grenada. He is also identified with attempts to further integrate the Canadian and U.S. economies, and to strengthen the U.S. dictate over our country. For these reasons, Ronald Reagan is not welcome in Canada!

Hundreds of groups across the country are organizing protests around the time of Reagan's visit. They are taking place in Ottawa and major cities across the country. In Halifax there will be a protest in the Grand Parade on Saturday, the fourth of April. I strongly urge all members of the University community to participate.

Charles Spurr

Get R.E.A.L.

Re: Super sexploitation at a Steal, March 19.

We suggest that the author direct her journalistic skills towards more factual and accurate reporting, instead of her sarcastic, speculative comments. In her article, "Super Sexploitation at a Steal", it sounds as if her problem is with accepting women in roles as secretaries, not with Paul Douglas' course. Is his course really only for women or is that what she chose to see? Remember, it was her who gender-cast the 'dream' secretary as being female.

We take our hats off to anyone who is prepared to offer courses to secretaries — male or female — to help them increase their productivity and/or sense of self-esteem. Not all executives want to 'draw blood,' whip their secretaries into buying flowers or picking up the laundry.

Writing as she does works against feminist causes, not for them.

Amanda Levy
Rod Pontefrat
Katherine Stares

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