

## Imagery

To the Editor:

I was impressed by the imagery of tanks engraved in the letter written by Amir Nevo and Bill Chernin (February 8). Of course, the totem of might speaks volumes of the democratic tendencies a few among us can hardly understand. Although I disagree with their points of view, I defend their right to hold publish them. This is a healthy practice where children are safe from poachers and the adult population is not scared of sacred bowls of milk and honey being dropped from the heavens as it often happens in Lebanon.

Regrettably, the Baalams of the day still roam shamelessly in the Disney World of yesteryears where knowledge was presumed to be exclusively a monopoly of a chosen people whose broad-mindedness could not accommodate political gentiles. "They see in others what they are afraid of seeing in themselves."

Repression breeds revolutionary heroism. Unless holocaust part 2 takes place, it is doubtful whether the Goliath of the day in Palestine will ever win this telling war.

"Hatred of Israelis"? No. Had I hated the Israelis as my broad-minded colleagues state, I could have already signed a defense pact with the barons of the South African regime. However, it would be ridiculous to expect me to celebrate the killing of women and children under the banner of a "unique situation". Law and order as a tool of murder is a monopoly I leave to the tyrants of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

On censorship, I still insist that you cannot be Salman Rushdie and Ayatollah Khomeini at the same time.

If history has any lessons to offer, the hour is not yet at hand for Israeli authorities. Coffee-house philosophers never speculated that a superpower can yield to the sting of a flea. Not surprisingly, the legacy continues.

I. Heritage

## Straight & narrow

To the Editor:

It seems there is always something about gays or lesbians in the Gazette. I think that's fine; everyone is entitled to freedom of expression, but the Feb. 15/90 issue was definitely overdone. Almost half the paper was devoted to the topic of one interest group on campus. I have never seen this much space awarded to the problems of other minorities, blacks or natives for instance. The Gazette is supposed to represent all students, but it seems more and more the main medium of communication for members of GLAD. Raising the awareness of students and other readers is one thing, but when you bombard us over and over, we begin to tune you out. I'm not saying the problems of gays and lesbians aren't real and deserve our concern, but I think a student newspaper should represent the interests of all students equally.

Sincerely  
S.J.C.

P.S. Heterosexual women experience harassment and discrimination too, but we voice our opinions as *women*. We don't involve our sexual orientation.

## Fishy

To the Editor:

From all information I have gathered to date, I get the impression that DFO has decided to implement a Quota System for all fishing boats.

Even though I do not believe that the Quota System is the correct way to manage the fishery, I shall tell you my view of the only way a Quota System could be fair and equitable.

We must realize that contrary to what some people would have us believe, the trouble with the fishery is not too many boats chasing too few fish — it is the method of fishing that some boats use (dragging). Here is my answer to the problems in the fishery:

This must apply to all fishing boats, offshore, inshore, large or small, either company or privately owned. There shall be no exceptions; if a company or individual cannot live by this, then so be it, for the fish belong to the people and under the constitution of this country we should have equal access to them.

If any DFO man has nerve enough to say that they have a special right to manage the fishery, just point out to him how well they have been doing for the last decade or so. If that doesn't shut him up he should be fired.

I propose that each fisherman, including the captain, cook, and engineers running the vessel, but *excluding* people on board for other purposes such as processing

personnel on factory ships, shall have a quota assigned him or her whether they be on a dragger, longliner, gillnetter or handliner. Every fisherman's quota shall be the same: a boat with one man shall catch x number of fish per term; two men can double that amount, three can triple it, and so. This quota is not transferable; indeed, there would be no need to transfer such a quota as any man or woman who fishes would automatically receive such a quota.

Some companies may find that they cannot live by this system; that is too bad for them. We can't afford to support them any longer. They will have to get out of the fishery and make room for many smaller and more efficient operations. Such plants would no doubt be content to buy their fish from the fishermen *after* they are caught.

As for the people who are now being laid off by large companies who, under our present system, own the fish, there should be lots of employment, as one must remember that all fish caught must be processed by someone, somewhere.

Under my system, all fish or at least most of the fish now being caught would still be caught, but the big difference would be that they would be owned by the people and not by one or two large companies. That way, all of the money returned from the fisheries would be spent in the provinces concerned.

I could write for hours on this subject, but I think a few people might have got the point by now.

Captain Donald F. Purdy

## Censor censured?

Dear sir,

A few weeks ago I wrote a letter advising you of my disagreement with your printed guidelines for letters to the editor. Specifically I disagreed with your policy of not printing letters containing racism, sexism, or homophobia.

Since then I have read and been confronted with a wide range of feedback. This response has led me to believe that I should clarify my position. To do so I would like to share a story with you. I hope you like it.

Once upon a time, in a land not so far away newspapers decided not to print letters from racists, sexists, or homophobes. The people said "Yea" because they didn't like those backward bigots.

Next the newspapers decided that they wouldn't print letters from Girly-Men. The people said "Yea" because they didn't like Girly-Men.

Next the newspapers decided not to print letters from the Poufta Liberation Organization. The people said "Yea" because the Pouftas promoted verbal violence and we all know how bad verbal violence is.

Next the editors decided not to print letters from the people. The people said "Boo" but it was too late!

Howard Brown

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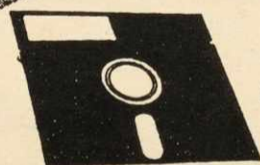
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