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by way of parliamentary supremacy in the common law tradition. The right to strike, or more appropriately in a Canadian context the liberty to strike, is **not** essential in Canadian society. And in my opinion, the people of Canada in their **seemingly** unwarranted support of the government's stand on the issue are, in fact, recognizing this at present. They are not, as Mr. Donovan contends, merely swallowing it.

Perhaps it is time the people of Canada recognized, if they have not already done so, that the so-called right to strike is not 'essential' as Mr. Donovan blatantly suggests it is. That such a recognition will restore the balance that an efficient, open labour market requires can only lead to a better Canadian society—a society that is not plagued with sentiments of benevolence toward workers who exercise their 'essential' rights at the expense and inconvenience of millions of other Canadians.

Keith M. Boswell
B.A. (Hon.)

Bach bombs

To the Gazette:

As I sit here taking advantage of the excellent lounging facilities in the Green Room, I am forced to listen to an atrocity known as "Morning Classical" as it is played on

CKDU. I have heard that they must play so many hours of classical music in order to retain their broadcast license. My beef is that this music is played at times when the SUB is full of people who don't want to hear it. Isn't it possible for this music to be played at other times of the day and in its place play something more suiting to the taste of the listening audience.

P.S. A petition to prove my point can be arranged if it is necessary.

Thank you;
Charles J. Brown

Girls wiser than boys

To the Gazette:

Questions, questions, questions! So many have been raised in my mind by your paper's recent coverage, October 26th 1978 edition, of the Shirreff Hall 'open hours' question.

The question of bias reared its ugly head as I read and re-read the article 'Free to Stay'. All I am able to find in the article are things said, and opinions offered by those in favour of extended open hours.

I am told that, "Dissatisfaction with the present curfew hours has been an issue for several years now". What is the level of this dissatisfaction? What is the real dissatisfaction? What is meant by **sufficient** support from the recent survey?

It may be of interest to reflect on the fact that the initial changes, now being lived with at Shirreff Hall, were requested by the girls, and the university responded. It should be further noted that there was a committee set up at Shirreff Hall to study the question of extending the open hours—in 1975-'76. They considered that they would need 85% support to bring about these changes. The survey didn't show that kind of support. The next year 1976-'77, another survey indicated a 15% drop in support for the same issue. This issue was then abandoned. It is interesting that it was the girls themselves who did the voting, not the 'University'.

Experience teaches us, that in any group one will always find some dissatisfaction with what is considered the common good; and that in the workings of the democratic process one has the right to express one's dissatisfaction—and this I encourage. But let's not blame someone else (the university) for what the women have chosen themselves. Maybe the girls should be congratulated for being wiser on this issue than the boys of Howe Hall, or many other university residences in the country.

Some claim that the girls are being discriminated against because the 'boys have complete freedom of choice'. I fail to understand how one can accuse others of discrimination when one has freely chosen to limit one's free choices. To imply such, could sound like slanting the

news. Also I wonder, is 'The boys are doing it', a sound principle for us to base our actions on?

The boys decided on open hours and they are now paying the price. The girls have decided, twice already that for them the price wasn't worth paying. Maybe they should be praised for their discernment.

And then there is the question of why the rush and the threat of going over the heads of those immediately responsible? And why this time of year when so many of the residents of Shirreff are frosh who often need until after Christmas to begin to appreciate the advantages of the present arrangements. The disadvantages they learn first.

This is considered a very important issue. It has far reaching effects, not only for the present, but also for the future. This is an area where, haste truly does make waste. Why not study the effects of open hours on the residences that have this? Why not find out what the aspirations of the girls, who now live there, are? If they want to, are they really free to step back from that road?

Why not truly make a serious presentation, not only to the Dean of Women, but to the students of Shirreff Hall themselves. There are many questions to be asked and many assumptions to be questioned. These are some of the questions that have come to my mind concerning the issue as reported in your paper. I offer them for whatever help they may be.

Sincerely,
Fr. J.D. Hattie O.M.I.

Gay ban sustained

OTTAWA (CUP)—An intervention at the recent CRTC hearings into the renewal of its corporate license has not changed the CBC's policy of refusing to run gay public service announcements.

"There hasn't been any change in our policy", CBC public relations officer Patricia Hull said October 23.

The intervention, made October 11 by the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Rights Coalition, asked the CRTC to direct the CBC to rescind the policy. According to Coalition spokesperson John Duggan, the refusal "constitutes discrimination".

"It's a denial of service to homosexuals that they ought to have for no other reason than they pay taxes."

Hull said the gay announcements were refused under a policy that states that no announcements that promote a political, religious, social or economic position, or which take a position on any controversial issue, can be broadcast.

She said that policy had been explained to a number of gay groups that had approached the CBC over the refusal. Other groups, such as the United Way or the United Church of Canada, have also had announcements refused under this policy, she said.

According to Duggan, however, the announcements did not promote any position but were merely announcements of dances and meetings. Furthermore, he said, the CBC has not shown that homosexuals are "controversial".

"They've never really justified their claim. The CBC has instituted a policy based on nothing more than an assumption by the bureaucrats."

In CRTC hearings in Montreal in April, 1977, he said, the CBC promised it would do a study of the acceptability of homosexuality. But when it produced the result six months later, he said, all it had was the results of a poll conducted by the Toronto Star on homosexuality.

"We pointed out that that poll was questionable in itself and had no relationship to the question at hand—whether the public objected to public service announcements placed by gays."

A Gallup poll has shown that 52% of Canadians think there should be no discrimination against homosexuals in jobs and that they should not be denied access to public services, he said.

A CRTC spokesperson said the commission had not yet ruled on the CBC license renewal. "I don't think you should look for it before the New Year," she said.

The Gazette has been boycotting CBC radio ads for the last 2 years because of the corporation's discrimination against homosexuals. In view of the recent CRTC hearings, the Gazette staff will be reevaluating the usefulness of the boycott.

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