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ing of Dalplex has been justified. It is a bonus to think this facility can also provide significant recreational opportunities to the university and external communities.

Sincerely yours
T. L. Maloney, Ph.D.
Director
School of Recreation, Physical and Health Education

What we say goes

To the editors,

Regarding the letter by Neil Ferguson (Nov. 22, p. 10). If the *Gazette* says that Mr. Ferguson was in Ottawa for the CFS Conference, Mr. Ferguson was in Ottawa, whether he likes it or not.

Accurately yours
Bill Mitchell

Swell Guys fun, entertainment

To the editors,

In regards to the letter concerning the Swell Guys it is obvious to anyone reading this letter that this person is as fun as the dirt in my toenails. As far as musical ability goes Mr MacKay is a qualified, employed and excellent sax player. Their Friday afternoon band is for fun, I find them extremely funny. If people are offended by songs such as Gilligan's Island their childhood was obviously lacking.

The Swell Guys continue to pack the Grawood, so they must be enjoyed by many. If she wants to see their talent at its best she should see the Aviators (They're excellent). I have gone to one Coffeehouse and consequently fell asleep and was carried home to awaken thinking I had suffered a nightmare.

Stella Young
Wanda Boutlier

Gazette should be university paper

To the editors,

I would like to respond to D. Olie's article in the *Gazette*, Nov. 22. His argument that the commercial press has a bias toward certain issues, therefore necessitating a counter-balancing bias by the *Gazette* misses the point. His argument is fallacious because, by analogy, he would say that as a result of the commercial press bias toward reporting Canadian news events, the *Gazette* should print counter-balancing reports on foreign news. The *Gazette* should try and be a "university paper"; i.e. report on issues that are most salient to university students. I would suggest that if you are going to comment on issues that are not indigenous to university life, then you attempt to do what the commercial press has failed at—giving an unbiased viewpoint on all the major issues facing today's society including, but not limited to, issues on feminism, gay rights, apartheid etc.

B. Conway
B. Ed.

Support Bioresources boycott

To the editors,

The Nov. 15 edition of the *Gazette* included a letter calling for the boycott of BioResources. I agree with the brave souls who made this plea. Who, but a moral degenerate, would accept the blood money offered by the BioVampires? When you consider that these people may be doing this to get money

for booze or drugs, one must question the quality of their blood. P.R. Dawson and A.L. Penny are to be commended for stating their views on this issue. I notice nobody dared defend BioResources in the Nov. 22 *Gazette*. I agree with the previous authors in calling for a boycott of BioResources and support of the honourable activities of the Red Cross.

Sincerely,
J. Akerly

In the name of humour

To the editors,

Female medical students are lucky. We have benefitted from the efforts of many people who have fought discrimination in the past; we know that we will be judged on our professional ability and not our gender. If we feel free to joke about sexuality and the male anatomy (rather than worshipping it, as D. Meggison implies, or ignoring it as he or she seems to prefer), is that not a sign that we are comfortable with our roles and with our classmates?

I am truly sorry if nurses (and I must apologize if this statement is overgeneralized) have not yet gained an equal degree of acceptance of their status. I presume this is what caused the hostile reaction by D. Meggison towards an innocently-meant picture and other comments in the *Tupper Times*.

Medical students work hard (at least occasionally), and the *Tupper Times* provides us with a chance to laugh at ourselves and remember that we are multi-dimensional, not just bookworms. We understand the difference between joking about sex and being sexist—does D. Meggison?

Finally I would observe that the women throughout history who have done the greatest good for

society have been concerned with action rather than role definition. If D. Meggison and others have nothing better to do with their time than pick apart the *Tupper Times*, I seriously suggest that they find some worthwhile undertaking which will benefit people who really do need help.

M. Robb

Tupper Times pokes fun

To the editors,

We are writing in response to the letters in the Nov. 22 *Gazette* that referred to the first issue of this year's *Tupper Times*.

One letter states that the placement above the Nursing article of the picture of Michelle Conrod climbing a rockface was not coincidental. This is not true. There were no ulterior motives in the placement of this picture.

There are also numerous claims interspersed throughout the three letters that the issue of the *Tupper Times* is "sexist", which we take to mean that they feel the issue is biased against females. This is also not true. The issue pokes fun at everyone equally.

In addition, the *Tupper Times* has a good deal of serious content and in both the serious and the humorous aspects of the paper we try and represent the entire population of medical students and other health professional students.

Sincerely,
John Anderson, Tomas Kaufman
Co-editors, *Tupper Times*

Wake up

To the editors,

As an executive member of the Canadian Federation of Students, the Students' Union of Nova Scotia, and the Dalhousie Student Union, I feel I should react to the commentary by Rick Janson in last week's *Gazette*.

Janson begins by dwelling on the transience of student politics and how everything rests on the competence of incoming politicians. He has a point. What he forgets is that student politics is a learning experience and that organizations such as SUNS and CFS attempt to overcome transience by employing full-time and part-time staff. (In complete contradiction to this Janson later states that SUNS should not have a staffperson but rather a new chair each year).

The article goes on to say that political groups are not true representatives of the student body. My, Rick, are we ever out of touch with reality. Is it perhaps the strange newspaper chemicals slipping into your brains? We struggle with voter turnout with individual student union elections and you suggest we hold province wide elections? Taking that to its logical extension we also should have national student elections and conventions in Ottawa. Students are chosen by students with the understanding that they can choose who can best represent everyone on a provincial and national level. As an example look at the newspaper you write for. Are you suggesting the editor be selected by the general student public? Your logic is inconsistent.

You then proceed to attack the SUNS promotion package. First of all the items (highlighter, posters) were not that expensive. If you

were in the least responsible as a journalist then this is something you would have investigated. As well, the move by SUNS was to expand awareness and interest so that in future people would know what SUNS is. This has gained support and positive reaction throughout the province.

Without expending any more energy on your ridiculous column I will close with a few points. It is easy to sit back and comment about things you know nothing about. And secondly, it is ironic you complain about students as you obviously do not understand academic constraints. What students have managed to do so far is an accomplishment. And yes there is no doubt there is much more to be done. It is time to wake up and smell the roses Rick.

Cheers,
Rusty James
Vice-President
Dalhousie Student Union

At no point was it suggested in the column in question that the term of the SUNS Chair be restricted to one academic year.—R.J.

Mr. Fantie's real views

To the editors,

I want to make it clear before I comment on Bryan Fantie's letter, "Daly Satire" (*Gazette*, Nov. 15), that the purpose of this letter is neither a defense nor a criticism of the Mary Daly lecture. I feel that I am unable to discuss a lecture I have not heard. Neither is Bryan Fantie in a position to criticise a lecture he has not attended and this constitutes my first point.

Secondly, and most importantly, Mr. Fantie's letter did not include his personal views regarding the issue of male-female inequality, which I believe are important for his readers to know. In response to his letter, I have asked him to submit an article or letter which clearly states his views on male-female inequality. He has refused and has instead invited me to include a letter in the *Gazette*.

After reading Mr. Fantie's letter, I felt that he had neglected to include personal views which were relevant to any objections he may have had about either Mary Daly's lecture or Samantha Brennan's article (*Gazette*, Nov. 8). He had expressed these views to me on two separate occasions and they essentially constitute the opinion (and arguments in support of it) that "it is not harder for women to live in our society today, than it is for men". He has argued that the fact that "women can sell their asses to a much larger market than men have available to them" is a factor in the evaluation of whether women's struggle is more difficult than men's.

Although these comments were not made with direct reference to feminism, they do bear direct relation to it, and thus to the Mary Daly lecture.

In my opinion, Mr. Fantie's readers cannot accurately decide whether to take his criticisms seriously, if they are not aware of these views. It is important for readers to distinguish between criticisms which are made by those who accept the basic premise involved (i.e., the existence of male-female inequality) and those who do not.

Your sincerely,
Theresa MacDonald

The Return of the Incredible Bulk

