

CBC to change view?

"All CUP newspapers realize that racial or sexual bias or prejudice should have no place in the editorial policy of the paper and that the editor and staff should do all in their power to eliminate the same from society," reads the Canadian University Press Code of Ethics.

At a recent conference of the Atlantic Region of Canadian University Press, **The Dalhousie Gazette** along with all other members of the region voted further support for the CBC Radio advertising boycott in protest against CBC's discriminatory policy against gays.

Over a year ago, the editor of the **Gazette**, Allan Zdunich, initiated the boycott after discovering that CBH Halifax was refusing to air public service announcements for the Gay Alliance for Equality. Since that time, the Atlantic Region and the National Conference of Canadian University Press voted to support the boycott.

CBC claims that notices for the Gay advice line are "controversial." The boycott was begun to pressure CBC into reversing this discriminatory policy.

Last year, to no surprise, after hearing about the boycott, CBC offered the **Gazette** an extremely large contract for the year. However, as last year's council president, Gordie Neal, put it, "I don't support discrimination. I don't care how much it costs."

The **Journal** at St. Mary's University, and the **Muse** of Memorial University of Newfoundland, both of whom voted their support in the boycott motion at the conference, returned to their papers where a staff vote overturned their move, deciding that money is more important to them than their belief that CBC is, in fact, discriminating.

This fall, CBC stations across the country are asking for licenses renewals, and gay organizations are placing interventions into these hearings. The **Gazette** representatives at the conference decided that we will wait until these take place and then evaluate the effects of the boycott, hopefully with the conclusion that CBC will change their mind.

by Valerie Mansour



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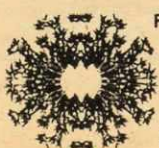
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