

LETTERS

ATV charged with promoting KKK

Editor's note — The following letter was originally sent to Dave Wright of ATV news. The Gazette has also been requested to print it.

Dear Sir:

In response to the coverage your station has given to the announcement of the Ku Klux Klan setting up a headquarters in Halifax, Nova Scotia . . .

We, The Nova Scotia Coalition Against the K.K.K., feel that your station has given free publicity to the Klan. The philosophies of this extremely bigoted organization have been aired on the television far too much already without sufficient critical analysis to follow. Although your station attempted to reveal the truth about the Klan, we feel that it failed to do so. The critique that followed was grossly inadequate. The time given to documented facts from reliable sources and interviews with people who have suffered from Klan activities was extremely disproportionate to the amount of time given to Klan interviews and activities. Your program was also divided into a four part series. The impact of the "truth" about the Klan was lessened due to this segmentation. It was also an obvious gimmick to draw more

people into viewing ATV.

We would like to caution ATV News. Too much coverage of the K.K.K. would only be sensationalist and premature at this time and perpetuate the goals of the Klan.

The present day K.K.K. is an organized, racist, money-making cult to benefit a very few individuals such as the so-called Grand Dukes and the Imperial Wizard. Their ideology is so very distorted and racist it is difficult to understand why you would give them air time at all.

By interviewing Tom Zinck (noted Klansmember) on February 27, 1981 without a critical analysis, your station is only promoting the ideology of the Klan. To add insult to injury, you aired his interview not only once but twice.

To quote University of Toronto's *Varsity* newspaper: "The influential power of the media is unquestionable. However, responsibilities come with this power, one of which is to present an objective view of events. If we acknowledge that racism has no scientific, objective basis in fact, then it is the duty of the media to suppress racism. Today, racist views in the media reflect journalist insensitivity and irresponsibility, as

well as structural inequality in the social system."

So, as far as your attempt to be critical of the Klan is concerned, we feel that it was insufficient. In regards to the Klan, "Bad publicity is better than no publicity."

You should also be aware that leading Klan members are

Dear Editor:

A first year student at Dalhousie, I was mildly prepared for the racial mosaic I would enter with respect to the other students I would be meeting. I soon found out that I was too mildly prepared the day I discovered there was a robot in my class!

Yes, I walked into my first class on the first day of school and found an automaton in the desk beside me. I was too nervous to speak to him for weeks until I finally got the courage and greeted him one morning. He only whirred and clicked and said nothing. He did not even acknowledge my presence with a glance or nod.

Call me prejudiced, but I do not agree with the government giving special financial aid to robots simply because they are robots. They were not even born in this country, they were made in laboratories. Robots only add more com-

petition to graduating students once they enter the job market. Perhaps my opinions would not be so markedly emotional if "the greater part of Dalhousie's mechanical student body . . . were not so anti-social" (from Dale Miller's *Reserve Issue and Robots*, New York, N.Y., 1975).

I cannot be the only student to have stained his slacks with penetrating oil which had been left in a puddle on the seat of a desk, after leaking from some cybernaut's gear box! One particular robot in a second year computer programming course, who shall be ostensibly named DEF-3, said his computer does his homework for him just because they, according to his words, "occasionally do a spark plug together after class." Another, to whom I shall refer as RST-1, has a digital calculator permanently built in his right thigh to be unscrupulously used during his Physics

exams. And this may shock some people, but Whale Lover Rusty has recently been exposed as a robot in the guise of a human. (His name refers to the condition of his circuit panel.) I have endured his physical and mental taunting for weeks, as he has been trying to prevent me from releasing this expose. I cannot give the real code numbers of these unscrupulous automatons because they said they would "rework my pistons."

Yours truly,
Cynthia Turpin

Although, the aforementioned cases only refer to a minority of Dalhousie's robots, all of them should be dealt with in one way or another. According to the degree of their guilt, they should be disassembled, deported, or sold in public auction, but all mechanical students should be eliminated. We should not be rushing into the computer age!

Yours mechanically,
Wildman Dave

(Spokesperson for the N.S. Coalition Against the K.K.K.)

P.S. The Nova Scotia Coalition Against the K.K.K. is open to all concerned citizens and is not affiliated with any political party.

Yours sincerely,
Gary Neufeld

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ability to change or cancel your member's reservations, I see a great injustice taking place.

I trust that I will hear from you on this matter in the very near future.

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Dear Editor

It is high time that the students of Dalhousie have spoken out and showed that absurdity and idiocy is the proper course. The selection of Logan and Logan is proof-positive that you can fool most of the people all of the time. Students have dug a gigantic hole and all that remains is for them to jump into it. As a rejoinder let us gather together under the slogan "students of Dalhousie unite, you have nothing to lose but your minds."

David MacEachern

Dear Mr. Bellemare:

I have recently become a member of Dalplex and have been disappointed and on two occasions very angry with the manner in which certain matters were handled. I have been made aware by other members and by your own staff that I am but one of a long list of discontented customers. However, I feel that I must write this letter partly to ease my own anger and frustration and most of all in the hopes that something will be done to rectify these problem areas. I have joined Dalplex specifically for the use of your squash courts and thus my "beefs" have to do with court reservations and the manner in which they are handled.

My first problem appeared on the first time I tried to book a court. I was informed that the only time one could reserve a court by telephone was

Logans set up office in Grawood

To the editor:

Since the election was completed, my brother and I have been confronted with a large number of questions which, unfortunately, we are unable to address knowledgeably at this time. I wish to assure you that this is not a reflection of any incompetence on our part.

Winning the election was not high on our list of priorities when we began our active and extremely serious campaign.

from 7:00-9:00 a.m. However inconvenient this may be (and it is), I was aware of this before deciding to join and this was not the problem. On March 3rd, I called Dalplex to reserve a squash court approximately fifty times from 7:00-8:30 a.m. with no one answering. I finally did get through to the main Dalplex number and was informed that the person who was in charge of taking reservations was not in and would not be in until 9:00 a.m. I then asked if that meant that when the person did show up for work that I could not reserve by telephone. She replied, "That's right". Since that occasion, I have been able to get through by telephone but only with great difficulty. I would like to question why you have chosen to book courts by telephone for only two hours in the early morning and if you must, why

are many areas with which we must familiarize ourselves. In order to establish a better rapport with my fellow students, I have set up a transitional office in the Grawood Lounge, in which I can be contacted on most evenings after 11 p.m. Before that time I can be reached in the Reading Room of the Killam Library.

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would you only have one line available when obviously so many people are trying to get through.

My second problem and in my mind a much more serious one took place on March 11th. I had booked a squash court for 10:30 a.m. and checked in at 10:15 to be told by the person at the desk that I no longer had a court. She informed me that Prof. Phil Campagna had told her to cancel all court bookings between 10:30-12:00 noon on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. The girl at the desk also said she tried to get in touch with me to cancel but was unable to. Besides the fact that I was home most of the day, even if she had been able to get in touch with me, I would not have felt any different about the matter. I would like to know why any one person has the right or the

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Jim Logan