

# letters

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the original intent behind their little week of showing "the Truth." Because the Truth is Jesus. And Jesus is love...all love.

**A Concerned Christian**

## Quiet society spokesman speaks

To the editor:

I wonder why Miriam Korn the author of the January 28 editorial of the *Gazette*, chose to portray the PC Youth as a bunch of fear-mongering racists? Not only that, she goes further to suggest that PC Youth intends to take over student governments across the country.

Being an executive member of the Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative Youth Association, her comments are of some concern to me. Specifically, they concern me because she refuses to qualify her comments (talk about stereotyping!). For example, did she contact anyone at PC Youth in Nova Scotia to make sure that what she was reporting was accurate? Absolutely not.

This glaring oversight on the part of the *Gazette* editorial staff is consistent with their complete disregard for impartial journalism. For had she bothered to make some phone calls to verify her sources, she would have found that the NSPCYA have no interest at all in student government. After all, who would want to be responsible for the infantile manner in which the DSU

tried to stop the tuition hikes? Running a haphazard campaign focusing on ranting and rhetoric, occasionally doing television interviews in the snow (while actually just coming from the Grad House), and burning school calendars does nothing for student credibility.

Why the editorial staff of the *Gazette* feels it necessary to hurl insults at a quiet society on campus is beyond me. It simply reveals their heightened paranoia with regards to their leftist tendencies.

And before these "editors" start screaming about how the PC Youth is obviously trying to petition the *Gazette's* mandate, I should point out that I would advocate a revised editorial structure - one that performs the moral obligation of journalism - to show both sides of every issue.

**Rod L. MacLeod**

**University Director,**

**Nova Scotia Progressive  
Conservative Youth Association**

## Fight for US

To the editor:

Okay, they passed the tuition hike. Does this mean it's all over? Are we all going home now to say what a drag it all is as we scan the help wanted ads? It's exactly what we're doing - exactly what the university wants us to do, and knew we would do: the inevitable outcome of any student protest in this country. We comply without a mur-

mur to the undermining of our educational system - well, perhaps there are murmurs, but no shouting, no screaming, no dragging of students (or concerned citizens) away from the scene still gnashing their teeth and waving their fists in the air.

This letter is a request for some *Gazette* investigative reporting. I want to know - I want everyone to know - who agreed to the hike. I want names and addresses of those who would not give student reps. the opportunity to speak out at the senate meeting. How much of my tuition pays their wages? Why should they have even one moment's peace while our lot gets worse and our education is pulled by their nonchalant votes out from under our very feet? They don't care - they can well afford to pay for their offsprings' educations - and besides, in one fell swoop they are providing a solution to the problem of overcrowdedness in the university and clearing out all the unwanted. Come on you guys, don't be blinded by the propaganda surrounding us. We do have rights, and no one will fight for them but us. Let's get the Student Movement on its feet and moving. Let's make our Student Union a real union. Before we're out on the street.

**H. Bemfica**

## Both sides now

To the editors:

Our pluralistic society presents a tension of ideas, and sometimes, because of poor communication, misun-

derstanding occurs. Two articles, "Unlocking the Truth: a word of a lie" and "The Agony and the Ecstasy" (Number 14, January 28, 1993) attempted to respond to an incident between Dalhousie Christian Fellowship (DCF) and some members of BGLAD! regarding a book displayed on a DCF booktable. Unfortunately, these articles did not represent the experience of everyone involved in this incident and it is for this reason that I write this letter.

Through this conflict I had the privilege of participating in a dialogue with someone who is very concerned about these issues. We got together with the help of a facilitator to discuss how we were feeling. As a gay man, he was offended by the opinions expressed in the book, while I was hurt about the assumptions being made about my Christianity. So we talked. It was a tense but profitable experience. We came with open minds, with the goal to listen and to try to understand each other. While it is unlikely that our respective points of view have changed, we did leave with a sense of acceptance from the other person. This was a good experience for me; I have grown because of it. I have become more sensitive to the issue that gay and lesbians must deal with and realize that I must do what I can to help ensure their dignity as persons.

University is supposed to have a tension of ideas, and we should not stifle that. As far as I can see this is the only solution for our pluralistic campus: to dialogue. If we make an attempt to communicate, to express our opinions and to listen to those of others, we

will move towards understanding.

On behalf of Dalhousie Christian Fellowship, I would like to apologize to anyone who experienced hurt over this issue. We want to reach out to people, not to push them away. We are only human, however, and sometimes make mistakes. The God we believe in loves everyone. And as for me, I am trying to do the same.

**Christy Napier, DCF**

...and finally...

To the editor:

There is a world map on the wall of the third floor of the Arts and Administration building. I don't know how long it's been there, I just noticed it.

On this version of "the world," the latitude and longitude lines are distorted so the "white" countries appear to be larger than the others. On this map South America appears to be about the same size as Greenland when it is actually about seven times as large.

Most world maps used in American schools have this "special feature" to subtly teach racism. So why is this map on display at Dalhousie, a Canadian, culturally diverse university?

At the time I noticed this map there was an International Development display in the Student Union Building, so I approached one of the students involved with this display. She said that it was probably an old map (can you tell that she is white?). Does that make it okay to display?

I personally would rather look at white walls than a distorted, racist map. Am I the only one?

**Julie Sims**

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