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show, four reggae and African shows, a new country show and a new French jazz show, along with a new Malaysian show. The station provides a rich and informative variety of programming along with our usual electric programming. At the station, public relations has become the number one priority. As a first step, the Brunswickan and the Aquinian have graciously surrendered space in their newspapers to CHSR. The last two issues of the Brunswickan contained an ad promoting a show on CHSR. Keep an eye out for this week's ad and in the following weeks, a program guide. With support from the students of both campuses as listeners and programmers, we will provide the service intended for us to provide.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely
Shawn Yerxa
Public Relations Manager

Funding Policy

Dear Kwame

I wish to point out two errors in a letter by Ms. Danielle Filteau in last week's issue of the Brunswickan ("Church and State", p. 23). It must be noted that the restriction of funding to political and religious groups is merely a case of Council

enforcing what has always existed in its Financial Policy. Council is a trustee for over half a million dollars of UNB students' money, and we exercise that trust in a wantonly irresponsible fashion if we choose to ignore certain restrictions upon us. The question of whether this clause in the Financial Policy is wise is a totally different matter.

It must also be noted that the Finance Committee of Council has recommended that groups which are focused upon sexual orientation be treated in the same fashion as political and religious organizations, thus making them ineligible for budgetary allocations, but making them eligible for grants. It should be further noted that the money received by GALA this year was in the form of a grant. Council has agreed in principle with this recommendation and directed the Finance Committee to bring forward an amendment to the Financial Policy accordingly.

I have consulted with James Gill, the Vice President (University Affairs) and I wish to respond to an innuendo in Ms. Filteau's letter that he is serving certain personal interest. (I assume that the reference to a "flamboyant law student [with] so many positions on the Student Council" is directed at him). Ms. Filteau would be well advised to find out how he has

spoken and voted in Council before making her allegations for she would discover that he agrees with the Finance Committee's recommendation, he voted in favour of the motion to direct the Committee to come back with a proposed amendment to the Financial Policy, and he moved another motion to have the Committee consult with the Executive of GALA to ensure that this restriction would be phrased in language which does not offend gay, lesbian and bisexual members of the university community. At no time has he ever suggested in Council that GALA should be treated differently.

Members of Council are elected to serve what they believe to be the best interests of the Student Union, and I am firmly of the belief that every member of this year's Council has acted in that fashion.

Yours sincerely,
Wayne Carson,
President, UNB Student Union

Racism

Chief Editor
The Brunswickan

The following paragraph appeared in my Opinion column of Sept. 29, 1989, on the subject of Human rights, in connection with the charge by a Moncton parent that Malcolm Ross is a racist.

"The terms like "anti-Jewish" or "racist" used by Attis, are not well defined. One can say that the Jews are "anti-Christian" and it will not be devoid of meaning. The Jews themselves can be labelled as "racists" because they are one of the most race-conscious people in the world. For example, Israel's doors are completely open to a Jew, but not to a non-Jew, which is certainly a form of discrimination based on race".

Mr. Kuttner, in his letter of

November 10, has ignored the first sentence and has dissected the rest of the paragraph into three unrelated sentences - possibly a clever lawyer's trick, but intellectually dishonest. He cites the 2nd sentence as an example of "Invective" (abusive language), the 3rd, and example of "Sophism" (subtle fallacy) and the 4th that of "Half truth". He gives no reasons or explanations and does not want to enter into a debate that he himself started by making accusations in response to my column. Obviously he is at odds with the English language.

His example of sophism is like presenting bananas for oranges. How can he say that it is a half-truth that the Jews get a very preferential treatment in Israel, simply because they are Jews? He also defies logic when he says that if 2-3 groups of people do something wrong, it implies conspiracy. It need not. Each group may have its own reasons to commit the wrong.

The statements I have made are my own and I have no problem expressing them publicly, because they are true. As for my being anti-race, it is the least of my interests. I do not evaluate people by their race, unless it involves racial characteristics, rather by their qualities as human beings.

Mr. Kuttner has a distinct advantage in being able to make unsubstantiated charges and mislead the uniformed or a casual reader, which I cannot do because I consider it immoral, intellectually dishonest and unbecoming of an academic.

Justice will be done only if the Moncton School Board and the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission are both reprimanded by the Supreme Court of Canada for their roles, and Mr. Ross is compensated for any financial loss and for the persistent harassment he has had to endure.

Matin Yaqzan

Morality

Dear Editor,

I do not know James Gill, have never met him, yet I feel compelled to come to his defence in light of the recent column by Marcel LeBrun. This letter is directed to

Marcel, and those people who might think that he made some valid points in last week's issue.

First, I would like to address to issue of the invalidity (so says Marcel) of the assumption that homosexuality is not a choice. Marcel cites "acceptance" as illegitimizing this assumption. However, if you look in any dictionary, I bet you'll find that accepting something and choosing something are not synonymous actions. For example, I may not choose to be a paraplegic, but I can choose to accept that I am and get on with my life. Or, I can resist this and spend the rest of my life in misery. Which would you do?

There is some scientific evidence that suggests that homosexuality is not a choice (check out a human sexuality textbook Marcel). And, certainly this has been the experience of many gays. As far as James Gill's declaration that the wants to be gay, is this not the ultimate form of acceptance?

Secondly, there is the issue of morality. Marcel says that James Gill gives us no basis for his moral standards. I do not know if this basis has ever been stated explicitly in Gill's writing but it is very strongly, and clearly, implied. The basis, as I see it, is very simple; it is called equality. It is empowerment of all oppressed people. And, it is the right to freedom from violence (physical or verbal) that has no grounds other than the fact that the victim was not born white and/or male and/or middle-class and/or heterosexual. (Violence against an individual for being born one of these is also wrong but much less common).


So, Marcel, I disagree with your arguments against Gill's stand on homosexuality. I think that your attempt at intellectualizing your point of view represents a denial of your own homophobia. If your heterosexism disturbs you, you should seek to change it - but first you have to admit it to yourself. Most of us, in our society, are heterosexist to varying degrees, just as we are all racist, sexist, etc. These are the values of our culture and we are a product of that culture. However, we do have the freedom to recognize these biases within ourselves and to

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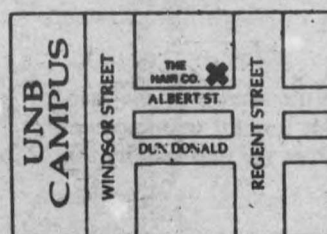
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