

Boycott colonels

To the editors,

I was interested to note the list of organizations that the *Gazette* in its infinite wisdom chooses to boycott ("Some of the Ads the *Gazette* boycotts...", Jan 31,

1985). It is interesting to note that although you claim to boycott the Department of National Defence (for whatever reasons you may have), you will publish ads for positions with the Band of the Ceremonial Guard (Ottawa), as you did on Jan. 17, 1985.

It is even more alarming to note

that, although the *Gazette* opposes racism and oppression in South Africa, and takes a stance in favour of disarmament, there appears to be no boycott of Israeli Lieutenant-Colonels who are encouraging students to study in Israel ("an exciting experience"—especially if you are a

West Bank Palestinian?) Have LCol Amos Gilboa and his kind or the Canadian Armed Forces caused more death and suffering in the world since 1945?

Yours sincerely,
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b. we are really no more *ad hominem* (*ad personam*?) or libellous in our arguments than are a number of those who regularly write for the *Gazette*;

c. the main difference between letters to and articles by the *Gazette* is that we are not tied to whatever party line constraints the staff whose names are privileged to appear on the flagstaff of the *Gazette*;

d. if more students wrote expressing their opinions, the *Gazette* would express a more varied cross-section of student opinion;

e. if more students wrote, we would not feel the obligation to write on a weekly basis quite so strongly; and

f. our main reason for writing is to raise the ratio of interesting readable material to tripe, so the *Gazette* actually becomes interesting weekly reading.

Having suggested this meeting, we hope that the *Gazette* will reimburse us for the expenses relating to our dinner together. We remain,

Faithful contributors,

Peter Dawson

Amanda-Lynn Penny

Christopher Thurrott

PS Surely gladiators would retire from an arena rather than a forum (which is a marketplace, where gladiators would be rather unwelcome).

PPS Peter Dawson says that he will happily sit down over lunch with the world to solve its problems, as long as the world is willing to pick up the tab.

PPPS Is the editorship of next year's *Gazette* really up for grabs? We might be interested.

Puzzle insults female engineers

To the editors,

We have noticed the feeble attempt at humour, i.e. join the dot puzzle for engineers and their practices on campus, but we are of the understanding that you are pro-feminism, therefore the puzzle is not only an insult to engineers, but to us as females because we are engineers. In the future, when you take a stand, you should consider exactly who you are insulting; it may be the people you are "trying to support".

Deb & Mandy
Dal Engineers

Gang of five go to dinner

To the editors,

We would like to thank our faithful readership for the responses printed in last week's *Gazette*, and the editors for their apparent change of heart; as the least libellous of the "infamous gang of five", it is nice to know that our opinions are still welcome.

Anyway, having met over dinner and solved the riddles of world history, we would like to share the following comments with the world at large;

a. our arguments, far from being personal, address seminal questions which have long puzzled humanity;

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