



Who pays?

It is a matter of considerable debate whether or not it is equitable for this university to directly subsidize only 30 percent of the students here for their living accommodations. There is no question however that the students in residence cannot afford to shoulder the whole burden of the residence debt.

The Brunswickan takes the position that residence accommodations should be available to all students who wish it, and that the students in residence should pay a fair price for the services they receive with no subsidization.

The Brunswickan feels that it is up to the Government, through the M.P.H.E.C. to support the capital costs of the construction of the residence system, and directly assist the University in the payment of the 6.5 million dollar debt on the residences, without reducing the grant presently available.

It is grossly unfair to penalize off campus students by making up the loss from funds which could be spent on academic programs and facilities, as it is to force the students in residence to shoulder the whole debt. This form of direct subsidy to residence students should be ended by the M.P.H.E.C. providing the necessary facilities for higher education, including an adequate residence system.

Brunswick boycotts CBC advertisements

On Monday, October 18, The Brunswickan decided to reject an application for an advertisement to be placed in the paper by the CBC. The rationale for this decision stems from the fact that certain stations of the CBC across the country refuse to run Public Service Announcements (PSA) for gay groups. This issue became apparent in 1974 in Halifax when CBH successfully refused to air announcements for the Gay Alliance for Equality (GAE).

John McEwan, Director of CBC radio for the Maritimes, tried to finesse his way around the issue by claiming that the refusal was due to time constraints. He said CBH did not have time in its

format for one more PSA. He questioned their (gays) eligibility to place such announcements and the quality or 'counselling' that was mentioned in the gay advertising. (How many other organizations do the CBC investigate to the extent it has done with the Halifax gay group?)

When pressed to define what he meant, McEwan's bias against gays became clear. He said, "We can't promote just anything. We can't promote that sort of group. Some people might be offended."

The GAE then decided to test this "unofficial" (and unwritten) policy across the country. In Toronto, Ottawa and Vancouver it was discovered that local gay groups could not have their

respective PSA's aired. They could, however, place the advertisements in other media; although this was not the case in Halifax.

The Brunswickan did take the time to find how Fredericton's CBC (CBZ) reacted to the issue. CBZ said that it would not refuse PSA's for gay groups, as long as the advertisement only stated "time" and "place". (Like any other PSA). At a conference of the Atlantic Region Canadian University Press on September 5, 1976, the delegates were asked by THE DALHOUSIE GAZETTE to investigate local CBC policy on PSA's for gay rights groups. The delegates were then asked to publicize CBC's discriminatory policy and

to consider a boycott of all CBC advertising in their respective papers. This was supported unanimously by the delegates.

The Brunswickan has decided to boycott CBC advertising, national or local, regardless of the attitude of CBZ. This is because The Brunswickan recognizes and supports the struggle of gays for rights all across the country—not to mention all around the world.

The Brunswickan asks its readers to support the paper's stand on this issue. Consider writing to the national office of the CBC (Toronto), local MP's, or the Prime Minister for that matter. You're all taxpayers (gays included) and the taxpayer should have input on CBC policy.

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