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Letters

To the editor:

I would like to give three cheers for Dalhousie University. Currently there is a wheelchair ramp under construction at Shirreff Hall's main entrance, and it is about time.

I think that Dalhousie, presently, is in desperate need of better accessibility for physically disabled potential students. To all of those who have able bodies, climbing a flight of stairs poses no obstacle but to those who have been confined to a wheelchair, climbing a flight of stairs poses only a question, "Where is the ramp or elevator?"

Physical abilities are taken for granted. It seems that people give little consideration to adjucting our surroundings to accommodate members of our society that have physical disabilities. Of all places, an institute of higher education should make a special

effort to make such adjustments. Being physically disabled does not mean that one is also mentally disabled.

Although some buildings on campus do have elevators, far too many do not have adequate accessibility for wheelchairs. This is a very important issue which seems to go unnoticed. I wonder what explanation the University gives to potential handicapped students, perhaps something like "We do not have adequate accommodations for wheelchairs, but you might apply to St. Mary's."

Hopefully the construction at Shirreff Hall is the beginning of better things to come in the near future. As I stated earlier I would like to give three cheers for Dalhousie but it's got a long way to go, so for now HIP!

Marelda Saunders

Small bad vs. large good

Dear Editors:

One late night while watching the late news on TV I got a phone call from a friend I knew in class. He needed some advice and from the tone of his voice, I could sense he was really upset and frustrated. He was angry because his brother had let him down - in the same way he had let him down before. My friend had written a letter to his brother telling the disappointment he felt toward the way he was treated. Putting his feelings down on paper somehow had been helpful to him, but he was in the dark, having written the letter, he was not sure whether to send it or not. Without any hesitation and much deep thought I told him not to send the

The reason for my advice was that much of our life's basic torments come from our inability to accept people as they are, trying

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to change people we love into what we want them to be, and the continuous feelings of disappointment and failure when they keep on insisting on being themselves and doing things we 'personally' do not want them to do.

Learning and understanding this experience is a painful process. I remembered not a long time ago, the 'love-hate relationship' that happened between my close friend, Carl and his brother. Carl always complained that his brother was not giving enough, that he would never put himself out for him. He wanted more than just a brother. He wanted things that his brother could not provide: unqualified love, allegiance and respect. Carl wanted him to teach all the things he had learned in the years he had preceded him. Worst of all, he wanted his brother to be like him; to make him the centre of his life. He wanted his brother to be his friend, to confide his secrets and problems in him. And instead of secrets he got silence. Instead of open arms he got scoldings and the injunction of "Leave me alone." And at one point Carl was disappointed in what he saw in the relationship. Carl often mentioned about threatening to end

As years passed by, although it was not a smooth ride, they patched things up. Carl did realise that his brother had showed him something important: the inside view and the real meaning of understanding and love. In some way now he agreed that his brother was supportive when it came to Carl's problems. He was there for him all the time but it was just that he expressed it in his own way. The problem with this was no matter how much his brother gave, it was what he did not give that Carl craved.

The feeling of wanting to change someone we love and care to someone we want them to be is really inevitable in our lives. Most of us surely have wanted to alter a family member in some way or another. No one can deny that. Who hasn't wished for a more understanding mother or a more conservative father, a more giving brother and a less demanding sister? And this feeling of where when one person wanting change, the other remaining unchanged is not just confined to our family but also between both friends and lovers.

We always assumed that we cannot change the people we care about because they do not love us enough to change. Or, even some-times we think, "If only I were better or more powerful, then they would be the way we want them to be." Both of these assumptions can land us in trouble. When this happens, we are more prone to becoming angry

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when someone makes us unhappy or unloved and thus we take the small step from love to enmity.

We as humans, I guess due to our nature, tend to focus more on the small bad rather than the large good of a relationship. And because of this, we often see most good relationships turn sour; brothers and sisters become strangers, husbands and wives become bitter rivals and friends become foes.

So, like what I said to my friend, do not try to end a relationship that is rewarding in many levels just because it does not satisfy all your requirements because there is a saying, those of us who can only accept perfect relationships risk living very lonely lives.

Name Withheld By Request of Author

Sparring sportswriters

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nor will I refute every point he made in his article, which I could easily do.

I just want to explain to this Lennox fellow that "Hugh's Views" is an opinion column, my opinion. It is in no way intended to be popular opinion (although, in the case of Choke 88 I believe it was). It is simply the way I see things, and it's too bad if he disagrees. I think he misunderstood my column. Besides, if Lennox had any guts he would have written a letter to the editor of the SUM Journal, like I'm doing here, instead of sooking about it: in his own paper.

As far as Lennox himself is concerned, I just want him to know that I swam competitively for 4 years, I played hockey and football, and I am presently a marathon runner, so don't tell me that I know nothing about sports and the Olympic Games or how hard the athletes train.

The point of my column was that there were a lot of athletes from Canada who should have done a lot better in the Olympics than they did. It's obvious that Lennox didn't grasp the meaning of my column, and that's too bad. Hugh Smilestone

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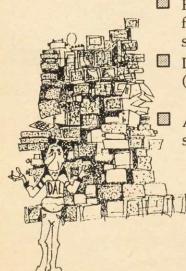
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