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Letters

One more ramp is not enough

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 adjusting 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 letter.

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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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 sousing 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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