

LETTERS CONTINUED

delegate demanding the resignation of the Treasurer, Mr. Harrington fails to mention that the Acadia delegate did not get a seconder for his motion. Mr. Harrington also forgets to mention that an individual delegate does not have the right to demand an at large officer's resignation, that impeachment can only be instigated through a petition signed by three member associations. Instead of slamming the Chairperson of the plenary for not knowing the rules Mr. Harrington should access his own knowledge of the CFS Constitution and By-Laws.

I had the pleasure of being one of the Nova Scotians sharing a table with Mr. Harrington at the 10th Anniversary benefit. May I suggest next time Mr. Harrington that if you are unsatisfied with your meal that you consider the vegetarian plate, it was quite lovely. Remember you are what you eat, and if I recall you had chicken did you not Mr. Harrington?

Right the wrongs.

Kristine Anderson
CFS National Executive
Rep. for Nova Scotia

Woof
woof



Bad Dog

drawn between a two bit, bike thieving hood, and the selfless aspirations of Lockesley, escapes me. Please tell, does the bike peddler donate his vast earnings to charitable organizations, or is he more of the freelance operator, leaving errant twenties in mailboxes of the needy? Well, at least if I find myself without work in the future, I can thank the *Gazette* for teaching me a new skill.

It just seems to me, that the stance taken by the editorial staff is one of forced conflict. As a forum, the *Gazette*, albeit provides a voice often unheard, God strike me deaf. However, rarely have I seen a non-hype article that does not rely on the dichotomizing of an issue, and thus peoples. Not to bring up your coup on standards, the heralded guide to Gay Sex, but it only illustrates the point. Hey, that's another thing I learnt, too! You're a veritable fountain of knowledge, if one can weed through the hype. The hemp article of late, was a genuinely pleasant change in reporting. Were the editors on vacation?

Please don't assume this article is a tirade on the talented, contributing writers, merely a query on the priorities and thrust of the staff. Don't worry, when the vast majority of your readers realize the base tactics you employ, and move on to journals of higher esteem, I'm sure the *Gazette* could find a place at any supermarket checkout line, near you.

Editor's Note: The hemp article of Nov. 7, 91 was an editorial.

A blow to our organic egos

To the editor:

This is a response letter to the article "Have a Chemical Christmas" (Nov. 28/91).

Consumers buying anything this past Christmas might also be buying into landfills, synthetic chemicals and products that are used only to meet this holiday demand. It is unfortunate that very little garbage seems to decompose rapidly in landfill sites. Christmas trees in this situation react in a similar manner to the natural processes one would find under a mature coniferous forest. Needles and branches fall to the ground where, due to cooler, shaded conditions, they remain for long pe-

riods of time creating methane and acidic fluids. I personally fear, much less the presence of Christmas trees in landfills when compared to the indecomposables (sic) found in a single bag of domestic garbage.

Another blow to our organic egos is the undisputed fact that everything is chemically-based. According to Bruce N. Ames, Director of the NIEHS Environmental Health Sciences Center at the University of California, Berkeley, we ingest 10,000 times more natural pesticides, by weight, than man-made or synthetic pesticides. Our fear of synthetic chemicals borders on the ridiculous and is exemplified by the banning of saccharin, which is approximately nine million times less potent, as an animal carcinogen, than aflatoxin, a natural chemical that may occur in peanut products (Source: *What Everyone Should Know About Food Safety*, from the Ontario Institute of Professional Agrolologists). We would be more justified in concerns about the natural pesticides found in wood products than the minute traces of sprayed residue in tree lots. As you walk to work or school today, remember not to breathe the air as it is filled with those deadly internal combustion emissions. I think it is important to remember that it is the dose that makes the poison, everything is potentially harmful or toxic.

After examining the Christmas tree farming industry in Nova Scotia, I found that old agricultural land is considered old because it will no longer support the demands of intensive annual production. Natural forest growth in Nova Scotia is rare and would be impossible to achieve naturally, on such fields. In our time, the growing of any renewable crop which replenishes oxygen and buffers the earth from the elements can hardly be considered "shameful."

The association of Christmas trees and chemicals is but another example of our misunderstanding of ourselves in relation to our ecosystem. *Their needles won't hurt you.*

Jason D. Wright

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To the editor:

In regards, to what I see as the basic gist of the *Gazette's* reporting angle, I find it juvenile. The reliance on sensational scratchings is beyond me. This seems to suggest an insecurity on behalf of the editorial staff. Is your writing so poor, that you must continually depend on the polarization of simple issues and sweeping generalizations to encourage reader loyalty? If your mandate is to irritate and provoke, which it may well be, the *Gazette* is in fine form. However, if your goal is to educate and entertain, you are barely doing either. Jeez, you're not all bad. I didn't know how to steal a bike last week. But now, myself and every other half literate that picked up our rag is well versed in the subtleties of Knavery. Well done. And what a unique angle. Robin Hood? Perhaps you missed the movie and I trust you didn't read the book, but Robin, fine chap, was a DISCRIMINATING thief, with a noble cause. How the parallel was

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