

letters

Barbaric redneck

To the editors:

Feminism has gotten out of hand. Feminists no longer strive for equality, they strive for unquestioned superiority. The man-hating supremacists who

wrote articles in your March 4 issue were extremely ignorant, blinded by their quest for a female dominated society.

The man-hating poem written by Carolyn Gammon was incredibly biased. It is unfair to judge an entire sex by the actions of a few. Has Ms. Gammon conveniently forgotten that women too, have beaten, raped, molested and murdered? I hope not and I

hope she comes to realize that the hating of a person because of their race, religion, sex or sexual preference is an act of undeniable ignorance.

Personal Bill of Rights for Men
Who Put Up With Too Much

1. I have the right to play football or hockey and not be considered barbaric.
2. I have the right to hunt, fish, drive a half-ton and keep a big dog named Duke without being called a redneck.

3. I have the right to open a door for a female without getting kicked in the shins, because believe it or not there is no harm in good manners.

4. I have the right to be considered as an individual and not be immediately classed as a jerk, because your ex-boyfriend wasn't quite perfect.

5. I have the right to comment on the beauty of others, whether it be inner or outer because compliments never hurt.
6. I have the right to exploit and manipulate.

7. I have the right to look after my interests first because if I don't no one else will.

8. I have the right to be proud that I'm a man.

9. I have the right to listen to Andrew Dice Clay.

10. I have the right to hate you, if you hate me for having a penis. (And I'm proud that I pee standing up, because let's face it, who wants to wipe.)

11. I have the right to break dates at the last minute and go out with the guys when you are having a wild mood swing.
12. I have the right to smile at your older sister, your mother or your grandmother if she still looks good.

13. I have the right to cheer every time Clint Eastwood shoots somebody. Yippee!

14. I have the right to hope Gaston will get Belle in Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*.

15. I have the right to respect your rights and hope you respect mine.

Jeff Galbraith



Doesn't turn my crank

To the editor:

I'm a Dalplex member who happens to be a gay man. While I agree with "J.S." that the article "Gay at Dalplex?" did nothing to advance the gay rights movement, his (I assume "J.S." was a male) assumptions about gay men were unfounded. Why do many straight men think they are God's gift to women and an automatic turn-on for gay men? In my 25 years of athletic activity, I have literally seen thousands of nude men in locker rooms. Most of you can keep your overweight, misshapen and generally unattractive bodies covered up (including while in the shower), as far as I'm concerned. I use a locker room to change and to wash my sweaty, stinky body after my workout -- nothing more. If I fantasize about some guy I saw in the locker room (a rare occurrence), I do it on my own time and in my own space.

Why do straight people equate gay people with sex and nothing else? There is also love, caring and mutual respect involved in gay relationships too. "J.S." is assuming that all gay men are lusty animals, who would act as, perhaps, he would if he were in a locker room full of nude women. Just because a man "struts around the locker room buck" or talks to you or moves over so you can sit down (I assume he meant in the sauna, not the can!), doesn't mean he's gay. In fact, gay men I know wisely go about their business in a locker room with their eyes to themselves and their mouths shut. A man who is

comfortable with his nudity (obviously "J.S." is not) and happens to strike up a conversation in the sauna could just as easily be straight. I suggest "J.S." think about this before he starts nuking nude men at Dalplex.

By the way, how does "J.S." know a guy is in the shower when he arrives at Dalplex and when he leaves, unless "J.S." himself is checking out the shower room, eh?

W. Coles

Please see election supplement

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To the editor:

I wonder why Miriam Korn the author of the January 28 editorial of the *Gazette*, chose the portray the PC Youth as a bunch of fear-mongering racists? Not only that, she goes further to suggest that PC Youth intends to take over student governments across the country.

Being an executive member of the Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative Youth Association, her comments are of some concern to me. Specifically, they concern me because she refuses to qualify her comments (talk about stereotyping!). For example, did she contact anyone at PC Youth in Nova Scotia to make sure that what she was reporting was accurate? Absolutely not.

This glaring oversight on the part of the *Gazette* editorial staff is consistent with their complete disregard for impartial journalism. For had she bothered to make some phone calls to verify her sources, she would have found that the NSPCYA have no interest at all in student government. After all, who would want to be responsible for the infantile manner in which the DSU tried to stop the tuition hikes? Running a haphazard campaign focusing on ranting and rhetoric, occasionally doing television interviews in the snow (while actually just coming from the Grad House), and burning school calendars does nothing for student credibility.

Why the editorial staff of the *Gazette* feels it necessary to hurl insults at a quiet society on campus is beyond me. It simply reveals their heightened paranoia with regards to their leftist tendencies.

And before these "editors" start screaming about the PC Youth is obviously trying to petition the *Gazette's* mandate, I should point out that I would advocate a revised editorial structure - one that performs the moral obligation of journalism - to show both sides of every issue.

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Dalhousie Arts Society

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Vice President
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* 2 DSU Reps.
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at the Arts Society mailbox at
the Enquiry Desk, SUB by
March 16, 1993 and be
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Thurs., March 18, 1993 at 6:30 pm
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