

More on CBC

Last week the **Dalhousie Gazette** printed an editorial about the efforts by radio station CBH and the Director of Radio for the Maritimes John McEwen to discriminate against the Halifax gay organization: Gay Alliance for Equality. This week the Gazette in a special eight page supplement offers more information about the situation.

The following letter suffices for what could be an editorial this week.

To the Gazette:

Mr. John McEwen

This letter is in response to the Dalhousie Gazette's September 16th. editorial charging the CBC with bias and prejudice in its advertising policy after refusing announcements from the Gay Alliance for Equality here in Halifax. It is my understanding that the issue concerns the advertising of the gay phone line in the city and it is to this specific matter that I wish to address myself.

I am sure you are aware of the tremendous amount of fear in the lives of homosexuals and of their suffering caused by the attitude of the general public and by the personal feelings which many homosexuals hold of themselves. I cannot stress enough the depth of

this fear and suffering and of its adjoining destruction in the lives of so many people, at times the destruction of life itself.

Over the past few years in this country and elsewhere, people have begun to seriously consider the Gay Community with a view to preventing this kind of destruction. It is encouraging to see much of the work being done by the Gay Community itself. There are gay phone lines in every major city of this country and the assistance which they offer is essential to the homosexual person. For the CBC not to communicate the existence of this service, is to blind people to a light which many desperately need. I hope that CBC will reconsider.

Bob Petite

It takes more guts to say no to discrimination than it does to turn a blind eye. We hope you will take a lead from Bob Petite and tell CBC how you feel.

A.W. Johnson has given us some idea of CBC's responsibilities, but it seems he needs to be reminded of those responsibilities to live up to them.

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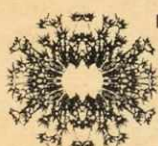
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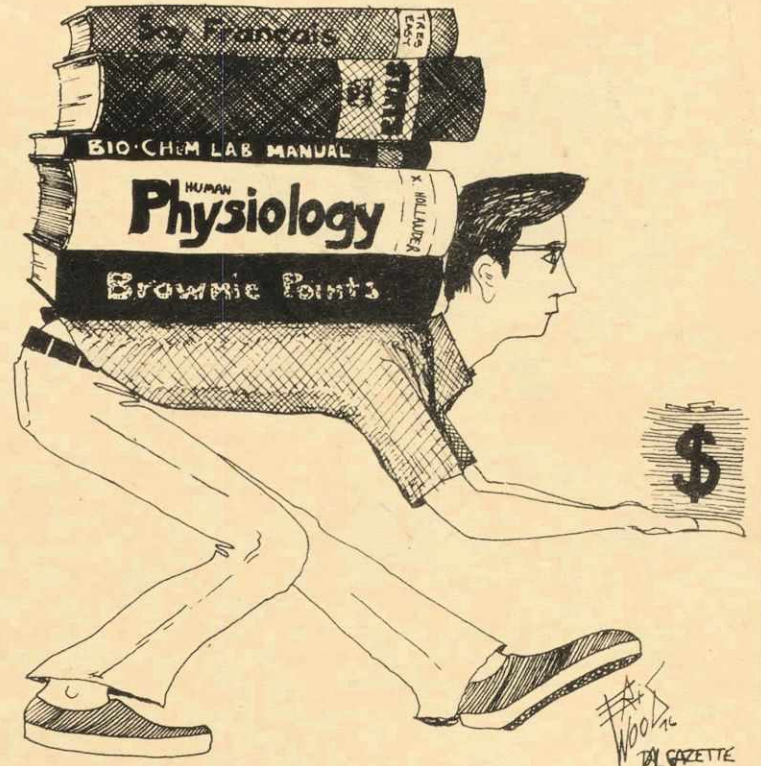
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Letters

To the Gazette:

I found your article on the student housing shortage (page 1, number 1) annoying because it was unfair to the housing service which has been doing an excellent job. With their help, I was able to find a very good place to live, the day I arrived; and that on the peninsula, in the south end etc.

Sincerely yours
Mark Dale

RE: The Dalhousie International

I wish to correct an omission and a misprint which occurred in my article of last week entitled "Only 89 shopping days left till St. Andrew's Day."

In paragraph 5, in quoting the C.F.D.R. announcer, you have omitted after the words "Never mind" the words "only one shopping day till St. Andrew's

Day". Since this is the sentence from which the idea for the heading was taken, its omission weakens the meaning not only of paragraph 5 but also of the headline.

In the ultimate paragraph, "Scottish Nationalist Chairman" has been amended by you to read "Scottish Nationalist Chairperson." Since Billy Wolfe is officially called Chairman of the S.N.P. and is known throughout Scotland as such, your amendment is a subtle form of censorship. You overlook the fact that the terms chairman and chairwoman can be used in a non sexist sense.

The editor should feel lucky that I did not cite Scotland's national daily, "The Scotsman".

David Rollo

