

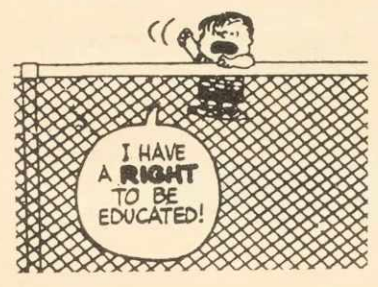
**LETTERS**

**Frosh squad defended**

To the editors:  
 I thought I had heard it all when I found out that Ben Johnson was found to have tested positive for anabolic steroids, until I read the article "Frosh Week Humiliating" by Alex Burton. After I finished rolling about the floor in laughter and disgust (at the same time, if that's possible), I felt a response to Mr. Burton's feeling of "cruelty to frosh" necessary.  
 First of all, I thought frosh week '88 at Dal was the most successful ever. Although I guess that could have been a figment of my imagination while I was supposedly "trashed" and, of course, according to Mr. Burton encouraging the frosh to be the same.  
 Secondly, in regards to his feelings of public embarrassment of the frosh, what are his feelings of PLAYFAIR - the event where you are told by a professional to hop, waddle on one foot in hopes of finding a partner only to be left partnerless in front of hundreds of fellow frosh, etc. I guess I must have missed the subconscious, psychological trauma reducing agent that Mr. Burton seems to have gotten from this event, or maybe it was the alcohol - AGAIN.  
 Lastly, considering all the events were sold out (Tacky Tourist Party, Beach Party, Boat Cruise, Super SUB), Mr. Burton must see the frosh as naive, suckers for humiliation or am I once again imagining that the frosh possibly had fun - damn that alcohol is becoming a real problem.  
 Obviously not everyone is going to be completely satisfied with all events in Frosh Week, but I don't think that the massive generalizations made by Mr. Burton make up for the small percentage of unimpressed frosh. I guess Mr. Burton will just have to start his own frosh squad next year - need a light for that barbeque, Alex? Personally I think Mr. Burton had one too many drinks of

"Cattle Urine" before writing his article. Too bad he wasn't caught by the press corps for writing under the influence of stupidity, and he could have saved himself the public humiliation he brought on himself - NO FROSH LEADERS NECESSARY.

**Patrick Burke**  
 P.S. I assume Mr. Burton did not participate in Shinearama 88 at Dal. Must have been too humiliating for him to go to the public and hustle a few quarters - even if it was for a good cause.



**Dal News one-sided**

To the editor:  
 It has been brought to my attention that the Dal News is the "Official" newspaper of Dalhousie Campus. Since when did it stop being a tool of the administration?  
 I compliment the Dal News on its high level of professional writing and design. The newspaper does get involved in relevant stories around the campus, but it seems that the stories are often rose coloured.  
 My case in point is the ongoing dispute between the Dalhousie Faculty Association and the Administration. The last two issues of the Dal News ran the same note from the President, which is unfavourable to the DFA. If the Dal News is not simply a means for the President to get what he wants, then why was the DFA not represented in the first of these replicated issues?  
 I have been told the reason for repeating Dr. Clark's message was that the distribution of the paper for the first of these two issues was botched and that they were distributed off campus, but not on. What we are left with is

the result, an off-campus distribution that clearly voices its support against the DFA, without so much as a "how do you do" in defence from the DFA. How convenient! And don't tell me the DFA was given a chance to defend themselves; they cannot afford not to.

I have no problems accepting the Dal News as a tool of the administration, because it can be a positive reflection of Dal drawing both new faculty and students to this campus, which is part of the Administration's job. But an official campus newspaper must make a better attempt to represent the entire campus.

What scares the hell out of me is that it is possible that some people here at Dalhousie might think that the "Official Newspaper of Dalhousie" is the last word on what is going down.

**Ken Faloon**  
 student at large

**Canada united?**

Dear Editors:  
 I must speak out against the madness of bilingualism and multiculturalism. One language UNITES and English has proven to be the best for this purpose. Multiculturalism DIVIDES people into ethnic groups, thus ensuring that their backgrounds, customs and thinking remain different.  
 There are many ethnic groups in Canada, all of which have their own country-of-origin language. To name a few — native Indians, English, French, Welsh, Scottish, Italian, Ukranian, Swedish, Hungarian, Pakistani, Estonian, Chinese, Japanese, Greek, Vietnamese (with apologies to those not named). We are all Canadian, whether we were born here or are naturalized citizens.  
 Now, all of a sudden, 4% of the people in Canada who are French and English-speaking Canadians want to force everyone else in Canada by Government legislation to become fluent in French (in addition to the other one or two languages they have already had to learn) or else they will not

be able to get or keep a job of even modest wages.

I, for one, have seen no move towards giving all people in Canada a chance to vote on this matter in either a Federal or Provincial election. I, among millions of others, believe that ONE LANGUAGE UNITES and that that unifying language has been and should continue to be the English language.

I pray to God that He will ensure that English will continue to be the one official unifying language in Canada and, for that matter, the rest of the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

**Tom Chauvin, Jr.**

**AIDS testing alarmist**

To the editors:  
 This is in response to the letter entitled "Mandatory AIDS testing". I must say I was not impressed much by Miss Leigh's reasoning. I think it was quite alarmist to say the least. She advocates mandatory testing such that "the number of AIDS cases would be known." This is absolute nonsense and is typical of AIDS alar-

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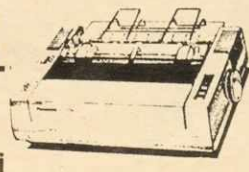
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