

letters

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found it to be wanting in many ways. I do not think I should be labeled a 'paranoiac' simply because I hold an opposing view to the proposed policy and the Gazette.

Unlike Mr. Stanley, I do not have the luxury of reserved space in the Gazette to say whatever I want. Instead I will try to answer his question.

What is "Political Correctness"? Political correctness is a political orthodoxy which regards history as a struggle between oppressors and oppressed groups, and which considers any debate over this view to be a cover-up of the oppression.

Political Correctness is promoted by pressure groups, such as a gay rights organizations, who have taken to fostering their views on the modern university campus, through a restructuring of language, policies, curricula and, ultimately, thought. Such groups align themselves with socialist and leftist thinking, and favour preserving the collectivity's rights over the individual's.

Dalhousie's proposed Statement on Discriminatory Harassment is an extension of this type of dogma.

One last thing. Mr. Stanley also said, "Any person who brands another 'politically correct' is pulling the same trick. It means, 'I don't have the courage to discuss your opinion with you rationally, so I'll just call you a nasty name and avoid the subject completely'."

Mr. Stanley was talking about me. Perhaps, however he should carefully re-read my article upon which he will see that I 'branded' no one. Nor did I call anyone a 'nasty' name. I do not appreciate him writing that I did. I should also point out that I, too, would be happy to discuss the issue with anyone — EVEN Ryan Stanley.

Rod L. MacLeod

Universities Director

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Conservative Youth Association

Take that, asshole!

To the editor,

I am writing to respond to the Barbaric Redneck. I am wondering, first of all, if he even bothered to read the poem by Carolyn Gammon. He accuses her of being a man-hater, but in the poem she says that if her partner could tell her why man-hating IS threatening that there is hope for the relationship... (That means, in simple terms, that man-hating is not good.. Do... you... under... stand?

Also I think he may have forgotten to add a few things on "The Asshole's Bill of Rights". Men have the right to have sex with any woman whenever and wherever they want. Men have the right to treat any or all women like shit. Men have the right to do whatever they want, whenever they want. And to beat up or kill any woman that happens to be in the way.

One more thing, I hate you, not because you have a penis (well that may be part of it), but also because you have no respect for anyone, male or female!!

Johnatha McAndrews

You forgot to mention...

Dear editor,

On behalf of the Parking and Security Committee, I would like to clarify the information provided by K. Morrisey in your March 11 issue. Among other issues, Morrisey's article addresses the Committee's decision not to recommend that a reserved parking permit be issued to Ms. M. Jacquot, a pregnant, part-time member of the French Department.

The article might convey to your readers the quite incorrect impression that reserved parking is unavailable to members of the university community who face mobility challenges. On the contrary, the Committee routinely recommends the provision of reserved parking to individuals on medical or related grounds. This parking is in addition to the formally designated disabled parking spaces located around campus.

The Security and Parking Committee is composed of individuals who represent staff, faculty and students. These people have accepted the unenviable task of helping to manage the situation where the demand for parking far exceeds the supply. Because of the high demand and to fairly evaluate requests, the Committee normally requires a statement from a physician describing the individual's need for reserved parking. To accommodate Ms. Jacquot, her request was considered in the absence of a medical certificate and on the basis of a telephone request. When making her request, Ms. Jacquot mentioned her difficulty in walking. She made no mention of experiencing

pain as indicated in Morrisey's article. In the letter which conveyed the Committee's decision, Ms. Jacquot was invited to provide the Committee with any additional information which she wished to have considered. Ms. Jacquot has not availed herself of the invitation.

Morrisey's article mentions that Ms. Jacquot is a part-time member of the University. However, the article does not indicate that she informed the Committee that she is on campus for a few hours on each of two mornings per week. Dalhousie's reserved parking spaces are reserved 24 hours per day, seven days per week for the exclusive use of the individual who holds a permit for the particular parking space. To accommodate Ms. Jacquot would have meant that an empty parking space would have been unavailable to others for the greater part of the week. In fairness to others and in the absence of a documented medical requirement the Committee decided against recommending that Ms. Jacquot be provided with a reserved parking space.

I would appreciate your help in ensuring that your readers are aware that, to the extent possible, Dalhousie attempts to meet the parking requirements of all members of the University and in particular those with special needs.

Sincerely,

Wm. J. Louch

Chair, Parking and Security
Committee



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