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Letters

What bothered me the most was that it was reported that "Bradfield encountered very little opposition from the group attending..."

As a Catholic and a Christian I couldn't disagree more. There is nothing at all Christian about socialism -- or capitalism either for that matter.

I am very surprised -- even at times astounded -- at the ignorance among persons who deem themselves Christians about what should be the nature of a socially just Christian society. Ministers, priests and laymen hardly seem to realize that there is an alternative social system, a system which the Roman Catholic Popes have been writing about for at least the past century, and which the famous author and advocate of the system, G.K. Chesterton, called "Distributivism."

This system is based on real free enterprise, and opposes unfair competition by a capitalist or governmental monopoly of business -- either of which crushes real honest competition.

A distributivist society is made up of:

Family farms (as opposed to socialistic or collective farms or the capitalistic agro-businesses) Small proprietor run retail shops (as opposed to government run outlets or chain stores) small family run businesses (as opposed to corporations) factories where the shareholders are the workers (as opposed to government owned business or giant impersonal corporations), credit unions (as opposed to governmental banking on big chain banks)-

Man is not free when he is not economically free. He is not secure when he depends on the whims of government on corporation for his sustenance. Socialism makes man a slave of the state; capitalism makes man a slave of the corporation.

In a distributivist state, the role of government is to protect the small businessman from unfair competition. Chain stores would be illegal, anti-trust laws would be executed, large land-holdings would be broken up.

It is very sad that many persons only think in terms of capitalism and socialism as the only alternatives, when in reality there is another system which is infinitely more free, infinitely more just.

Sincerely,
Miriam McCue

Prejudice response

To the Gazette:

Concerning an article written in the last issue of the Dalhousie Gazette "Prejudice Still at Large", one would have to be pretty naive to think that prejudice is dead. It is through ignorance that one assumes it will go away with such calibre of persons that white society produces.

Some people believe education is the problem. Others think cultural differences are the cause. This may all well be so. Jokes and names can be tolerated by some, but not by me. I am a black man and whether white people want to accept me bothers me none. I don't feel being accepted by any white person or group is important. What is important is my pride and dignity as a black man. "Where I come from such problems were handled through the school of 'hard knocks'". Perhaps a short example would illustrate.

Once my girlfriend and I were walking along a corridor, (where, doesn't really matter), and up came two white men who appeared to be quite mouthy. One shouted obscene names at us. (I won't say what names because it's beyond me to repeat them). But as events went, I confronted the two, not to attempt to get them to retract their statements, but instead, I drove my foot into the balls of the first who bent over in pain. Then I smashed his head against the wall. What did the other culprit do during this? Well, like most white vocalists of this sort, he backed off slowly. But there was no escape for him. I kicked him in his nuts and pounded his face until he bled. Not satisfied with this, I felt it convenient to give him some help down the stairs with a little shove. I guess he was hurt because he cried really loud. Returning to the first victim, I gave him a few extra kicks for good measure.

Well, one might ask, "will this solve the problem?". Violence and all that. I would argue that this depends on who's solving the problem, eh! For me the problem was solved and I was pleased.

I'm not on a crusade to stomp out prejudice and discrimination at Dalhousie or any place else. I believe that as long as there are white people, they'll be sure to find someone to be prejudiced against. The old cliché "I'm not prejudiced", carries no weight with me and many of my friends. I can tell when a white person is "playing games" and you can bet that there are a lot of such games, names and tasteless jokes being played at Dalhousie and everywhere you find a majority of white people.

I graduated with "A+'s from the school of hard knocks. You dig!

Herbie Desmond

Disgusted

To the Gazette:

I have never been so disgusted in my life, when at last night's council meeting council members spent almost a complete hour discussing how they as council members would receive their winter carnival complimentaries. This demonstration of members of council served only to illustrate how useless their roles within an elected framework had become. Leading the discussion on council priveleges was councillor Keith Evans, who argued that it was a matter of principle and right that council members receive their

entertainment passes for the week of Winter Carnival. So vehement was his objection to council members having to pay for their tickets, is illustrative of the fact that council members are obviously not doing the job that they have been elected to perform. Are council priveleges the only reason that students are elected to council for? Are councillors that far above the students they represent that they should be able

to get free admission to all entertainment events? After a long and heated discussion on the topic of council passes, Chairman of council Sandy Ball abruptly closed off all further discussion on the topic thus eliminating Carnival Chairman Kamal Chopra from making any further comment in defence of his position on the

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