

Letters

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Shock value?

This is in reply to the article by Bernie Helling and Bradley Warner in the April 1st *Gazette* concerning the leafletting against the NATO ships by the **Voice of Women** peace activists.

I submit that the aim of journalism is to provide insight, not to use events as a basis for a superficial analysis of one's own perceptions and interpretations. In this respect, Helling and Warner are not journalists.

Their analysis of the political reasons why we **were** out there picketing **happen** to coincide on the surface with why in actuality we were there: to protest military spending while essential social services are drastically cut-back or eliminated, with more and more cutbacks in sight. But I shudder to think of how far the article would have strayed from the actual event if their political slant were askew of ours. They were not really aware of the **import** of these cutbacks, and the rest of the article was a study in inconsistency and indecisiveness as to where they **do** stand.

I specifically asked the man from the *Gazette* who interviewed us, and who stood around writing down people's comments to us, if he could please let people know how to get in touch with us if they were interested in either the Voice of Women or to reply to, or question, us as to Sunday's activity. We are an all-woman, Canadian-based peace and ecology group and for these reasons, we may have some appeal to people interested in working for or finding out more about a group such as we. **No** mention of phone numbers or an address was given. (Voice of Women, Box 13, Halifax, N.S.) The basic aim of news,

Helling and Warner, is to inform. Also, the two gentlemen were just plain **wrong**. To the best of my recollection, we were **not** spat upon. We were asked into the guardhouse for tea, however.

The last tacked-on paragraph, one of a series of seemingly random paragraphs was simply atrocious, and was added, I believe, for mere shock value, as if two men were worried that they had to add severity in addition to misinformation. "They looked more like a disorganized motley crowd of malcontents". Well, we were told when we organized the protest (yes, it **was** organized) **not** to have too many protestors there, as we could be forcibly dispersed on grounds of creating a crowd.

Thank you for allowing me to respond.

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John Hamilton on the Grawood

To the Gazette:

Since my last letter appeared in the Gazette, I have been astonished by the positive response. People I do not even know have come up to me and said "Good for you." Please do not construe this letter as an apology for the other but I feel that I should put a few points straight.

My last letter was not fair to those people in the Grawood who really do try to do a good job as it was written at about 7:30 the morning after the second incident and I was rather angry and also about 5/10 asleep. At such a moment balance and rational judgement are somewhat difficult to summon and the innocent often get trampled in the dust and trodden into the mire in the heat of rancour. There was indeed a certain amount of overkill in that letter.

The two incidents described were true and did take place as described. The management of Bar Services was very receptive and has since assured me that steps would be taken to ameliorate the situation. Tim Purtsis stated that the summer staff had been chosen from the more experienced and reliable workers and furthermore that the operation would be much more closely watched by himself and Murdoch Ryan. I must add that the service which I have received since the publication of my letter has been excellent. However, if poor service does take place, it's the patron's responsibility to complain. If there are no constructive complaints in any operation, then the management can only assume that all is well, which in the case of the Grawood, was not the case.

It would appear, therefore, that the Grawood Staff is much like the little girl with the curl;

When they are good, they are very very good,
But when they are bad

Sincerely,
John Hamilton

Employment, where?

To the Gazette:

Well, another year has come and gone, and the students are back at the same old hustle - job hunting. Instead of feeling overjoyed at the prospect of escaping from the apparently endless flood of work at Dal, we should be trying to nestle into the embryonic sac of sheltered academic life - if we had the money. To those of us who owe our souls and then some to "big daddy" Student Aid - the next few months loom ahead, with the ceaseless scramble from company to company filling out applications that no
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A memorial trust fund has been established by the family of the late Professor Ernest Guptill.

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fortunate I keep the letters. They are all on file if anyone else would like to see them.

B) I do not work for Saga Foods, and I doubt if I ever will. Nor am I their defender, although it may appear to be that way on occasion.

C) I am not writing this column for free food. I would have gotten a limited amount of free food even if I was not in the cafeteria all year. I started writing the column because I thought there was a need for students to find out what was going on behind the cafeteria. Later, it turned more into a humour column, as that is the only way to make cafeteria topics interesting; so

people will read it. I've also had a great deal of fun in writing the

thing.



As a closing comment, let me adapt a quote from Mark Twain: "Everyone talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." The same can be said for our little cafeteria: "Everybody talks about the cafeteria..." But there is one main difference in the comparison. The reason nobody does anything about the weather is that nobody can control it. The food and the cafeteria can be controlled, but only by students who are interested enough to express their comments and suggestions.

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