



# Letters to the Editor

Dear Vivian Milroy,

As editor of **Counselling** I must strongly object to the claim in your editorial (Vol.XIV No.4) that **Counselling** was unwilling to print opposing points of view to my article on the Self Awareness Movement.

In a letter to me dated 27th May you say 'John Rowan has sent me his reply to your critique on the self awareness movement and has told me that you thought that this would be perhaps more suited to **Self and Society** than **Counselling**' (my emphasis).

The reasons for this have always been clear and I have expressed them to Rowan on more than one occasion. Firstly, our editorial board policy has long been to avoid devoting issues to particular themes, or academic debates of the kind: Smiths' reply to Jones, Jones' rebuttal to Smith etc. The editorial board view was, and still is, that **Counselling** as the Journal of the British Association for Counselling, represents the interests of all the various BAC divisions. Secondly, and because we were keen that the material be printed somehow we had discussed the possibility of a 'special issue' (incorporating Scott, Rowan and Franklands' articles). In that

respect however we were constrained by a BAC Executive decision that no special projects be initiated without up front funding. (Our recent efforts to put together a special issue on 'Counselling through the Media' have met the same obstacle).

It was against this background that I wrote to you on June 8th. In that letter I said I was happy for you to reprint my article and suggested that **Self and Society** might be interested in printing the three articles together. This hardly seems the act of someone unwilling to print opposing points of view.

Yours sincerely,

**Chris Scott**  
editor **Counselling**

Dear Vivian,

Something funny happened with the distribution of **Self and Society** last month. Several AHP members did not get the newsletter although all the copies were used up by the packers. I assume that some of them must have gone to **Self and Society** readers.

If you were one of these and if you would like to be on the circulation for the newsletter in future, I thought this would be a good opportunity to offer a bargain 6-month membership of AHP for only £5. This will keep you in touch with what is going on inside the

Association of Humanistic Psychology as well as in the outside world.

If you would like to take up this offer, please write to me directly.

**Mary Fee**  
Secretary  
AHP in Britain

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