

Dear Sir,

Please allow me to congratulate you on your editorial in the October 15 issue of X-Press. It is among the first reasoned and insightful comments I have read or heard since the frightening event of September 23.

Indeed, the media has an awesome and terrible power -- a power that, if not used delicately or with unbiased assumptions, can cause fear, panic and hysteria. Witness the events following those first news reports. If used with good judgement and dispassionate common sense it can be a source of sound information and knowledge about our world. These, of course, are required from both the sender and the receiver.

Your editorial is a model of both. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Gerry Birt
Public Relations Officer
UPEI

Dear Editor,

On the behalf of the Sociology/Anthropology Club executive I would like to respond to the letter from Libby Whelan, which appeared in the October 8 issue of the X-Press. We feel that several comments in her letter are misleading, and would like to avoid any confusion due to her complete lack of a sense of humour.

First and foremost, the Socrates Award was given to Prof. LeClair at a private gathering of his friends and colleagues, to which Ms. Whelan was not invited. The award was not presented by "an institution of higher learning", it was presented as an "in-joke" by one of the rather creative professors in the department. If Ms. Whelan so desires, that same professor could easily create one especially for her.

Second, the movie in question, Cannibal women in the Avocado Jungle of Death, is, not, under any circumstances, pornographic. Ms. Whelan has obviously never seen anything even vaguely pornographic. If Ms. Whelan insists that anything with former Playboy bunny in it is pornography I suggest she get rid of her T.V. The film starred Miss Shannon Tweed, who remained completely clothed and chaste throughout the movie. She also satisfies the Canadian Content rules.

Third, the P.S. proceeding her letter was completely tacky, immature and uncalled for. I'm sure, Ms. Whelan, that Cory, Peter, and Joe are too busy having their lives to worry about what you have to say.

As an English major, as well as an Anth major, I feel it is my duty to inform Ms. Whelan that her over use of cliches is a talent she could do without.

Thank you for your time, Mr. Editor, and to the student body, I apologize for digging up last year's scandal. God knows we have enough as it is.

Sarah MacLeod
Vice-President, Soc/Anth Society


To: S.U. Executive and Council

I, Rick Gallant regret to inform the Executive and Student Union Council of my resignation from the Vice-President Internal Office October 13, 1992. My reasons for resigning are both personal and professional, the latter bearing more weight than the former.

I can no longer justify my position as Vice President Internal on an Executive in which the President of the Student Union totally disregards the wants and needs of the Student Body. I believe that the Student Union President has lost all objectivity with regards to Student Affairs due to a publicly acclaimed personal vendetta.

As I said earlier, I do regret my resignation, but I cannot work at something that I no longer believe in.

Yours regretfully,
Rick Gallant
Ex-V.P. Internal



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