

EDITORIAL

Again this week there are two points to be made in the editorial. First, we have to deal with a complaint from some of our readers. A number of people have strongly advised the editor that there are two things the paper has printed that it should not have. Those are, namely, communist propaganda and religious articles. In reply we say that students have concerns, and that if they are willing to write about them, those concerns can probably be expressed in the student newspaper. That means that as long as students are the authors, communism and religion probably deserve their corner in the paper as much as anything else. To comfort concerned readers, though, we promise them that neither of those two elements will ever be allowed to dominate the paper.

As this editorial is being written we notice some charges made by our dear friend, Kate O'Connell, in the Letters to the Editor section. Her letter is most interesting, and we hope that she will keep contributing such good writing. Although she doesn't realize it, Kate has added a lot to the humour value of this week's issue. Naturally the editor stands behind all the paper's authors, and assures them that regardless of Kate, their work is appreciated.

The second point of this week's editorial is to once again remind everyone of Symposium '79 on November 6th and 7th. You can read all about it in this week's paper, and then we hope you'll decide to attend. It should be a most interesting two days for everyone who troubles to go. Besides that, it could be the biggest thing to happen at UPEI all year. DON'T MISS IT.

Letters & Opinions

To the Editor,

I must protest the vicious attack carried out in the October 25th issue of the SUN against myself and the People's Socialist Republic of Albania. Kevin Gauthier is a fine one to criticize me for presenting opinions in an obnoxious and insulting way. Gauthier has not facts with which to oppose Albania or my stand that the only future for Canada is to Make the Rich Pay for the Crisis and establish socialism. Because Gauthier has no facts, he falls back on the standard weapon of every fascist: lies, innuendos, and slanders. Gauthier could not truthfully oppose what was said

in my article so he made up a most vicious and obnoxious distortion, based not on facts, but on his own prejudices. How could you, a supposedly responsible journalist, print such vicious slanders? Did printing these lies serve the basic interests of the students on this campus? I should say not. The students don't pay their good money for a paper in order for it to be used to spread lies and distortions, and you as editor are responsible to the students for the paper and should not have printed that pack of lies.

If Gauthier has facts proving that what I wrote in my article was false, then let him come forward



IF YOU FIND MISTAKES in this publication, please, consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.

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with those facts. He can't do this. There are no such facts. What I wrote in my article is the truth!

Gauthier is also a fine one to talk about the SUN being "for news", not propaganda. Gauthier has not written even one news article this year, while he has written six opinion (read propaganda) articles averaging 3 columns in length. In fact, when you look through the issues printed so far this year, you find that the SUN has become little more than a vanity press for Gauthier and his cronies. I looked through the seven issues that have been printed to date and found that there have been approximately 43 columns of news articles (the main contributor being CUP) versus 85 columns of opinion articles. These opinion articles consist mainly of the weekly columns of Gauthier, Barry, Sanlei and Orlowski, who have given themselves the right to use (what should be) the students' newspaper to expound like senile gurus often in a most degenerate and ob-

scene way. This does not serve the basic interests of the students. A student newspaper should belong to all the students, not a small group of empty-headed intellectuals so puffed up with their own importance that they think everyone should be more than willing to drop everything and listen to them spout off every kind of lie and distortion. A student newspaper should serve the basic interests of the students, and you, Mr. Editor, have not fulfilled your responsibility to the students.

Kate O'Connell.

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Editor's Note

There will be no issue of the UPEI SUN on November 8th. This is to allow the newspaper staff to attend Symposium '79. The SUN will next appear on November 15. We'll see you then.