

# Letters.....

DEADLINE for letters to the Editor is before Monday at noon. All submissions must include your name and telephone number.

Dear Editor:

When I read a newspaper I expect to find informative advertisements, interesting columns and comical comics. The Gem has these

qualities and more — OBSCENITIES.

In the March 12th issue there were three instances in which a certain four letter word appeared — even once in the form

of a "joke". If the mentality of the authors responsible for the articles has not yet reached a mature stage I suggest they refrain from writing articles for a public publication. I would like to

think that as university students, our vocabulary has reached a degree where we can express ourselves without reverting to such ignorant grammar.

Paradoxically, there is a line in the "Gem box" on page 3 which reads "We reserve the right to edit submissions due to space or taste limitations." I suggest you exercise those rights.

Furthermore, there are a total of five articles on the subject of sex. It would seem that sex is the central theme of almost every issue. Some of those articles are informative. However, I'm sure there are other pressing issues of our society which could be focused upon.

Otherwise, congratulations on another successful year of The Gem publication.

Sincerely,  
David Condon

Thank you for your comments.

I agree that the illustration that appeared on page 3 was much too direct. It was reprinted from 'The Peak', the student newspaper at Simon Fraser university and it was included because it tied in with what was raised elsewhere in the issue. It was a hasty decision on my part, and I agree that it should not have been printed. However, the article on assault, which was printed by student newspapers all across Canada, used the words it did to express the coarse attitude some men still have towards women. I did not edit the article because I felt it expressed the extent of that coarseness better than any words that could have been substituted.

The Gem always tries to print material relevant to students at UPEI, no matter what issues the material is about. The articles on sexual assault, censorship, a university harassment policy, and an attempt to include the pill with student health fees were all relevant, and issues I think students here are concerned about.

Derrick Webber,  
Editor

