

Letters...

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Magnum is not racist

Editor:

I would like to make a comment about that premature attack on the Anne Magnum comic strip that is currently being run in the GEM. I feel an individual should research before they conclude. I am the one who submitted Magnum P.E.I. into the GEM and I wish it be known that the so called racist artist who created it is indeed black himself. Now I cannot make snap judgements either, but, don't you think it would be kind of stupid to say he was racist? I mean maybe he is, but what in the comic

strip said anything or symbolized anything to say he was? I'm sure you can put your mind at rest and go cut down the work by other individuals, but I'm sure your comments would have much more meaning if you knew what you were talking about. I was not pleased at all when I read in the paper that somebody was cutting up my good friend, when he isn't even here to defend himself! I hope you feel rotten for immediately categorizing people as being racist.

An offended individual,
Dale Yeo.

SU should stick to policy

Dear Editor,

After reading about myself and what members of our University community felt towards me, with regards to the Hockey team not showing up at the Barn

after winning the AUAA, I felt it is now time to explain my side of the story.

After the incident October 31, 1987 at the Barn, I was barred from the premises until the end



of the academic year and put on residence probation. I have no qualms with the punishment handed down. However there seems to be an overriding assumption made by some people that because I am involved with our varsity hockey team this should grant me special privileges. I went about inquiring about gaining admission to the Barn in the event that we won the AUAA for one simple reason. That being that I had nothing to lose by it.

On Monday, March 7, 1988 I went down to the Barn to speak to Heather Hickey about any possibilities of entering their premises if we were to win against Moncton. The meeting lasted

about ten minutes. Ms. Hickey told me that if it was up to her she saw no problem in being allowed in. However, she said that she had no authority to make that decision. SO she told me to speak before the SU Executive at 4:00pm on Thursday March 10, 1988.

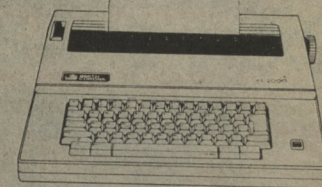
When I spoke to the executive I explained that I was looking to be allowed into the Barn on Saturday March 12, 1988 if we won. My reasoning was that previously when I worked at bars we would reevaluate a person's barring if they served the majority of the time and we were convinced that they behaved themselves in other bars during their banning. At no time did I say or insinuate that just because I was a member of the Varsity Hockey team should that be reason enough to gain entry. After the Executive spoke in private Mr. Wynne spoke to me in the lounge. There he told me that they had made a decision that they must stick to it. This did not bother me because they were only following policy. What did bother me was the fact that he said if we were to win the CIAU there would be no trouble in gaining entry. So the way I saw it was that

by winning the AUAA the Executive must follow policy but if we won the CIAU they could bypass the policy.

I would like to thank Sandra Ramsey for her support and would like to make the following suggestion to Heather Hickey and Steven Wynne: If you are taking a stand on an issue then stick to that position. To Heather Hickey, do not tell a person something on Monday then behind closed doors change your mind. And to Steven Wynne do not pretend you are following a policy that cannot be amended for one situation but can be changed for another situation.

To address the matter brought up regarding why the rest of the team did not show up at the Barn. There are 25 individuals that make up our Varsity team. We have been together a minimum of 2 or 3 hours a day since September. We came back from our Christmas vacation two

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