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Letter to the Editor

Ah, Mr. Beardsley, you make a good journalist - evade the topic, put words into peoples' mouth, and see only what you want to see. Gee, you know with those qualities you would probably make a successful politician.

I do not wish to turn the editorial column into a hack and slash, perpetual rebuttal piece, that is not the purpose of an editorial column; but your excuses for the inadequate press you gave the Lady Panthers with regards to CIAU basketball finals was, again, inadequate.

If you had read my original letter to the editor more carefully you would have saved yourself a lot of print space in your "Sports Editorial" as I made no comment about a lack of pictures of the ladies, nor did comment on coverage of the team throughout the season by The Gem or any other news agency. In fact, I was impressed with this aspect during the year. My complaint was with the coverage of the national championships.

To My Dear Editor at the Gem, and Whipple creature,

Did you know that you have an editorial policy regarding editing for space and taste? I ask only because you do not seem to be implementing it when dealing with Gem regular columnist, namely Richard Whipple.

Who is Richard Whipple? Does he even know? Whip-

Last week, I went to vote for the 1989 valedictorian and life executive. When I had given my name to the person collecting the ballots, I was shocked to find out that my name had already been crossed off. After pausing for a moment the person said that they "trusted me", and they let me vote. There were no questions about producing any I.D. It probably was just a mistake but I think some sort of I.D. should be produced when everyone is voting.

Concerned

It's nice that you went to Halifax to watch the men, I'm really happy for you. Yes, being there would make it easier to write about those games. But that is no excuse for the dismal press you gave the women. How about interviews? One phone call to the Knickle household and you would have gotten four of them - three players and a spectator! How about Coach MacNeil? Coach Rowell? Cindy Doyle? Len Lang? Any of the other spectators that were there? The team members? Maybe you got back from Halifax late Sunday. What about all Monday morning and afternoon before your deadline? Mr. Beardsley, the women were second in the nation! They deserved better than what you saw fit to give them.

This letter was written for you, Mr. Beardsley; but if you decide to publish it then I would also like to add the following:

When I submitted my original letter to the editor a few weeks ago I requested that my name

ple's submissions/column *Aloud Thought* do not stick to any one theme other than talking down to the Gem reader.

I believe that everyone has the right to speak their mind, but not at the price of another. are you giving space to Whipple that could go to another less biased writer?

What do I mean by Whipple's biased? His biased against anyone not subscribing to his particular (or if you like peculiar) way of thought.

Whipple seems to think (his articles have a definite slant to this) that he is the only "intellectual" on this campus that has



valid thoughts. How can he exclude everyone save he and a few select members of "Whipplect".

Whipple, let me inform you of something basic that will be of use to you later in life. There is beauty and intelligence in everyone and everything; you just have to stop and look.

Who are you to say that a basket ball player doesn't have true thought- because he doesn't know who Demonstones is?

I may seem not to be practicing what I'm preaching to you by condemning you for your lack of interest in all save a select few "thinkers". I hope that in the future, you take all views in to ac-

be withheld from publication because I wanted to be able to hear the response of members of the mens team to that letter without them knowing that I had written it and thus 'sensing' their comments and opinions when I was around. As it turned out, I was party to some of those conversations only in a secondhand nature. Based on what I have heard I would like to say to the guys: "Gentlemen, to those of you who saw my original letter as a personal insult or an insult to the mens team, I apologize; and to I ask you to read it again and to see in it what I was trying to say, not to read into it your own views. To those of you who saw it for what it was - an attack on the article, not on your team - I commend you and say thank you. I also feel that some of you owe Susan an apology. Do not jump to conclusions, she did not write that letter, I did."

Respectfully,
Kathy Collins
- a face in the crowd

count when you write for all of us here at UPEI.

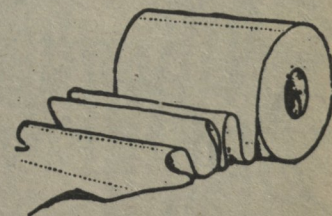
Does "Whipplect" state that you must at all times be condescending to the reader, and that you must act like you know more than any other human on the subject?

Whipplect is a frightening thing... so frightening that I can't finish the last piece written for the Gem by my fellow student. When Whipple commits intellectual bastardom he hurts himself and his credibility to his reading public.

What style and content is really present in "Aloud Thought"? Is it not a column of ranting of an individual in the guise of one speaking for the many? Whipplect would be very much at home in Nazi Germany because of its lack of focus on the common good.

Please, my dear editor, have a chat with this person. Please follow your journalistic instincts and edit to space and taste.

I remain,
Hopeful



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