

# Letters.....



Dear Editor,

I am fed up! Our library is too noisy. I am sick and tired of people treating it as a lounge. It's extremely rude. At the high cost of tuition it makes sense to study hard. To my fellow students I say, "If you are not here for an education then get out."

The ones who want to study can't because of the noise. It is just plain unfair.

Please talkers have a heart. Editor, please help. If people don't shut up I'll throw them out with my bare hands.

Signed, Desperate for an Education!

Dear Editor:

This letter wasn't written solely to tell you where you neglected to mention information but the reason behind it.

There is enough negative expectations about the ladies field hockey team and your article in the Sports section last week did not help! Your statement read: "This year with no doubt

the field hockey team is going to win a game, or at least tie one." You were correct to state that the ladies lost their first two season games but you did not mention their tie to St. Francis Xavier on Sept. 20!

The part, "...going to win a game or at least tie one" was quite unnecessary! Did you know the field hockey team played in a tournament four days before their season opened? At this tournament they WON, tied and lost a game. Its no wonder there's little confidence given to the team—they're never given credit for their success! Please find a more accurate authority on the games outcomes next time!

Angela Van Dijk

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Personally, I have every confidence in the abilities of the Ladies Field Hockey team. Although the article was accurate, you are quite right that the line you mention was overly sarcastic. In future, we will try to make the Sports page a little more optimistic.

Dear Editor:

I object to an irrational argument made by Mr. Longley (in the September 24th issue) in his attempt to legalize the cultivation of marijuana. Aside from his claims of the safety of marijuana, he has presented a twisted view of Chinese history. Marijuana has never been a part of Chinese culture. Regrettably, opium has played a part in the recent history of China.

Opium was introduced to southern China in the late 18th century by foreign traders, largely by those of the British Empire. The East India Company imported and openly sold opium in China. In spite of constant attempts by the Chinese government to ban the use of opium, extensive operations to smuggle opium continued. Its effect was devastating. In addition to causing the suffering of opium addicts, the opium trade increased corruption in Chinese official circles of that time, and

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The gem cannot be polished without friction,  
nor man perfected without trials.  
— Confucius

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