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## Sue's rebuttal

Dear Editor:

Upon reading your editorial in the March 26th issue of the Sun, I was both appalled and disappointed in your comments. I feel that these comments were both unfactual and totally uncalled for.

For someone who spends perhaps an hour, if that, a week at The Barn, you have made generalizations of me, as well as the other executive members and council that are unfitting.

Vice-President is not a public relations position, as is the job of President. I do a lot more behind doors than the public sometimes realize. Being responsible for sub-organizations of the Student Union I deal with people and their personalities rather than figures or outside governing bodies. My "job description", which I feel I have fulfilled includes; Yearbook, sub-organizations, social committee, Winter Carnival, Fall Fest, Student Senator Acting President in his absence (which I did through Orientation) and the Sun. At this point I would like to note that, it is not my duty to serve (with the exception of Senate) on all these committees, but rather to oversee each and make sure the qualified people are present so that each may run smoothly (please note that I have served on these committees have given help when asked.

Student Union is not a 24 hour per day job, but neither is it a 9 to 5 job. What I do with my own time is my own BUSINESS, Ms. Hartman. It is not the business of everyone reading the Sun how often I go to Jim's or anywhere else for that matter! Such comments I might laugh at in a "Rumor

Hath it" column, but in an editorial it has no place. To call me a socialite I might have accepted because I do enjoy being with people and having a good time (don't you!?) To me this is a benefit not a hinderance. It is my right to do what I want and as long as I am harming no one (and fulfilling my duties as V.P.), I owe no explanation of my personal life to anyone!!

An executive member works with the other executive members, and they as a whole come to agreements as to what should be done when a problem arises. I feel this year's executive has done this and to criticize one, is to criticize us all. Even you Ms. Hartman have made mistakes. This is not to say we the executive are perfect and have made no mistakes, but the important thing is that we have learned by them.

At this moment I feel very frustrated because I am entering a new mandate as Vice-President Internal. If as you say I have done nothing then I must have done an excellent job of "pulling the wool over people's eyes". If this is the only think I have achieved in the last year it is a sad thing. "You can fool some of the people some of the time", but I am sure I have not fooled all of the people here at UPEI by reselecting me to this new position. I feel that my job as V.P. was well done this year. No matter what you write will convince me other wise and it is for the benefit of everyone else that I write this letter.

It is quite humorous to congratulate all the chairpersons that you did at the end of your editorial because all these committees fall under my jurisdiction. Is this not a reflection

in itself? Everyone involved in Student Union this year has contributed to their fullest, including you Ms. Hartman. Council has taken on some very touchy issues and have handled them quite well. If we spent all our time talking about issues such as El Salvador, Seal Hunts, Irish problem etc. at each Council meeting we would have no time to discuss issues that personally involve the student. After all, we were elected to work for the students of UPEI, not made statements about political issues because they vary from person to person.

In closing I would like to say I believe in freedom of the press, so long as facts are straight and not distorted. I feel in my case that the facts were untrue and that it was uncalled for. This is by no means a stab at my peers, but rather without them I couldn't have done as V.P. this year at UPEI. My best to them and to you as well, Ms. Hartman. Sue Parlee Vice-President, UPEI S.U.

is unfortunate you had not thought of it at the first of the semester when your paper was in dire need of support. If not, however, and it is my belief that this is indeed the case, your editorial deserves a few clarifying remarks.

First off, I agree some council meetings tend to drag on. But then, what can be expected when 23 (or a portion thereof who stay for the entire meeting) people get together and try to agree on policies. Go to a Senate meeting for a comparison and remember, most of these senators are supposedly the educated of our society. There are also many other aspects of council meetings which require improvement i.e. attendance, attention to matters on the floor etc. and hopefully next year will see the elimination of the so called verbosity and tactlessness of our councillors.

Your criticism of the executive leaves a little to be desired. You are indeed a poor substitute for the "Watchdog" and we are fortunate that he/she at least checks out his/her assumptions before printing them.

I am glad that you said the "untrained eye" as you obviously fall in this category. A gross error was made including the existing Treasurer as one of the more active executive members. An informal investigation revealed that "T.W." shows up for council meetings, payday and very little else. Council is still waiting to see a report for the previous two months' activities and regardless when they see it, it will be another copy of Mickey Place's figures.

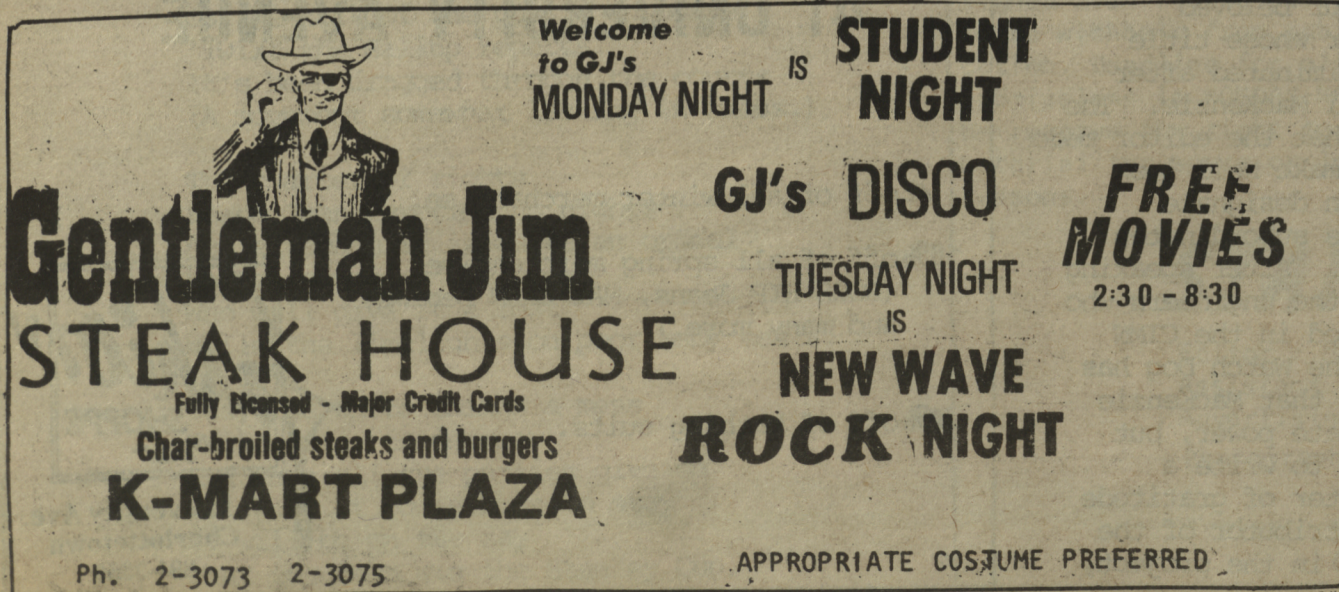
While on the topic of Treasurer, I cannot understand your statement that the Treasurer will have more work as a result of the restructuring report. Now, I know you were in attendance at the meetings that dealt with this report, but for your information, the Treasurer's duties are reduced by this report. The responsibility for external advertising is transferred to the new V.P. External and this is the only mention of a change in the Treasurer's duties in the report. Perhaps this shows that our editor is in the same category as some of the people she is criticizing....

To even a casual visitor to The Barn, our V.P. Sue Parlee would seem to be always around

## Amused and appalled

To the Editor

I was both amused and appalled to read your editorial of March 26, 1981. One must assume you rely on unconfirmed information since some of your statements are so far from the truth it is unbelievable that you would print them. Perhaps an underlying motive exists??? Based on campus comments, your editorial aroused more interest and response than any event this semester. If so, you are to be commended, and I trust a retraction and more exact account will be published in this week's paper. It



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