

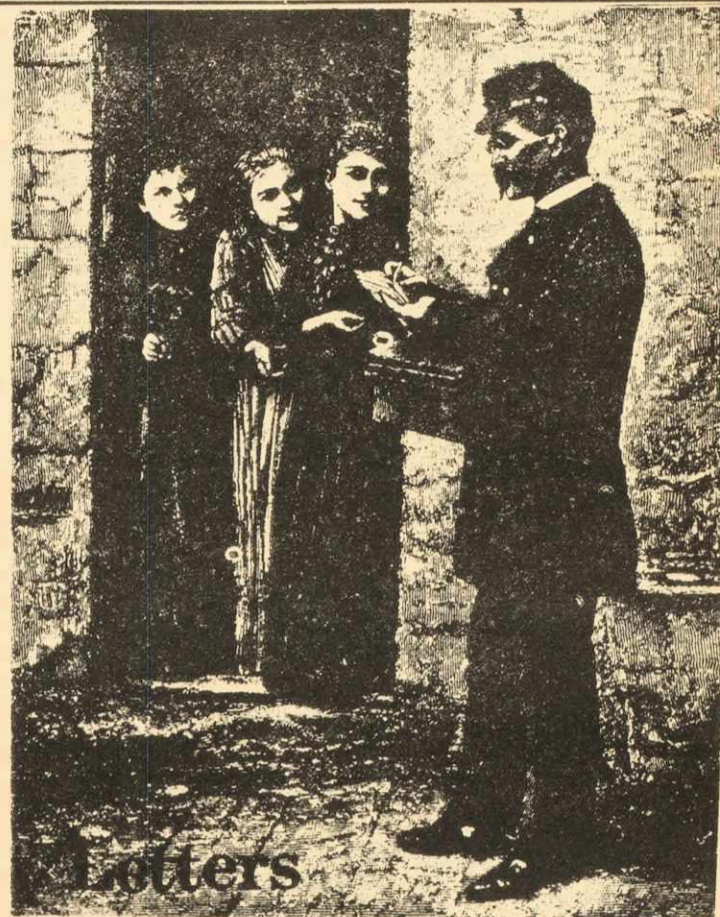
freedom or what

Well, folks, here we go again with pearls of wisdom for all our readers. It seems that there is some misconception on this fair campus about what the term "freedom of the press" means. Freedom is a word used to describe an intangible concept dealing with liberty and exemption from control or interference. The dictionary defines freedom of the press as "freedom to publish any opinions in newspapers, magazines, books, etc. without government interference or censorship". Now our illustrious publication strongly supports this concept. The Student Union (and that means all of you who pay fees) are our publishers. You have the right to demand certain things from the paper you support - things like information, some level of literacy, etc. - but you do not have the right to determine Editorial policy, at least not as long as you are not actively working on the staff or editorial board of the paper.

The freedom to express opinions contrary to that of the Student Union Executive, the Students Council, the Faculty or whatever, is implicit in freedom of the press. It is not merely that we are, and must be free from interference, but it is our duty to point out what we may see as either injustices or incongruities in the community around us. Of course, we all realize that pointing out certain things that we either agree with or disagree with is not the way to make friends but when we do it well or convincingly, then certainly we hope to influence you. You may say that this influence is unfair and interferes with your freedom of choice but so long as the opinions we express are clearly in the realm of editorial comment then you can take what we have to say or leave it, or burn the paper in front of our office door. It's up to you and we won't interfere with your choice, so please don't even attempt to interfere with our choices. We might get violent and no one would like to see the maniacs that work here get violent - we might get hurt.

While we're on the topic of freedom there's another breach of that concept going on in Halifax these days. Halifax presently has the best Mayor we've had in many a year. Edmund Morris has been active in many areas of community life that no other mayor had the guts or inclination to get involved in. Unfortunately, some of the more reactionary elements in the community and on City Council have been criticizing him for his activism. The criticism has reached a point where Mr. Morris is easing off on some of his activities and we think this is a mistake.

It's not that Mayor Morris is always right or that we always agree with his policies or opinions but he certainly has both a right and a duty to do what he sees to be in the best interest of the city. If that means that he must travel to other areas of the country for sound advice or whatever then so be it, within reason of course. He should not, however, allow those critical blabbermouths who hardly have enough sense to come in out of the rain to stop him or even slow him down. It seems that he is giving in a little bit too much to these self-proclaimed saviors of the city and we see this as extremely unhealthy. Maybe he just needs a little encouragement or moral support and for what it's worth he's got it from us. We don't want to see a return to past policies of incompetent management of our fair city and will do all we can to prevent it. Our advice to Mayor Morris is to keep moving and ignore the creeps - just don't abuse or abrogate the responsibilities of the Mayoralty office.



To Betty Jo

To the Gazette,

I am writing in response to the recent letter posted in the Gazette concerning the gentlemanly conduct of one (1) Howe Hall resident. I am that resident, and wish to direct my comments to this Betty Jo, obviously an alias. Firstly, I thought it quite unfair that you put me down with respect to my "unproffered" love. Actually, I thought it quite evident that I was hinting towards romance when I suggested that we have a party, with balloons. But now that I think of it, I realize it was best for me not to become sexually involved with you. You say that I was not excessively interested in your lily-white body. This is not true. As a matter of fact, I was quite interested in the smudge of lipstick that showed up so well on your shoulder. As for the erotic tattoo, that seemed only reminiscent of past battles. May I suggest for a new toothpaste one that is specially suited to DENTURES, say, Poli-grip. Your deodorant certainly was different: I never

smelled such an odor. As for that fishy odor near your tattoo, all I can say is "I hate fish!" It was an excellent sexual depressant. Perhaps the age-old remedy of the bag-over-the-head could add further oompah to your "attack". Anything would be a start. But don't worry, it will come with the right stimulation.

Thank you for listening,
Buster Hyman

Run Tidy

To the Gazette;

Having campaigned for an office is an experience to which I cannot lay claim so perhaps I need a lesson in marketing should I misjudge the market on whose behalf I think I speak.

The Students' Union underwrites (with some exceptions) the campaign expenses of candidates (recall the late great fees-increase debate). Is it too much to ask candidates, in spending the electorate's money, to attempt to present to the electorate what each candidate feels is his/her redeeming qualities

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