

## Some views on letters to the editor

A good number of the letters received this year have been criticizing the newspaper. So far we have printed all of them and will continue to do so.

This week is no different. In this issue are a number of letters that criticize the BRUNSWICKAN for a number of reasons. Some of the reasons - and only some - we feel are completely unjust.

Our classic this week is a letter from Dr. Grant, who has just resigned his volunteer services at our Infirmary. He gives as his reasons the attitudes of the students and the derogatory remarks made by this paper this year regarding the Infirmary. It is his prerogative to do so.

But his second reason is completely without foundation. He was obviously looking for a good excuse to get out of his volunteer work up here so he could devote more of his attention to his downtown patients, which is probably a much more lucrative past time.

Not only did this doctor resign, but he went about it in a most ungentlemanly way. He did not even have the courtesy to send his letter of resignation to the Director of Health Services, the Dean of Students, or even the Head Nurse. Instead, he sent them all carbon copies of the letter he sent addressed to the editor of this paper.

Before last week's issue, two foreign students brought us two letters criticizing our feature concerning foreign students having nothing to do during the Christmas holidays. We ran one last week and the other we had to save for this week. The woman who wrote the second letter took great offence at this and sent us another letter to set us straight. So, this week we have two of her letters in.

She feels that since she took the time to write us a letter we should publish it immediately. For any of you who feel the same way

let us explain how we go about putting things in the paper.

First of all, we cannot fill the entire paper with letters to the editor. For the past few weeks we have more letters in than we've had in a long time. We have even devoted several pages to nothing but letters, and gone to some trouble so that they look half-decent on the page. Yes, Mrs. Mugo, we do have a deadline for submission of copy but NEVER have we said that whatever is in by then will definitely go in that week's paper.

We cannot make that sort of promise to anyone, not even our own reporters, who give up a lot of their valuable time to get news stories for us. They all realize that if we ask them to do a story that it will go in as soon as we can get it in. If we have to save it until the following week, then that's what we'll do. Letters to the editor do not receive preferential treatment, but neither are they withheld without good reason. Finally, we have been chastised, and perhaps rightfully so, for printing a certain four-letter word which some people would like to believe doesn't exist.

As far as the front page picture is concerned, we still maintain that we weren't overdramatizing but rather presenting plain and simple fact. Our letter-writers this week would have us believe that the deer were all killed because of man's need to survive.

But surely the day has passed when men need to hunt and kill wild animals for food.

As for the 'four-letter word' it was used in a cartoon that was and still is a comment of its author, Terry Mosher. Opinions of this newspaper are only expressed on this page, unless otherwise indicated. Columns, letters, and yes, cartoons, are comments of the public at large.

For us to have killed the Aislin

cartoon it would have meant that we begin blatant censorship on our comment pages. This newspaper will never stoop to that.

The comments that we make here might seem to indicate that we have been wounded in some way by the criticism, but such is not the case. Believe it or not

we welcome all opinions, letters and comments, not just those that happen to agree with us.

This page (the editorial page) is for our opinions. The comment pages, which we have expanded greatly over the past few weeks, belong to our readers.

Use them as you will.



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