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# Blood and Thunder

## Sexist language

Dear Editor:

It's disappointing that we are stuck in an age where an M.P. (Kempling) feels justified in levelling a sexist assault - "You Goddam ignorant bitch." - at a colleague (Copp); and where a student newspaper, a newspaper belonging to an institute of "higher" learning, our student newspaper, can feel comfortable publishing sexist comics (Kane's ICU).

I'm reserving judgement on Uncle Stevie's buzz-sawing female symbols in the October 23 headline until I decide if it is pro-female or anti.

Are we women to glean from your paper that we are the entertainment? Or that we are killing it ("We had a DEAL sister - and you didn't KEEP it!")?

I'm not sure which is worse. Surely we've advanced far enough in our educations that we can build each other up, not tear each other down.

Marty Avery  
 P.S. Try substituting "Nigger" for "Babes" in Kane's comic and see if the African or Caribbean population objects.  
**(It was violently pro-feminist but nobody noticed until I told you what it meant Marty.) STEVIE**

## Mindless behaviour

To Certain Rude, Ostentatiously Immature residents of Aitken House:

Your wonderously childish display at the pumpkin sacrifice deserves some form of comment. Congratulations - I doubt this university has ever before witnessed such blatant disregard of common courtesy for a university event. Whatever happened to "do unto others?"...

The pumpkin sacrifice is a symbolic representation of house unity and a welcome to new, and farewell to departing members. But, I suppose "animals" should not be expected to understand even concepts as basic as these. After all, you're incapable of anything except "bestial" behavior.

Your behavior at the sacrifice, although provoking laughter among many, was tasteless,

childish, and above all else dangerous. The rocks, eggs, bottles, and batteries which were thrown could and did cause pain - one spectator was hit by a D-Cell battery and rendered unconscious; but of course, Aitken probably found this humorous.

As for the cries of "save the pumpkin" - what about those poor innocent 30 dozen eggs - can't the same be said for them? Your actions, Aitken, were devoid of thought (as usual I suppose), tasteless, and tacky. Why don't you try appreciating the pumpkin as the fun and interesting tradition that it is? Why don't you grow up and allow other houses the respect you yourselves would want?

Three cheers for maturity! (Can you Aitken boys count that high?)

Sincerely,

An appreciative spectator

## More sexism!

Dear Editor:

Prof. Cumming's article on hunting was thoughtful and thought-provoking. As a woman sensitive to gender-biased language, I found it curious that both he and Krutch, whom he quoted, concerned themselves with the masculine half of our population. "When a man ... destroys the works of man we call him Vandal. When he ... destroys one of the works of God we call him Sportsman."

Cumming is consistent with his prejudice and has the imaginary hunter similarly focusing on men: "Hunting and violence are instinctive to man ... it is manly ... God places these animals on earth for man to treat as he chooses; what else are they for, anyway?"

Let it not be said that feminists are concerned only with feminism. This is one feminist who is concerned about sexism.

A Reformed Moose-meat Eater

## Vocal fans at UNB

Dear Editor:

While attending the Rebels' volleyball matches at Dal. this weekend, I noticed something that I thought should be brought to your attention.

Despite common belief and your personal ravings, UNB does not have the most apathetic sports fans in the world. During the sparsely attended matches, where door prizes were given away at rapid intervals (Can you say, "Let's bribe the fans to come out and watch?"), the Rebels bench more than drowned out any cheers for the Dal. team. Their fan support can be summed up as a small group of sorry people.

Live from the Sewer:

Dr. Gus Lizarde

PS BLOOMERS RULE!

## Writer's hypocrisy

Dear Sir:

I recently read the "Democracy Held Hostage" article by Karen Skinner in the Oct. 9, 1987 issue of the *Brunswickan*. Ms. Skinner berated the "nefarious ramifications of political patronage," and likened it to 20th Century feudalism. Politicians reading her prose must have trembled in their shoes after being compared to "feudal lords." Good job, Karen!

Imagine my surprise to turn the page and find a letter to the editor by the same Ms. Skinner. Only she is now chastising K.C. Irving for not loosening the corporate purse strings, after UNB named a library after his wife!

"The university should be justifiably offended by the meanness" of Mr. Irving, writes the author. My, my, my! Strong words indeed for someone who just wanted to eliminate political cronies "paying tribute and being rewarded for their obedience."

Wake up and smell the petunias, Karen! Aren't you asking good ol' K.C. to be sucked in to the same "patronage" that you profess to hate so much? As you said, UNB named the library after his wife, fully expecting a big handout. When that didn't come through, you attack "Mr. New Brunswick." Why the change of face between pages nine and eleven?

Perhaps, Ms. Skinner, if you are intending a career in journalism, you should dust off your Webster's and look up the meaning of the words