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# OPINION...

As typesetters at *the Brunswickan*, we frequently are bombarded with opinions of all types. Despite our personal views, we obediently type in your quips, qualms, and gripes about the university and the world in general. However, after reading Karen Skinner's letter to the editor printed in the October 23rd issue of "*The Bruns*", we feel our silence must be broken. It is time for you, the reader to hear our complaints.

First of all, we were upset by Ms. Skinner's referral of the two UNB students who will be vying for the title of Miss Canada. One of our main objectives of *the Brunswickan* is to provide the student body with local issues.

The fact that both of these young ladies are part of the student population of UNB provided a local human interest story. We felt it derogatory to refer to achieving a title that is based not only on beauty but also intelligence, talent, ambition, and poise to such a title as "Miss Conveyor Belt from Yawnsville." We are proud of the fact that two students of "our university" are participating in the pageant as we are sure their families and friends are proud.

*The Brunswickan* is provided for the student population as a form of easy, informative and entertaining articles. We do not have foreign correspondence in the Middle East or our nation's capital to report back to us on our non-existent satellite link. We try to cover major issues in our own area and we leave major newspapers to provide coverage for the rest. *The Bruns* is provided free of charge and is not in competition with the major newspapers in regard to circulation and sales.

*The Bruns* does, however, provide more serious newsworthy reporting of issues that do affect the student populace. However, if it was an entirely dry and serious publication devoted to all of the issues covered by the major papers and not local events, how many students would bother picking it up to read?

Viewpoint, from our perspective as students, is meant as a humorous and entertaining feature of our newspaper. To obtain a serious answer to a serious question such as "What do you think of the Meech Lake Accord" would be rather difficult as no one takes this section seriously. All of the responses are tongue-in-cheek; therefore, the questions are as well. There also isn't room for lengthy comment.

Finally, to all the other *Brunsn'* criticizers who are lurking out there: if you do not like the way your student newspaper is being written, why not try and improve on it by joining *The Bruns*? Those who criticize and do nothing have no right to voice their opinion. At least not in our opinion.

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