

# editorial comment

Well, once again it's that time of the week and our editorial is needed. Once again we have no editor to write it. Our Editor, Assistant Editor and Graphics designer have decided to take a few weeks off.

The editor and staff have agreed to work on the 3rd next issue. At that time you will be able to read an editorial by the real editor. For the time being you will have to put up with my ramblings.

Every week people glance through the Sun, some even take time out to read most of it. The answer, when asked is that "it's pretty good."

The reason the Sun is "pretty good" is because it has to be the most conservative paper in the maritimes, if not in all of Canada. The Sun simply prints ordinary or everyday material. Rarely, does the Sun print anything that may be deemed radical or controversial.

The number of calls and letters the Sun staff received this week on "Forget the Seals...Save the Babies" (pg. 10 and 11, March 9th issue) would leave one with the impression that "ABORTION" shouldn't even be mentioned in a student newspaper, especially if that paper happens to be on Prince Edward Island.

One would get the impression that if we refuse to recognize abortion that it does not exist, (especially on the Island). If abortion occurs, than it happens to "people from away".

Statistics Canada showed that in 1976 some 57 "legal" abortions were performed on the Island. This is a small percentage of the 50,000 reported abortions recoded in Canada of that year, but abortions do happen on our lovely little isle.

This writer is not stating that the Sun wither supports or condemns abortion. The article was written about an issue that to be of public interest.

People ask "why do you continually put in articles on unemployment, AFS, NUS, etc".

It is both part of our policy and very necessary to continue what are called news campaigns. Every editor or editorial staff must have an editorial policy to give the newspaper direction so that it will not drift all over the place. This also allows the reader to expect certain articles and ideas to lie in the newspaper each week.

Week after week there appears an article on AFS or NUS to show that the newspaper is aware of the situation and to allow the readers to watch developments in the issue and what the various factions within the Canadian society say about it and treat it like.

The Student newspaper is responsible for letting the students know what is happening around them. If there is an issue which the editors consider to be important, then the articles will continue to be published until that issue has been resolved.

The newspaper is the watchdog of the system. If the system fouls up then newspapers will jump on it until the problem is resolved. The newspaper is not only a source of information but also a valuable agent for the protection of the populace.

# LETTERS

Dear Mr. Green,

The Southport Catholic Women's League would like to express its great disappointment in the latest edition of "The Sun", due mainly to a full page advertisement on Page 17, describing in vivid detail the "arts, techniques and uses" (or should I say abuses) of prophylactics. We feel very strongly that you

have used no discretion in the selectivity of your ads. Such an ad is an insult to the intelligence and morals of anyone who may choose to read the newspaper.

Our group cannot understand how you can allow such trash and trivia to be a part of your newspaper, and may I say once again, how extremely disappointed we were to see such an ad.

## HERMAN



"Every time we go out anywhere, you always find something to complain about."

# the upei sun

The UPEI SUN is a member of the Canadian University Press (CUP) with exclusive national advertising rights held by Youthstream, 307 Davenport Road, Toronto, Ontario.

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Contents are the responsibility of the editor. Opinions are those of the persons expressing them. All letters and articles must be signed even if the name is to

be withheld. Deadline for all submissions is Friday noon. Office hours are 9:30 to 12:00 and 2:30 - 5:00 Monday and Wednesday, 10:00 to 12:30 Tuesday and Thursday and most evenings.

The staff meeting is every Monday at 7 PM in The SUN's office, fourth floor Main, East end.

This small space is not sufficient to express our appreciation to those who worked on this week's issue;

- Pat Ingram
- Rick Webber
- Laurie Tierney
- Maria Driscoll
- Al Ward

# staff

- Editor - J. Laurence Green
- Assistant Editor - Marsha L. Gaudet
- Lay-Out Manager - J. Gerald McKenna
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If you cannot supply better ads, then we think it is time to stop publishing the paper altogether. Surely there must be better articles to print with much more important messages to convey.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Barbara MacDougall  
Secretary  
Southport Catholic Women's League.

Dear Ed.,

Just a note concerning a letter which appeared in last week's issue. Apparently its author, a senior, is disturbed because he/she made the Dean's list, but failed to be invited to the Dean's dinner (since it is now limited to only the top 100 students). You had my complete sympathy, dear senior, right up until you said "I expected