

Dear Editor:

Something tells me that either you are anti-American, or that you simply did not "do your homework". I'm referring to your one sided editorial in the January 16th edition of the X-Press. Let's get some facts straight. First, we were by no means looking for an excuse to bomb Iraq. It seems that Saddam gave us that reason all by themselves. Saddam's forces rolled into Kuwait, despite warnings from the United Nations not to do so. Saddam was perfectly well aware when he went on this adventure what the results would eventually be.

Second, while we are on the topic of reasoning, the only reason the coalition went into the area was to liberate Kuwait. Kuwait had fallen victim to an aggressive neighbour, and the United Nations was not prepared to let this violation stand. They had given Saddam numerous opportunities to end this forced annexation. What did Saddam do? He laughed, as if the U.N. was just making idle threats, and wouldn't dare follow through. We now know what happened.

Third, in my books, Iraq was a real threat to world peace. If the United Nations (lead, If will confess, by Pres. Bush) had not gone in and bombed Iraq, would Saddam have stopped at Kuwait? Highly unlikely! If Saddam's brutal occupation had been unchallenged, I shudder to think where we would be had they not done a thing!

The American administration had to be given some credit, Mr. Editor. No other nation could have pulled together the broad ranging coalition that Mr. Bush was able to, and keep them focused on their goal. True, some stories of Iraqi atrocities had no basis in fact, but the fact remains: Iraq was in clear violation of International law, and had to be reminded of that minor detail. Had the United States not raised the alarm, Saddam could very well be a bigger threat a year later than he is.

As for the sanctions (not covered in the editorial), some peace fanatics complained at the beginning of the war that we had not given them enough time to hurt. One Question: How long should we have waited, 20 years? Wake up! Kuwait was being over run, and was begging us to help them out. Don't get me wrong, I was sorry that it came to a military showdown, but Iraq gave the coalition no other choice. The United Nations gave Saddam a way out-

Saddam very foolishly didn't take it - and now the Americans are being blamed? Not very fair, in my opinion.

Yours Sincerely, Junior Gallant.

Dear Editor

This letter is written in response to the self-righteous article on censorship written by Kirby Ferguson in the last week's edition of the X-press. Kirby, what's your problem??? Not only do you dig your own grave with your article but you also proceed to fill it in upon yourself. I'm not exactly sure what you were trying to achieve with your article but I'm sure that it only shows one side of the issue. In case you've forgotten, the Student Union is the body responsible for the financial well being of the radio station. Therefore you are an employee of the S.U. as an employee and as the editor of the Alter Ego" you should have had more concern for the reputation of your "employer". The Student Union executive have every right to censor such an article especially if it has potential to reflect badly upon the organization. I feel that as editor of Alter Ego you should have been more concerned with the publications content. The "Alter Ego" program guide was made available for the public at such places as record stores. Could you imagine the backlash that the radio station and the S.U. would have received if some child had taken it home! I sometimes have a distorted sense of humour but I failed to find any comic relief in what you attempted to print. I honestly took some offense to a couple of the titles and I'm sure that many other people would have also. I think that by censoring this piece of writing, the Student Union saved your neck! In your article you show concern that the Student Union may censor something of "substance". I assure you that this is not the case. If you can learn from your mistake this time, all will go well. To quote your article directly "it is a list of absurdly offensive songs" and "this time it is not just a stupid little joke". These passages demonstrates how meaningful and immature the song chart actually was. You also, complain of having to black-out a thousand copies of the program guide. Had you used your better judgement you could have saved yourself a lot of headaches. I wish you luck with your next edition of "Alter Ego".

Sincerely David Fitzpatrick Vice President of Operations U.P.E.I. S.U.