

# Letters to the Editor

### Advisor's Note:

The *Polemic* staff is very grateful for the input from the Letters to the Editor column and Students Speaks regarding the publication of unsigned letters. We have checked *The Alpena News* policy and various journalism texts.

After much discussion the following major points have surfaced:

(1) Students are graded. Students need services from administrative and support staff. Negative attitudes toward the student may not effect these grades and services. However, many students feel that this might happen and therefore hesitate to raise an issue that needs to be addressed if their names must appear in print.

(2) Persons ought to "stand behind" opinions they express.

(3) We are delighted with the interest shown toward our newspaper demonstrated in the time people are taking to express their opinions. We're being read and we love it. We would hate to institute a policy that might inhibit this kind of response.

Therefore, it is the decision of the current *Polemic* staff to continue, upon request by the writer, to publish unsigned letters. However, as always, we never publish a letter unless we know the identity of the writer, and we will release that name to "concerned" parties and persons who have direct involvement with the letter.

Dear Editor,

In your latest issue I read that Dr. Newport was adventurous enough to "visit Germany." I feel it may be a mistake for our college president to work in a country that can't hold a successful march against RACISM. Also, events and news reports of the Racially Motivated attacks there on foreigners are most disheartening. I hope Mr. Newport will be most cautious about who he deals with over there. Humanist Not Racist.

Cordially,  
Donald  
Filarski

To my fellow ACC students, As I read the last two issues of *The Polemic*, I was somewhat amazed at the attack directed toward the snack bars. I realize these childish complaints must have come from a small minority of unthinking individuals who do not have the ability to use their head before they open their mouth. In the last issue, seeing as how you didn't have the guts to sign your name to your letter, I can only guess as to who the author may have been. After reading these letters, I can only assume they were penned by a bunch of spoiled, yuppie brats who have been pampered by Mommy and Daddy since the day they were born and haven't got a clue about real life.

Well, here's a chance for you to take a reality pill. First of all, if you don't like the food, or you don't like the prices, go somewhere else. If you are one of those people who has a mouth totally devoid of taste buds and would rather go to McDonald's for a hunk of over-cooked shoe leather instead of having a bowl of Jean's delicious soup, go for it. I'm quite sure Jean is not going to lose a moments sleep over the fact that you didn't come in and buy a damn candy bar.

If this is too inconvenient for you, there is another option. The last time I looked in the student handbook I found nothing that said it is forbidden for a student to bring his or her own lunch. I know this means you may have to drag your happy butt out of bed five minutes earlier, but I'm sure if you whined and cried long enough Mommy and Daddy would be more than happy to pack you a nice little lunch in your G.I. Joe or Barbie lunchbox so you can happily skip off to school. That way you wouldn't have to spend all your allowance at that "nasty" snack bar.

Secondly is the issue of Jean's "negative" attitude. It's hard for me to speak on this

because I don't see it. I spend a lot of time at the Van Lare snack bar and Jean always greets me with a smile and a "Good morning, Steve." If she isn't too busy, we even engage in some friendly conversation. Maybe it's time for you adolescent morons to take another reality pill. In the real world, respect is a two-way street. Just because Mommy and Daddy love you no matter how obnoxious you are doesn't mean the rest of the world is going to do the same thing. You don't deserve to get respect until you are willing to give it. Perhaps if you treated Jean with a bit more respect, she just might return the favor.

Finally, I do have one complaint about the Van Lare snack bar. I usually arrive on campus about 7:30 a.m. At that time of the morning the snack bar is clean and organized. It's a comfortable place to sit down and have my morning coffee. However, by 10:00, the pigs arrive. The tables are littered with empty pop cans and paper. The floor is covered with trash. The chairs are scattered all around so you need a map to get from one end to the other. It is not Jean's job to pick up after a bunch of spoiled two year olds that are too damn lazy to pick up their own mess. If someone came into my home and made a mess, and then got up and walked away, I wouldn't invite that person back to my home. I only wish I had the same authority at the snack bar.

You people are supposed to be adults. It is time you grew up and realized that Mommy and Daddy have lied to you. Despite what they have told you your entire life, the sun does not rise and set on your perfumed and pampered little butt!

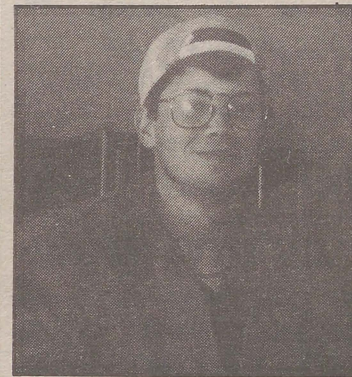
Signed,  
Steven Maxwell

# Students Speak

Do you think that letters to the editor published in *The Polemic* should have a signature?

### Billy Anderson

Yes. I don't believe that it's correct for someone to make a statement without having to put their name behind it to back it up.



### Kim Dell

No, because it doesn't matter who wrote it but what the meaning was behind it.

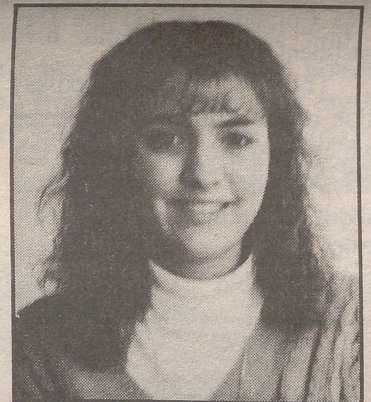


### Joe Richards

No. They are more to the point when they are anonymous.

### Heather Leppert

Yes, because if they're attacking something they should be able to stand up for it.



To the Students of ACC: For more than a decade the Community Mental Health have operated group homes for the developmentally disabled. These individuals have been accepted by the community and have received excellent care.

Now the Community Mental Health Board is considering withdrawing from running these group homes.

If this happens we believe the care, these clients receive will be reduced. We urge you to contact the Community Mental Health Board Members and asked them to continue to care for the developmentally disabled that are now in our commu-

nity.  
Concerned Caregivers of  
Community Mental Health.

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