

# IN THE MAIL BAG

## Not Against Censorship But What It Censors

9 Guelph Street, Nov. 19th, 1967  
Dear Sir:

I feel that you have done your readers a monumental disservice by your editorial of November 19th, entitled "Censorship is Necessary." In that passage, you referred to my valedictory address earlier this month by quoting, out of context, the phrase "unfair and unjust." Your interpretation of this phrase was that censorship of a high school newspaper in 1966 was the object of my criticism.

Had you examined more carefully the text of my speech, however, you would have discovered that the real meaning of my comments was this: the censorship that was employed was, because of what it prevented from publication, "unfair and unjust." To be specific, as I was in your presence at the Commencement, the ban on all discussion of educational policy by the student newspaper was a regrettable decision, for which the Administration at Georgetown District High School should have been publicly criticized.

If this had been the sum total of your comments, the situation would have been bad enough, but your inept comparison to the reprint of the Realist pornography in the newspapers of two prominent Canadian universities was simply inexcusable. Before you start to make accusations of this sort against the students of Georgetown, you really must be sure of your position. Please read the text of my address, which I delivered to your reporters after it was given. Wherever will you find any statement that disagrees with the premise that the principle of censorship "ITSELF" is "unfair and unjust."

You rightly accuse the editors of the aforementioned university presses of irresponsibility. The fault they are to be criticized about, is the printing of too much news. However, this brings up a question in my mind — a question of not enough news in your own publication. Since you were in attendance at Commencement '67 and witnessed the spontaneous ovation my remarks gained, surely you must realize that at the High School there are many issues that a responsible press could consider. None of these is slanderous or insignificant. The refusal to allow the student body to ratify or amend the Administration's Constitution, is a basic question of the denial of civil rights to ten per cent of this town's population. Yet you chose to ignore this important question, along with many others, like student apathy, the image of Georgetown in its young people's minds, and student opinions about the Educational System in general.

Judging from your comments in the editorial, you would be surprised at student response to your editorial. Not only were many outraged, but the majority realized that I had been dangerously misquoted.

This responsible reaction hardly bears out your description of youth as "scatter-brained and immature." Those who are so, have not been helped by the attitude of their societies; for example, the editors of the university newspapers may very well be rebelling against the sort of censorship that I criticize — "unfair and unjust" — but not therefore incorrigible.

Yours respectfully,  
—Roger Smith

## 'Playboy', 'Esquire' How About Adult Censorship?

16 Queen Street, Nov. 16, 1967  
Dear Sir:

Bravo McGill.  
Regarding your editorial comment, Thursday, November 16, Adult Censorship is Necessary.

Well, I started thinking. You know, this adult censorship might be a good thing for us young people but as I have been taught, I look before I leap.

I went to one of the stores in town and looked over some good examples of adult censorship. I came equipped, started taking notes: "Playboy", "Esquire", "Hush", "Flash" — and I could have named more if the lead on my pencil hadn't broken.

On the corner of one book shelf I noticed a magazine, picked it up, and turned to the centre spread, strictly by accident, I might add. Well, there was a girl wearing only a small piece of cloth, so I thought to myself what would she be wearing if we hadn't adult censorship.

You say, quote, "If older students in responsible university positions cannot be trusted to use discretion and stay within bounds of good taste, one cannot expect less mature youngsters to have acquired the judgment which only years can bring."

Well, sir, if those magazines mentioned above are prime examples, I shall increase my search for the fountain of youth so I can stay a youngster.

The point is, gentlemen, the McGill and Toronto papers did not print these just to arouse public opinion. They did it to make students "think." The students start to ask such questions as: "Did that really happen in Dallas, and was President Kennedy such a great person as he has been made up to be?"

## Wins Judgement in Case Against Town

89 John Street, East, November 16, 1967

To the Editor:  
I would like to thank those members of Georgetown council especially our Mayor for forcing me to take court action against the town of Georgetown. Thereby making it possible for me to receive judgement to the amount of my claim. I hope this acts as a foundation for the residents of the town of Georgetown who have a similar problem in the future. A special thanks to Mr. Walter Sopinka for his defense in court on my behalf.

Thank you for your paper space.  
Hugh "Hoot" Wylie

I would bet my life that half the people creating such a stink and forming an opinion of this haven't even read the article.

In closing, sir, I would like to say, after adult censorship of this letter, I hope there are a few pieces left to make people stop and "think."

If people can't even think without being censored or criticized, then Karl Marx, or old beggar, you won.

— Jim Egerton

## Just 'Some' Freedom In This Teener's Plea

75 Market St., Nov. 17, 1967

Dear Mr. Editor:  
In regard to your "Censorship Necessary" editorial.

History sees that censorship has never really happened. Hitler tried it and says they are trying it in Greece. What good has come out of it? In looking at man's four basic rights, the first is the right to freedom of expression. Wasn't this what those other papers were doing, just expressing themselves in the best way possible. You, as editor and as a respectable middle-class-minded Georgetown citizen mention the article as "obscene," "offensive" and in "bad taste." Shouldn't it be myself or maybe even my parents that set the standards for what I read? Have you, the editor, the right to forward just one view of censorship?

Complete freedom in the high school paper is impossible. We, and I think, speak for most, just want SOME freedom in the articles that are printed. At present, the newspaper is put together by us, but anything that does not please the administration is taken out. We do not even get the opportunity to defend our actions in printing the article in the first place. We can not call the high school paper a student paper, yes, we assemble it, do all the work, reporting, drawing, etc., but it must be called an administration paper, for we have no say no voice and no opinion at all in its contents.

Last year's paper was a complete flop. The students were put to blame because it didn't sell, who wants to buy an unimaginative, completely censored paper.

I am sorry to say that the people in Georgetown, all of them, are small-minded, completely pre-dead, and possess no ability to express an opinion or take sides. I am glad that I have resigned from this town. Thank you.  
— Dick Lindauer.

## Herald Editorial Was in Poor Taste

November 20th, 1967, 18 Market Street,

Dear Sir:

I wish to begin by making two points clear. Initially, I am of the opinion that the platform of our High School Commencement Exercises does not seem to me to be the most appropriate place from which to voice a protest against school censorship. Secondly, I am neither approving nor condemning Roger Smith's address. Nevertheless, it is just possible that this seemed the only opportunity left to this highly gifted young idealist to say what he obviously felt compelled to say. However that may be and whether Roger was right or wrong, your criticism of his democratic, though untimely, protest in the same paragraph as that in which you affirmed the necessity to censor obscenity seems to me to be in the lowest possible taste. The juxtaposition of the two entirely divergent types of judgment involved seems to me odious.

I shall find your publication of this adverse opinion of your editorial highly commendable.

I am,  
Yours sincerely,  
—Mary H. Hardie

## Buddy Night as Kinsmen Host Eleven Visitors

Members of the Kinsmen Club of Georgetown acted as hosts for eleven "Buddies" on Monday night, Nov. 13th at Stan's Restaurant. "Buddies" on hand were Archie Hayden, Noel Butlerworth, Gerry Scarrow, Derek Jones, Jim Cooper, Lou Pankentin, Dave Hastings, John Wilson, Art Patterson, Jack Stubbs and Dale Tost.

The keynote speakers were Bud Schaab and Peter Lepik of the Ontario Housing Corporation who spoke and showed slides of the OHC's Senior Citizens' Housing projects throughout Ontario.

"Bring a Buddy Night" was the first of its kind in the History of the Club. Each member had been asked to invite a guest of his own age group to participate in the combined business and social evening.

The association of Kinsmen Club, an all-Canadian young men's service organization, is promoting "Bring a Buddy Night" throughout its 425 clubs, consisting of more than 13,000 members.

During the business meeting, Kin Herb Wilson told the Club that he had received 3 or 4 estimates for Christmas trees and that the trees should be delivered around December 1st. In addition to its local service work, the Kinsmen Club of Georgetown is supporting the Golden Anniversary Project of the Association, the Kinsmen's Institute for Mental Retardation to be completed by 1970. The next meeting of the Club will be held on Monday, November 27th, at Stan's.

## Elderly Gander Marks Birthday Number 44

The old man of local farm fowl circles has just turned 44. His little house keeps the winter winds away.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Asbeck, R. R. 4, Georgetown, who own the elderly gander report he is still full of vim and vigor. His appetite is as good as ever. Mrs. Asbeck said and he came through last winter and the heat of the summer with flying colours.

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