

Ka-Ching cartoonist responds to complaint

Ms. Kathleen Murphy:

First of all, Ms. Murphy, I would like to thank you for your little diagram. I have been contributing to *The Bruns* since February 1983, and I have never received a letter

good, or bad, or indifferent. This year I was determined to get on, and it seemd that the only way to get a response was to offend people. I was interested in seeing how far I would have to go to get someone mad enough to write a

letter to the editor. you're it, Ms. Murphy. You took the bait. Now you know how a pickarel feels.

As far as my sexist portrayal of females goes, I'll be the first to admit that most of my girls are portrayed as air-headed objects with big boobs. But, so what? It's a comic strip, for God's sake! I've never claimed that it's true to life, and it doesn't mean that I think of women that way. Don't you have anything else to worry about? Midterms or something, maybe?

My drawings are sexist; I intended them to be that way, and if that upsets you, then you have the right to express your opinion. However, I did not expect such a scathing personal attack. Tisk, tisk, Ms. Murphy, tisk, tisk. Libel is defined in the "World Book" dictionary as "A written or printed statement, picture, etc., tending to damage a person's reputation or hold him up to public ridicule or disgrace." Pretty well fits the bill, wouldn't you say? How low can you go, Ms. Murphy, how low can you go? Do you consider this name-calling and insulting a taste of my own medicine? I've never made any libelous statements about any specific woman, and I especially would not do it to someone I've never even met. I've never even made statements about women in general, such as cranks about low intelligence, or barefoot and pregnant, or about women being useful only in two rooms of the house. I think you went about expressing your opinion in the wrong way. The libellous statements and diagram were uncalled for. You're lucky that I'm a nice guy, or I'd sue.

I think that, as a public service, I should correct any mistakes in your sketch. I do have hair, even though a lot of

it ended up on the kitchen floor last Friday. I also have eyebrows. Thick, black eyebrows. Both of my ears are almost the same shape. I don't think I've ever been accused of having a "button nose." I'm not left-handed (youshould have played the odds on that one). You got one thing right though. My legs are pretty short.

I think that I should also cor-

I only have stereotypical vision in my left eye. It's 20/200, but my right eye is 20/20.

My "transportation systems" (legs) don't "thrust" me anywhere. I like to think that I more or less "saunter." You'll probably be happy to know that I had to look up the meaning of "coprolite." If you mean "petrified poop," why don't you say "petrified poop?" The joke was lost on

"Ode to John Bosnitch"

Dear Sir:

I have become quite concerned with the controversy involving our past president Mr. John Bosnitch. I have composed a piece of poetry expressing my feelings toward this matter. I hope that you may find it worthy of publishing in the next student paper edition.

Sincerely yours,
Bernie Blakely

Ode to John Bosnitch

There was a man with many dreams
Many dreams indeed
But OH! ALAS! he would soon learn
That they would not succeed.

An embryo engineer, he was
Soon to be led astray
To the seat of student president
Up until the other day.

He was not performing well, they said
In the eyes of the administration
So what do they do, they kick him out
Me-thinks this is called dictation.

They said we would be free, oh sure
To control things here and there
But when it comes to money
We see that's their main care.

True, I'm only a second year student
And know little of this system
But the way they dealt with Mr. Bosnitch
I hesitate to resist'em.

I've heard of many scandals, you know
From several different places
But 'OH' what a shocking surprise it was
To see those local forces.

Perfection is a difficult task
For somebody to attain
John never said he was perfect
Though who would be so vain.

We soon will have a new committee
To guide us thru thick and thin
But Downey has the final say
It's a situation "no win."

Some respond we have no power
This drives me in a fit
You see it's not a matter of power
But who gets to exercise it.

I feel bad for the man now gone
I liked him, hair and all
Too bad his mighty empire
Had to take such a drastic fall.

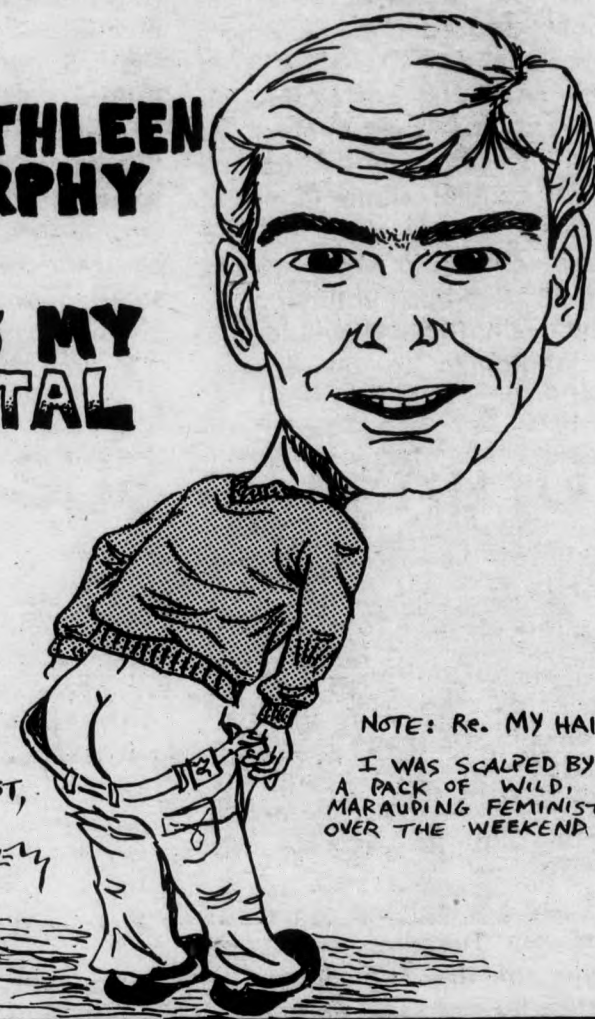
And so a final word for John
In hopes he reads this verse
Go west young man, to a different place
For here, it seems you're cursed.

Now when you're finally settled in
Wherever it may be
Please! John, please, for your own sake
BEWARE OF STUDENT FEES!!

TO
MS. KATHLEEN
MURPHY

HERE'S MY
REBUTTAL

YOUR
FRIENDLY
NEIGHBOURHOOD
SEXIST,
PAUL WHITELEY



NOTE: Re. MY HAIR
I WAS SCALPED BY
A PACK OF WILD,
MARAUDING FEMINISTS
OVER THE WEEKEND

rect your little comments. My head is not that large, and it isn't always empty. I sometimes rent it out for floor hockey. As for thoughts, they're all dirty, me being the sexist pig that I am. (I've been fantasizing about you and me this past week, if you'd like to know). Creativity? Well, I made a cat's head from clay in the seventh grade. Judge from that.

most of us common folk.

Now for the biggie. "The organ that has obviously taken control over the rest of his body." Why did you put a question mark there? Don't you know what's supposed to go there? If it controls my whole body, it must be a big one, eh?

If you were trying to be funny, Ms. Murphy, then you were a huge success. If you were trying to hurt my little feelings, they you failed. Sticks and stones, Ms. Murphy, Sticks and stones. I haven't had so much attention since I started putting cartoons in "The Bruns." And I loved every minute of it. There's no such thing as bad publicity, Ms. Murphy. I've never had so many good laughs in one day. Everyone thought it was hilarious.

This week's "Kaptain Ka-Ching" is one that I did last year, but it never got published because I thought that it might not go over well with some people. I dug it out especially for you, Ms. Murphy. Thanks again for the response, and I'll try to be a good little boy. See you in the funny papers, Ms. Murphy.

Paul White

EUS Handbook criticized

Dear Dr. Downey:

We would like to bring your attention to this year's publication, *Engineering Undergraduate Society Handbook*. We are concerned about the content of this publication. It portrays women in a degrading and discriminatory manner. Surely any perpetuation of this attitude toward women is undesirable. It discredits the University, the Engineering Faculty and in particular, the Engineering Undergraduate Society. We are ashamed that an institution with a long stan-

ding record of excellence should be tainted by association with a publication of this nature.

We hope you deem it appropriate to take action in this matter and we would very much like to be informed of those actions.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Heathwood
Geological Engineering,
3rd year

Kathleen Murphy
Member
Student Women's Committee