

NOT CENSORSHIP

The PICARO has turned a students' complaint into a censorship issue. It is not censorship when students voice their disapproval. Censorship exist when laws are created to prohibit or ban content. There is no law to stop anyone from publishing anything. That's OK.

The PICARO is a forum for the students at the Mount. Students expect to be represented in the paper, expect the editors to follow its disclaimer and expect to be given a fair hearing.

The PICARO has the editorial privilege to reject material which is libellous, sexist, racist or homophobic. They are not exercising that privilege.

If YOU don't like the content of any article then you have the right to complain and the PICARO has an obligation to respond.

CENSORED

On January 30, 1996, a small group of students decided that some material in this issue of *The Picaro* was offensive and took away your right to read it. This group collected all the issues of the paper, dumped them into garbage bags and returned them to *The Picaro* office. They were accompanied and supported by Joe Strolz, your student union president. Joe was there after an emergency meeting, (with select members of Student Union Executive) regarding the content of the paper.

We at *The Picaro* feel this is censorship.

We realize that the material is not the most conservative in nature, however it is not, in our opinion, prejudicial to any group. We encourage you to read the paper and let us know what you think. **This is your student paper, you decide what's in it. Your voice in the student newspaper is your submission.**

The Picaro welcomes feedback, comments and article submissions.

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