6:2a Types of Editorials



Figure 81

Editorials can:

• Criticize or attack:

- o Require suggestions for change.
- o If an editorial attacks, it must be accurate in the charge.
- o The criticism or attack must be backed up with facts.

• Defend:

 Stand up for an individual or organization under attack by society.

• Endorse:

- o Backing of an issue or a candidate
- o Must give solid reasons for doing so

• Compliment:

- o Show evidence that the compliment is deserved
- o Praise when warranted



Figure 82

6:2b Types of Editorials



Figure 83

• Instigate, advocate or appeal:

- o Instigate means to go on a crusade for something—improvement of facilities or working conditions, etc.
- o Advocate through backing suggestions offered by groups or individuals seeking changes.
- o Appeal by encouraging people to donate to a cause or vote for or against an issue.

• Entertain:

o Should have a worthwhile point and should be written about something worth the reader's time.

• Predict:

o Support predictions with fact.



Figure 84