

Blood and Thunder

False Alarm

To the students of the University of New Brunswick and Saint Thomas University

We need your help to solve the false fire alarm problem.

During the past year, the Fredericton City Fire Department has responded to numerous fire alarms on campus. Fifty of these were intentional false alarms.

Intentional false alarms of any type are illegal and charges can be laid under Section 393 of the Criminal Code. The penalty is up to \$2,000 in fines and two years in jail.

The severity of these charges directly reflects the very real life threat involved in responding to an alarm, even though it may be false.

You may wonder how there can be a life threat if there is no fire.

To the occupants of the building there is no threat, but fire fighters place their lives in danger every time they climb onto the trucks and speed through the city to an alarm; in fact, over 35% of all fire fighter deaths in the U.S. in 1986 were attributed to emergency response vehicle accidents.

There are other dangers too. While the fire department is responding to a false alarm on this campus, a real fire could be occurring elsewhere. Until the false alarm is determined as false, it is treated as a real fire and emergency vehicles respond immediately. If a real fire is burning at the same time, the possibility of loss of life in that fire is increased proportionally to the amount of time it takes the fire department to reach the site. Even the few minutes in response time lost to a false alarm could result in a tragic outcome in a real fire.

Anyone needlessly setting off a fire alarm has chosen to ignore its life threat implications and has made a decision for any and all people who may be involved or affected by it. No one has the right, either legally or morally to do this.

The misuse of fire extinguishers is also punishable by the Criminal Code under Section 387. Anyone who discharges an extinguisher "for the fun of it" has chosen to leave an area of a building, and its occupants, unprotected. They have made a decision that will affect anyone who needs an extinguisher to put out a fire, or escape from a fire. Again, the decision is not theirs to make.

The University is doing everything it can to decrease the number of false alarms in the residences. Our greatest concern is that residents will become complacent about alarms and will begin to ignore them. Please remember that the one you choose to ignore, could be the one that kills you. If you decide to stay during an alarm, you place your own life, as well as the lives of the fire fighters who may have to rescue you, in jeopardy.

We need your help to solve the false alarm problem; we can't do it alone. Our hopes are that the information in this article will appeal to the adult attitude most students possess. We have given you the facts about false alarms and their threat to life safety. How you use this information is solely your responsibility.

If there is another residence fire here on campus, we hope that the residents will respond to the situation in an informed manner. We also hope the fire department is not answering a false fire alarm somewhere else in the city, at the same time.

Douglas L. Smith
Safety Coordinator

Sharky Speaks

To Everyone Involved:

When I first opened the *Brunswickan* paper last Thursday I was quite impressed and shocked. I was amused at the amount of replies (sic) to the past "Sharky" ads, (please, Dr. Death, spell my name right next time - if there is one...). I was also quite alarmed at the SWC's comments on a simple cartoon, and I wish to clarify some points:

1) Sharky sluts! For your information, it's Sharky slut (not plural) and this refers to the male figure involved (his first name now changed).

2) I draw the Sharky cartoons, not Brian Linkletter. Do not involve him in something he has not control over. I give him praise, for he is one of the best cartoonists I have ever seen. (To Brian, my hat's off to you, continue the incredible work. You are in the rankings of Parker & Hart (B.C.), Gary Larson (Far Side), and Jim Davis (Garfield). Well done.)

3) Since when has Sharky done anything violent against women (he has great respect for them). Go out on a date with him sometime. He is classified under "Images of Violence against Women."

In conclusion, I would like to say that the SWC has some good points but most are greatly exaggerated. The *Brunswickan* is a fine newspaper; the staff does a very excellent job (and should get paid for it) and I have friends in universities all over and I often send some papers to them (for there is a large call for the *Brunswickan*). I stand firmly behind the *Brunswickan* and I wish to salute you.

Yours truly
Wayne Sharpe
aka: Sharky

Appreciative

THANKS

The members of the family of late Anne-Marie Grignon want to express their sincere appreciation to her colleagues, students and friends. Your kindness and support to the family during this most difficult time is really impossible to describe. Her two children, Jiro and Lill-Anne, and her husband, Naoto believe that the memory of the most considerate and loving mother and wife will support and give us great strength and courage. We are sorry that we are unable to contact every one personally but we will remember in our heart your kindness for a long time.

Very Sincerely,
The Family of late Anne-Marie Grignon

Adam and Eve

Dear Editor:

"...it all goes back, of course, to Adam and Eve - a story which shows, among other things, that if you make a woman out of a man, you are bound to get into trouble." (Gilligan, 1982).

I would like to respond to the Nov. 25th article on 'Sexism'. The above quote helps to express my feelings about this article. These 'women' are trying to make women out of men. They are trying to create an androgynous sex. How boring life, love, and yes, sex would be!

This article suggests that the 'Personally You' column over-looked sexist connotations and actually condoned them. However, they did not take into account the altruistic reasons behind the column. This was not to be used to ridicule or criticize others feelings or choice of words or phrases.

These women seem very concerned with the ways in which women are portrayed in the *Brunswickan*. However, they have not even considered how the men feel. To them, men looking at beautiful women is pornography. To many women, to be admired by men is what they strive for. If these women don't believe this they should 'open their eyes' and take off their sexist glasses.

I hope that all the men who are offended by the November 25th article remember that all women are not like these few.

Blatantly Offended,
Personally You,
LEAH WHITE - not a sexist

Alice Speaks

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to the SWC's comments on my article about eating disorders.

Gender was not entirely ignored. I wrote that "it happens to a lot of women when they turn eighteen." Later, when I use the general term "students," I did so, first, to include that 0.5% of the male population who do admit to an eating disorder, and second, to show that only students, not Frederictonians in general, may use Counselling Services. The word "students" in the title was not my doing.

As the SWC states, eating disorders may be at least partly the result of society's standard of beauty. But many overeaters would attribute their illness to an allergic reaction to refined carbohydrates, just as an alcoholic has a sensitivity to alcohol.

Society's standard works against men as well. Few men admit their eating problems because having a belly is expected of them. However, the real issue is about poor nutrition and its effect on students - male or female.

Furthermore, most people with eating disorders also have low self-esteem. With this in mind, it can be at least a positive thought to be among the ranks of the "bright, sensitive and creative."

Sincerely,
Alice J. Pitre

Discrimination?

To the Dept. of Education:

Could somebody please explain to me why Centre Com-munautaire (sic) Ste-Anne is receiving a 6 million dollar ex-

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