

## Regardless Dean Chernoff, its still not right...

Dear Editor,

It is interesting to note that the response to my article on the residence system actually agrees with my main thesis. Despite Dean Chernoff's protestations about problems in the budget procedures, and billings etc., they could not and do not change the picture past the tens of thousands mark. The stark naked truth is that millions have been poured into the residence system over the years. My point is that this is an unjust situation, and in line with what

Dean Kidd says about my article, the off campus students are subsidizing residence students because no part of the mortgage is being paid for in fees, let alone eight of twelve months worth.

I don't agree that this initiates confrontation between the two groups of students because it is a situation over which students have no control. I certainly do not advocate any residence fee increases. Indeed they pay too much. According to the Dean of Students, off campus students pay

about \$50-100 less than residence students, if you consider travel costs of owning furniture etc. in addition to rent and food.

I feel that residence students should be as concerned about this problem as off campus students. It is my opinion that there is a strong chance that the government will halt the practice of using MPHEC grants to support residences, as has been done in Ontario. If this does happen, what will happen to the residence operation?

Regardless of the government's decision on the matter, the Board

of Governors of UNB still thinks that the residences should be run on a break even basis. They thought that three years ago, and the breakeven point seems almost as far away now as it was then.

The residence system is an important part of university life. It is, however, not an important part of the life of the 70 percent of UNB students who do not live there. It seems to me that as difficult as it will be, something has to be done about the residence deficit.

If the people who commented on my article, which essentially expressed no opinions, had read the editorial that week, I would have been far more interested in their responses to it.

The editorial which all Bruns

staff supported said that the MPHEC must come up with additional funds to pay for the residence mortgage without reducing the overall grant. Since I wrote the first draft of the editorial, that certainly is what I feel should be done.

Stipulating the typographical error, there was no error of fact in what I wrote. I certainly am glad that people care enough to comment. I hope that I can speak for most students when I say that I just hope that a resolution to the problem will be sought and implemented quickly.

As Always,  
J. David Miller

## Great news not so great

Dear Editor,

Shades of missionaries of Imperial "Christendom" spreading the saving word to the heathen savages of darkest UNB!

I am, of course, referring to the "Great News" that hit campus last week, yet another "relevant" English version of the New Testament distributed by the IVCF and the parallel articles in the Brunswickan.

As a concerned Christian layperson I believe that the spiritual poverty of North Americans is as deep a concern as the material poverty of the Third World to the Christian (or Jew, Muslim, Buddhist etc for that matter) with a conscience.

As a Christian, however, whose

tradition is not "fundamentalist" (i.e.: claiming the primacy of the Bible and its literal interpretation) I am disturbed by a trend which seems to be "dominating" the Christian community at UNB.

I will not argue against the literal interpretation of the Bible here (those who wish to be that simplistic can decide for themselves if they want to be consistent about stoning harlots etc.). What does distress is that some Christians on this campus seem to believe that people will accept our religion simply by being handed a Bible.

Speaking from my own experience, if I had not had the benefit of the example of Christians who showed their faith not by citing scripture but by living lives of love

and sacrifice for others, the Bible would be next to rubbish to me.

My religion is based on Christ, not the Bible. If the spirit of Christ was not evident in the lives of people, in the love some people live, the death of Christ described in the Gospel would be dead print for me.

But, Christ's spirit is thus alive for me and my religion is founded in His Body; a new humanity.

If the Christian community is to have any relevance it must care for people's needs and concerns in an open loving manner.

Christ did not write a single thing in His life. He left the world a group of living people.

Gerry Laskey

## Butt out Lerverne!

Dear Editor:

I am deeply offended and just plain angry at the "Dear Lerverne" column which appears weekly in the Bruns. Offended, because as a female trying to "succeed" in this world, your blatantly sexist comments aren't helping. And angry because this type of garbage does not deserve to be in print. It is a waste of the paper it is printed on.

Is this column meant to be a joke? Because if it is I am not laughing. Case in point: In last Friday's column, Lerverne's res-

ponse to a letter from a "desperate" female was, "Get yourself raped or something. That should fix you up." Comments like this should not even be made in jest. If such "advice" is meant to be entertaining then I seriously question the level of journalism that the University newspaper is encouraging.

Dear Lerverne,  
Take some advice from this reader and butt out! Women can do without your help.

Kathy Kacer.

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