

# Brunswickan

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## To hell with the council, and . . .

UNB's delegation to the CUS congress in Guelph early this month did some talking about voluntary membership in student unions (student councils). While we are concerned about the national problem we will direct our attention to UNB at this time.

The setup of our present student union is inadequate for several reasons.

Take for example the collection of student union fees. The administration collects fees for the student union; try not paying the \$35. Then pay the administration \$35 at the end of the academic year to get your marks.

The present student union would collapse were the administration to stop collecting fees.

Our union is hardly independent.

We need a representative body that can be just that. Too often we hear students deny the ability of the union to speak for them on some or all matters.

But there is an alternative to forced and unrepresentative student union membership. A voluntary union would collect its own fees. That's a big step toward real independence.

Inevitably also, we feel such a union would be much more representative.

It's not too late for voluntary membership this year. A referendum can handle the dissolution quite nicely.

The few organizations that are still dependent on the Student Union for finances would have to be set adrift, at least temporarily. This newspaper is prepared for such a move.

## To hell with the faith, baby

To whom it may concern:

I hereby submit my resignation as Managing Editor of the Brunswickan. This action was necessitated by personal, financial and academic reasons.

Suffice it to say that had I deigned to continue holding this position of responsibility, I would not have been fair to myself or to the student body.

The position of Managing Editor of the Brunswickan - - and I speak with the experience of a past editor - In-Chief - - transcends mere dedication, devotion and CORPS D' ESPRIT. It is a job - - one that demands enormous self-discipline, initiative and endurance.

Tempered by a year as head of this campus student press, and mellowed by a summer of introspection, I no longer see the shape of the student affairs as I once saw them. This mere fact alone would seriously handicap my performance of the Brunswickan that it would be ludicrous to assume otherwise.

Like Wordsworth, I find that 'the visionary dream has fled'. (sic) Like Caesar, I have crossed my Rubicon. Unlike Prokofiev, I cannot be content to measure out my life in coffee spoons.

Allan B. Pressman

## SORRY READERS . . .

Since our last edition we received a large number of letters concerning our reprint from the Thunderbolt.

We apologize for the misunderstanding it created. We blew it.

The article was reprinted in an attempt to expose the fact that such papers are published and read by many people. We assumed the reason for printing would be obvious, -it wasn't-

In no way - and we wish to emphasize - in no way does the reprint reflect the editorial opinion of the Brunswickan.

Again, our apologies for any misunderstanding the reprint caused, and thanks for complaining.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sirs:

Please allow me to make a comment concerning the page you printed from the American newspaper "The Thunderbolt".

It was thoughtless, and unwise of the Brunswickan editors to print such bigoted material, especially during Frosh Week.

Such an article does not help anything. Those who have overseas friends and know that such trash is grossly twisted, plays on sensationalism, and is out and out hate literature, are I am sure, aware that racists and other bigots do exist.

Some people may read the articles, and not stop to think about the way the truth (if it is truth) is twisted.

The articles claim that negroes are to be blamed for the crime and the decadence of the country. The articles are signed "The White Christian Majority". That is the worst lie of the article. Such people cannot claim to be Christian.

The strongest criticism I have of the Brunswickan editors, is the fact that they did not put an editorial comment beside the articles explaining a little, at least, why the articles were inserted.

To anyone who has met and talked to overseas students, who has done a little travelling, or who has had to get along with people - to any person with friends from overseas, this article just re-affirms the fact that bigots, racists and phony Christians do exist, and it may prompt us to step up our work against them. But what about those freshmen, and other people who have never met overseas students, people who have come from small towns and have never done any travelling and/or have only a small circle of friends (though some freshmen I'm sure, are much more aware of what is going on in the world, and under

stand people more than a lot of our supposedly educated older students.)

A human tendency is to fear and distrust anything or anyone strange. Such people as I have mentioned, may just believe what was said in those articles, and may now regard any negro as a rapist or other criminal. If that were so, it would be most unfortunate, and the work that World University Service, the Students' International Association, the Human Rights Group, and other organizations have been trying to do - that is, international understanding, and the creation of an awareness of the fact that all people, regardless of race, religion, or political conviction, are human beings, with ideas, art, culture, etc. to offer each other.

I believe the article was ill-timed. If the overseas-student friendships the new students have made were allowed to develop first, and time allowed for a greater number of such friendships to occur, then maybe the article would have been able to serve its purpose - to show that maladjusted bigots and racists do exist, even on our own campus.

Trevor James, arts 4  
Julius Ogunlami, eng. 4  
Helmut J.J. Bitto, for. 4

Sirs:

Your September 12th number of the Brunswickan is a flagrant example of incompetent journalism. The printing of such thrash as "This is America" without comment is criminal since it assumes in the reader a social conscience, of some sophistication, which will reject and ridicule the "poison" presented in the article.

Unfortunately not all freshmen nor upperclassmen are sufficiently sophisticated or experienced to react to your article as you would wish them to. I fear

that relations between foreign students and the rest of the student body may suffer.

Your article has injured some feelings on campus and demonstrated the lack of communications between the student body and the presumptive intellectuals on the Brunswickan staff.

Frank P. Johnston  
science 2

Sirs:

I now think an expanded explanation in the form of an editor's note is due concerning the article "This is America" in the Sept. issue of the Brunswickan as many unanswered questions have been raised by this article and some parties tainted.

Pete V.S. Johnson  
science 2

Sirs:

The other evening while attending a party at the Cedar Grove Motel, I had the pleasure of meeting two of our football team members.

The time was 2:00 the morning and there were our athletes, a beer in one hand and a chick in the other. Now, is this the way for our team members to keep in shape during training? St. F.X. certainly would approve of this!

Name Withheld

### Keep the faith, baby

WASHINGTON (CUP-CPS) - Finally somebody has come up with an answer for American girls guilty about having nothing to lose in protests against the Viet Nam war.

Speaking to a meeting of the National Student Association Congress two weeks ago West Coast draft register Dave Harris was asked what women could do to effectively protest the draft.

"Well," Harris answered "You can refuse to sleep with anyone who carries a draft card."