

BLOOD AND THUNDER

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Social Club Solution

Dear Sir,

After careful evaluation of the ongoing debate between the Student Union and the College Hill Social Club, I have decided to enter my opinion. It appears that the Student Union's efforts are concentrated on two levels. A) to restructure the Board of Directors so that it would include a voice from the student associations, and B) to open the Bar up to all students, first come first served, except to those purchasing 'priority' memberships. It seems only logical that the Student Union, STU and the GSA have a voice on this Board, after all, between the three of them they represent all students on campus. They are also elected in open democratic elections that offer campus-wide polling and regulations to ensure fairness of all participants. I believe the Student Union's criticism is valid, but under the current system, patronage is the only means one can get a spot on the board. It is fairly obvious elections are stacked with friends and employees to ensure (the right) people get chosen. Quite frankly this is unfair and to say the least, a very deviant activity. I think it's time to get our student organizations involved to ensure the long term survival of the club at least this way we know who we can approach regarding our concerns, until recently, I think most people didn't even know there was a Board of Directors, they simply thought Matt Harris ran everything. Well I guess that's probably part of the problem.

that's probably part of the problem, because he isn't going to be around forever and a rubber stamp Board of Friends can lead to problems down the road. Don't get me wrong, Harris is doing a good job, he turned the place around, but remember the Board is supposed to be there for a purpose and right now it doesn't serve any except for a front to a one man show.

Point #2 - Membership - It's about time someone did something about this 'not letting people in because they didn't want to pay \$15.00' this is stupid. Why the big money grab anyway, the place does well on sales alone? Why not open it up to more students; let everyone have a chance to enjoy the only bar for students on campus? It's already overcrowded with 2,500+ memberships. Just think of the opportunity for student groups to have functions in the bar if they all were members. It would be good for business too. This would be great for the GSA, they wouldn't have to spend \$2,000 per year for memberships most foreign grads don't use anyway, the real 'keeners' could still buy the priority cards all grad students would welcome without the big money grab. Only 5% of STU students were members of the CHSC last year, under the UNBSU plan all STU students would be welcome to use the bar and again keeners could buy priority cards. I think opening CHSC up is a good thing; there is no need to shut students out if they don't want to be taxed \$15.00 by a

There is no question there can be improvement to the UNBSU's proposed board but the concept sure sounds great. Come GSA, St. Thomas and UNBSU work together and all students can benefit by this plan.

D. Craig Bradley

Answer us, please!

Dear Sir,

In last week's issue of the Brunswickan a member of Ujamaa thanked Matt Harris for his support which allowed the band to attend "The battle of the Bands". I was wondering, is this the same guy who spends the Social Clubs' money?? He sure dresses well and has some pretty nice cars too, he seems to be doing pretty well for himself. I guess my next comment would be, where are the Board of Directors and how come they don't have any say where the money goes?? I must say though, I do like the way the Social Club is run but I think it should be bigger. Has there been any thought of capital expansion?? Are there any established ongoing programs financing or are funds simply allocated on a whim or at random?? I am a little concerned about the present Board of Directors structure and the entire election process. Are the meetings even advertised in the Bruns?? I didn't see one for last year!! I was also wondering about the minutes for these general meetings for the past five (5) years, seems like an awful long time not to have anything official to say. What's been going on "off the record"? Inquiring minds want to know!!

Signed,
A Curious Cat
name withheld on request

Beer Prices Woes

Dear Editor,

As you have no doubt noticed from the many posters plastered all over the CHSC, the Social Club is engaged in a propaganda campaign, which is misleading to the student body (in this one instance anyway). Being a concerned student, I asked the manager why the beer and liquor prices at Memorial University in Newfoundland were not included in this list. The manager replied that these figures were not available. Being a M.U.N. Alumni I told him that the prices at the "Breezeway" (the student bar) might be lower than those of the CHSC, the manager miraculously regained his memory and stated that the prices were "exactly the same". So much for selective recall. Not wanting to present misinformation I have inquired into the prices at the "Breezeway": Beer \$1.85, Liquor \$1.95. The prices are also substantially less during Happy Hour, while N.B. will not have a Happy Hour after Dec. 1. The "Breezeway", which is under the control of the M.U.N. Student Council, pulls in approximately \$500,000 a year without the benefit of cover charges or membership fees. I don't care who controls the CHSC but if you're going to tell a story, tell the whole story.

John MacDonald

What is the fuss about?

Dear fellow students:
I am writing in response to the recent arguing on the subject of homosexuality.

Personally, I don't see what the big fuss is all about. Come on, people, the whole reason that we're going to an institution of higher learning is to "broaden our horizons" . . . isn't it? I'm not trying to say that we should all have to approve of homosexuality, but we are going to have to accept it. Whether or not we approve is irrelevant, and we can't go on forever as though homosexuals weren't people too.

I may be way off base by saying this, and perhaps, I shouldn't try to analyze that which I do not understand, but it's my personal opinion that if the homosexual had had the choice, he or she wouldn't have chosen homosexuality as a life-style. In most cases - and I believe I am on track here - before the homosexual comes to terms with his or her sexual orientation, there is a constant inner battle of the conscience of whether or not the individual is doing what is best for him or her, and what society will think. Many commit suicide, and many unfortunately stay "in the closet" all their days. This is only the beginning of the tragedy of these persecuted individuals, for if they are "found out", they may be subjected to brutality from the ignorant both physically and mentally (try to remember the worst cutting remarks you've ever had the pleasure to receive).

I used to get quite upset when I heard of gay parades and the like . . . especially the one this summer in Ottawa on Father's Day (of all days, I thought). I thought it in rather bad taste to parade your sexuality in front of thousands of people - after all, "we" don't do that. The more I think about it, though, I realize that it is necessary to teach people that homosexuality is not a disease . . . you can't catch it, and "they" won't try to assault you or your sexuality. What's the fear?

As for the Adam and Steve remark . . . if the person who added that in their homophobic article was even the smallest bit religious (the individual must have been or the comment wouldn't have been included) he would have realized that God loves everyone equally . . . He doesn't chose favorites.

I don't think I'll ever truly understand the orientation towards homosexuality, just as the heterosexual life-style must be strange to the homosexual, but I'm not about to put them down simply because I don't understand them. I personally couldn't give a damn who they slept with . . . really, isn't that private?

It's time we all stopped being prejudice. I heard on TV the other day that there are no races, just one human race. We simply don't have the right to decide who should be excluded. As Bart Simpson would say "Who the hell are you?"

Anita Connolly

A glimmer of light

To the editor,

I just want to mention, in the midst of all the sexist references and actions that go on daily around the campus, that there is a glimmer of light. If anyone has ever taken Professor Fitzpatrick's political science courses they would find an incredible refreshing and easily adapted non-sexist language running through his lectures.

The role of premiers, MLA and Prime Ministers are not labelled roles of "he" but of "he/she". Some days the premier is simple "she". Everyone is referred to in the same non-sexist manner. It certainly reinforces the fact that women are capable of doing anything.

In this time of re-examining our language to better represent the reality of our world and give women their rightful place it's so inspiring to hear someone who races, and makes consistently, the effort to include, not exclude, women.

Carrie Onfitz

Get a grip!

Dear Sir,

Concerning the Social Club and the Student Union's proposed change of the Board structure, Mr. Bourque, get a grip, students on this campus are afraid of change. The Student Union has representation for students for the Board of Governors or the University (100 million dollar corporation), the students Disciplinary Committee, the Fredericton Academic Senate, Bar Services Advisory Committee, the Student Standings and Promotions Committee (to hear student appeals who have GPA's below 2.0 to get back into school), Search Committees for University Administrators - including the President of the University and the Dean of Students, etc. . . but for some reason some students don't want the Student Union to have a voice on the CHSC Board. It's hard to understand but some students are incapable of remembering that the Student Union has the lowest beer prices (\$1.75), brings in the best bands (Northern Pikes, 54.40, Grapes of Wrath, Kim Mitchell, Pursuit of Happiness, The Box, etc. . .) The Student Union funds, all student clubs and societies, The Brunswickan, CHSR, the Paper Post, Travel Cuts, Scholarships,

grants, Orientation, Grad Class, Campus Entertainment and a whole lot more!! Why would the Student Union want to ruin the Social Club? They wouldn't. If anything, the proposed changes are good for all students not just a few. And, I think that's what the Student Union's all about - working to make campus life better for all students and making sure they are well represented on an organization that claims to be working for the good of the university community and are owned and operated by its members (who happen to be all students). Sometimes change is good and even necessary to keep things working well.

Horrrific horror show

Dear Brunswickan,

I wrote this letter one week or so after Hallowe'en. I decided not to submit it to the Brunswickan for I felt this letter wouldn't reach its desired target or it might fall on deaf ears. I have since changed my mind.

Last Friday night at about 3:00 a.m. my phone rang. My roommate, being awake, answered the phone, only to hear someone say they thought I was an asshole then attempt to stumble and hang up the phone in a drunken stupor. The phone, still off the hook on the other end enabled us to listen to your party conversations. You people are really dull. You know that? Boring! So boring in fact that we hung up before you did, we learned many things. (Sorry to hear you're doing so poorly in English). I decided to have this letter sent in to iterate publicly why I did what I did. I didn't do it to be "An Asshole" I did it for a reason. Telephone calls from drunk buttheads in the middle of the night won't prevent me from doing it again given similar circumstances. I would bet just about everyone else in attendance at the rocky horror picture show in Tilley 102 on Hallowe'en night would support me, at least in principle.

This is for those individuals who took it upon themselves to ruin the 9:00 screening of the Rocky Horror Picture show on campus on Hallowe'en night. These individuals, threw eggs at the screen and at random at members of the audience.

The whole point of the Rocky Horror Picture show is to get all sticky, gooey and gross with the traditional rice, toast, squirt gun etc. while interacting with the action on screen. This is what has been happening for the fifteen years that this film has been showing. Everybody has fun, no one gets hurt and nothing gets damaged. These eggs that were thrown tore and ruined the screen for the rest of the showing (which was just over 1/3 into the film) and hit some members sitting in the lower rows of the Tilley 102 Theatre hard enough that they shouted out "whoever brought the eggs is an asshole!" They probably wouldn't have cared if they had heard it anyway. (Leaving in the first half of the second reel? Obviously, they were there to cause as much shit as possible before leaving for the Cosmo or the Pumpkin sacrifice rather than being there in the true spirit of Rocky Horror: to be part, for one night, of a really great cult movie.)

I would like to ask these individuals why they even went. Why is it so important to you to have fun at the expense of other audience members. There to have fun in the tradition of Rocky Horror? Or at least at the expense of the Student Union who had to pay to have the screen repaired, maybe replaced? Can you justify the waste of student union funds. As a result of this kind of behavior? Part of my and everyone else's student fees paid for that screen. I hope it was fun to waste everyone's money, including your own, while spoiling the enjoyment of everyone else in attendance. I hope you can justify your selfishness for yourselves, because I can't.

The result effectively made the rest of the showing a waste of time I had no trouble at all in justifying my action of telling campus police the names of those I could remember when they approached me. My action was not out of spite but rather out of disgust that university students, dare I say adults, could act in such flagrant disregard for other people and for the theatre.

I'm not part of your old boys network that helps others avoid accepting responsibility for their actions. I won't keep my mouth shut when people do intentionally destructive things. I am not part of your little club (thank the JEEZUS!) and won't assist in the defense of actions that were "fun at someone else's expense."

If you people were the adults you claim to be, you would accept responsibility for your actions and pay restitution for the damages incurred as a result of your actions; which was absolutely no relation to traditional antics seen at Rocky Horror picture shows all the time.

I hope you realize that your actions have caused a chilling effect that will probably prevent the movie from being shown on campus for a long time. (They're talking never again but we've heard that before, I hope that it's not banned this time) But then again you probably don't care; you had your fun. But at what cost to us true R.H.P.S fans?

F--- you very much,
Nicholas Oliver

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By Vinc

The last watch it was club had br Cigarette sm stench of spi in the air. Pe all around th stage area. drinking. Al

First of tell you SKYDIGGE not even go to the contempor reading it, so

The sing of mine sai was one of singers she I agreed. I wear his stag he can put on he feel like i up there on some well chatter to fill songs, but it back, goof-t attitude tha front man, the others s bounding a sweating lik a Chesire cat a great time most of you drinking for three hou enthusias

Richar cellist with Quartet, re a concert Sunday, De in Memor campus. J Resident Campbell, Stewart, a based in perform Beethoven 70 no. 1 "ghost", Trio for V and Schub