

BLOOD AND THUNDER

Letters to the editor reflect the views of our readers and not necessarily those of the Brunswickan. Letters may be sent to Rm. 35 in the Student Union Building. Deadline: 1 pm on Tuesday. Usual maximum length: 300 words. Please include name, student number and phone number.

You aren't alone

Dear Editor,
This letter is for anyone out there on campus who has ever, at any time, thought themselves to be gay. And I want you all to read closely.

It is said that perhaps as much as 10 percent of the general population, is to some extent, homosexual. And it has been my experience that this is in fact very true. So I figure that there ought to be about 1000 people on campus that are gay. Yet when I go to a GALA meeting, I see a group of perhaps 10 people. That really bothers me. It bothers me because I can remember back to a time when I was in the closet. And I still shudder when I think of how alone I felt. Sure, there were times when me and the residence guys went out for beers on a Friday night and I felt like part of a group. But that was the extent of it. Underneath it all, I kept thinking that many of them would not be my friend if they only knew my horrible secret. It bothers me to think that there are so many people right here that are going through that same personal hell as I did.

What I want to do is to reach out and touch each and everyone of you out there who secretly considers themselves to be gay. I want you to know that the feelings of despair, depression, confusion and loneliness are something that many of us have felt. But there is no longer any reason for you to feel it? When I was growing up, I thought that the gay people all lived in San Francisco. Now I know that it just isn't so. There are literally hundreds of us right here in little ole' Fredericton. You aren't alone.

I would also like to issue each and every one of you a challenge. One that is not easy to stand up to. Stop for a few minutes. Take a look at yourself and toss the issue of "right" or "wrong" out the window. Do you consider yourself to be gay? Be absolutely honest. If your answer is yes, then I would like to invite all of you to finally take a step towards a happier life. I don't mean that you have to get on Donahue and announce it to everyone. I don't mean that you have to wear pink clothing and scream your preference from the highest rooftops. I do mean to say that you owe yourself a lot more in life. You owe yourself the freedom to be who and what you are.

You don't have to go the road alone. There are a lot of us who are more than willing to give you a hand. We are old and young, student and staff but we all share a common background. And we can all benefit from each other. Call the FLAG Line and find out where and when the GALA meetings are. Keep checking in case they change. Then come on out and see what you are missing. We don't bite, we don't stone people, we just have a good time. And there is not a person on campus that would say that you don't owe yourself a good time! I'll look forward to seeing you all there.

Name withheld by request

A paranoid fantasy

Dear Editor:

What is so wrong about denying the Holocaust?, asks Professor Martin Yaqzan in his Opinion column in *the Bruns*, December 4. Why, he wonders, was British historian David Irving deported from Canada merely for refusing to accept "a certain interpretation of recent history"? Professor Yaqzan will find his answer in a recent letter to the *Globe and Mail* from University of Toronto historian Jacques Kornberg. With Professor Kornberg's permission, I am reproducing his letter here:

By saying that the Holocaust did not happen, Mr. Irving is doing more than insulting the memory of six million victims of genocide; even more than exonerating Nazism by clearing it of the stain of this crime. Holocaust-deniers go one step further, by asking why everyone insists this non-event happened, and their answer to this goes to the essence of their hate message. Their answer is that everyone has been deceived by a sinister Jewish conspiracy on a world scale. Now imagine the sheer size of this conspiracy, secretly descending on defeated Germany, somehow fabricating and forging tens of thousands of German government documents so well as to defy detection, getting officials to falsely state they participated in genocide, and then arranging for tens of thousands of bystanders and survivors to synchronize false stories about their experiences. Thus, according to Holocaust-deniers, Jews secretly banded together and acted with diabolic cunning to deceive and manipulate non-Jews. This paranoid fantasy of a world Jewish conspiracy was Hitler's, and led to genocide.

Yours sincerely,
Gilbert Allardyce
Professor of History

Student body in the dark

Dear Editor,

Happy holidays fellow students! Get your marks back yet? Probably

not, but don't worry they are all probably posted. Yeah right! The chances of all your marks being posted and finding them is about as slim as Nick Oliver getting a date with a girl in Tibbets/Lady Dunn residence. Don't expect to get them in the mail either (until February), not that through the mail you usually get them all anyway. It does however make you feel that the several thousand dollars you invest in tuition is paying for something. The great administration of our fine campus has decided not to mail out marks until February. What a brilliant plan, save the university a few dollars and leave the entire student body in the dark.

The university in an attempt to save money has not always been so conservative, especially when it comes to Library fines. I personally have received 4-6 letters from the library informing that I have an outstanding fine of \$2. Yes, that is a two, not a twenty. But now feeling riddled with guilt (not knowing how financially strapped the university is), I will pay the \$2 dollar fine - so don't send me any more notices. Oh well, back to getting your marks. If you don't know by now, the new system of getting your marks back is that you and several other thousand students are asked to go to the Old Arts Building, and ask one of the busy employees (I'm serious about the employees being busy) to show you your marks on the computer. I have to applaud this great academic institution for such a brilliant system. NOT! What is our tuition paying for? I'm sure myself and every other student is willing to under go a tuition increase of 43 cents to pay for the stamp, Oh, make it a Loonie, to include the cost of paper and for someone to lick the envelope. I'm sure that this expense would be accepted and understood, unlike many of our other costs which justify increases in our student union fee and tuition.

P.S. I'm sure if our student fees do go up to pay for the postage, you can bet that Loonie, they will go up at least ten dollars. The cost of the extra nine dollars to buy an extra six pack for the Student Union's party! Your welcome.

Brian Jones

A thank-you

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Miranda Cameron, Nick Oliver, and everone [sic] at CHSR-FM for allowing S.M.A.R.T. P.A.C.C. to provide the beverage services at their "Rave" - held the night of January 8, 1993. It was inspiring to see a non-alcoholic event on campus be so successful!

Your hard work was very evident throughout the evening, and thanks to all of the thirsty, non-stop dancers, our Dry Bar had its most successful night to date! Who would ever have guessed that there was such a great future for Cool-Aid (Jump-Juice) slushes?

We hope that you will consider inviting us to take part in any future events with CHSR, and once again; thank you for all of your help and consideration last week, it was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Lesley Steele
1993 SMART PACC
Executive

Pulling out from the station

Dearest Friends,

Often, I feel that life is a one way passage on a train with stops at various stations. Sometimes, it is an easy trip along level ground. Other times, it is a hard uphill struggle before cruising downslope into breath taking scenery.

As I pull out from this station called Fredericton, I will be closing one chapter of my life to begin on a fresh one. Hopefully, the station that next awaits me will be as full of interesting and pleasant passengers as the last one. Whatever it may be, I believe it will be just as colourful

and memorable.

I think each of us have our own journeys to make and our own chapters to write. I humbly hope that perhaps in some small ways I have helped to make it enjoyable. Please accept my sincerest apologies for any inconvenience and irritation that I might have caused. I do hope our relationship is not limited to a transit stop at just one station but would fill a thick volume with many interesting chapters.

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Good luck to all of you and best wishes to the International Host Family Programme, SSA, MSS and the BIS. Thanks for the tolerance, understanding and most of all the friendship.

Have a Long, Good
Trip Thru' Life
C.K-Tin
BBA '92-'93

Seeking Pro-Life societies

Dear Editor:

I am writing on behalf of the Next Generation society at Saint Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

I am seeking information about Pro-Life societies at Canadian Campuses, and would appreciate if any student at University of New Brunswick is involved in one, that they contact me at

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