

Blood n' Thunder

the hour approached the starting time, that very few people had actually showed up. As written in the *Daily Gleaner* about a small group of ladies who were representing women who have are suffering from breast cancer, the following day: "They were among the hundreds who gathered at the Lady BeaverBrook Gym at the University of New Brunswick to raise money for cancer research as part of the 15th annual Terry Fox Run." One may take note of the use of hundreds, perhaps 400 to be more exact. Notice not thousands, as one might think when thinking of where it was held. Let me give you some stats: 1) We are in a City of 60,000+, 2) We are at a University with approximately 7000, and 3) We have more sports teams than the four or five that showed (I respect the ones who showed), and 4) The last time I walked campus I counted more than one residence (Even if I sat in *The Cellar* I could count more than one). I do not want to point fingers or name names, because that sort of degeneration leads to bad feelings, and accomplishes very

little, but in comparison with small town turnouts Fredericton lagged behind. I would however, like to point out a lack of effort, organization, and planning by several able bodies quite close to yourselves at this moment. I am ashamed that guy of our age, who fought for so much, can go on unrecognized, as so we might have a few extra bucks when we reach in our pockets for one more drink at the club.

by Mike Drost

Response to Raphael and Pride

I felt compelled to write a response to the Metanoia column of the Brunswickan, September 22. I am referring specifically to the article "Pride" by "Raphael". In both the Aquinian and the (sic) Brunswickan, each issue contains regular columns about the homosexual community in

Fredericton, and most then follow with the same thesis about gay rights, gay pride, and such.

What caught my eye in this column was the author's discussion of the socio-politics of the gay-rights movement, in which many valid and acceptable points and concerns. He then referred to the issue surrounding Mayor Brad Woodside's refusal to officially declare Gay Pride Week, including in his column Mayor Woodside's quote: "sexual orientation doesn't belong in the council chamber".

I believe this quote to be an example of responsibility and proper conduct for Mayor Brad Woodside. In the council chambers, and in parliament(sic), their job is to discuss and view all options in solving a political issue. Issues such as whether or not to close rural schools, whether or not to close hospitals, whether or not to pass the gun-control bill, to amalgamate communities or not, etc. "Raphael" suggests the gay community should be considered as equal in the government as Veteran's groups, Cultural background and religious belief. Cultural background has very much to do with all the aforementioned issues; religious background is still important to consider (I think about the issues of religion in the school system, especially an issue in Newfoundland right now),

and the Veterans were the people who fought for our freedom, which we have today, and these are people who should never be forgotten.

So then there is the gay community. Each time a bill is to be passed in either city council or the New Brunswick legislature, is it necessary to consult the homosexual view on whether or not they should close a school? Or a hospital? Or how about gun-control? I believe that homosexuals are, as "Raphael" says: "as much contributors to the community as the next person... teachers, councillors, government officials..." but what I find to be ridiculous is the insistence that a gay pride view should be considered relevant and necessary to these, the important issues which may affect our futures. And when I say our futures, I include everyone. I don't think it is necessary, let alone relevant that the heterosexual view on the closing of St. Joseph's Hospital in Saint John be expressed or consulted. It doesn't matter! The point is, a hospital is closed, or at least reduced in facility and staff. The culture within Saint John will be changed because of it, but it says nothing to either side of the gay pride issue. Similarly with amalgamation. religion and culture still have boundaries in our province, and rearranging those boundaries will affect

religion and culture. It has nothing to do with whether or not someone among either these groups prefers one sexual orientation or another.

Gay Pride Week does not have a place in city council, because of the examples I have mentioned here. By pronouncing Gay Pride Week, Brad Woodside would have been including homosexuality and bisexuality among the aforementioned classifications, when homosexuality and bisexuality are a part already of cultural backgrounds, religious denominations, etc. Sexual orientation is not a factor in the closing of a school or or hospital.

My view is intended not to offend the gay community, just to point out the relevant. Let's keep the issues straight, in order of priority.

Sincerely,
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Letters to the Editor

Graduate Student Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Location: Dineen Auditorium (in Head Hall).
Date: October 11, 1995.
Time: 12:00 p.m. (noon time).
Topic: Election of new executives.



All full-time graduate students are encouraged to attend. Come and find out what the GSA does for you!

ANATOMY 6th @ 9:00 pm Rm 102

#1. 20% OF ALCOHOL IS ABSORBED FROM STOMACH AND GOES INTO BLOOD STREAM, REST GOES INTO SMALL INTESTINES AND ENTERS BLOOD STREAM FROM THERE.

#2. TAKES ALCOHOL IN BLOOD STREAM TO REACH BRAIN

#3. LIVER CHANGES SMALL AMOUNTS OF ALCOHOL TO H₂O, CO₂ AND ENERGY Kcal/Kg.

#4. HIGH LEVELS AFFECT BALANCE, VISION, ALERTNESS

#5. HUMAN BODY CAN PROCESS ABOUT ONE BEER AN HOUR. WHAT ABOUT MY SALT?

#6. SWEATING AND BREATHING CAN ELIMINATE SMALL AMOUNTS OF ALCOHOL

#7. TIRED, TENSE OR ON MEDICATION CAN INCREASE ALCOHOL EFFECTS

#8. NO SOBER-UP FORMULA!!

#9. BEER: FROM LATIN BIBERE - TO DRINK

ALCOHOL REDUCES SODIUM

NOT A GOOD OPENER

KNOW WHEN TO DRAW THE LINE

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