

BLOOD & THUNDER

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Fact or Fiction?

Alright then! Who do you clowns think you are? The Media Bowl was won by us fair and square with a score of 50 to 29 and you damn well know it! We are aware that the Bruns is capable of typos that make stories misleading, sometimes up to 48 pages of these kinds of typos that turn fact into fiction (Bad fiction at that), but we thought at least one minuscule shred of dignity would allow you to hold your heads high, even in the face of overwhelming defeat. We never even suspected for a minute that of all the terminological inexactitudes that the Bruns is capable of printing that the true score of the Media Bowl and the true course of events on the field could be so blatantly falsified. This would call into serious question the accuracy of "reporting" in every single other article in your noble weekly. Where is your journalistic integrity?

The Bruns has won many Media Bowls over the course of its history, with CHSR-FM only a few here and there. This is a legacy of which you can be proud. However, all those years in research have enabled us to produce carrots with a naturally occurring superior steroid content. All this hard work has finally paid off and for the past three years and most notably two weeks ago, The Bruns had to face defeat yet again from the genetically superior Bunnies of Death. Once again, we won fair and square, this time with a score of 50 to 29 (and just so there is no misunderstanding, that score was in our favour).

Pride is hard to swallow, people, but eventually the baby barbarians must grow up and leave the nest. Swallow, and swallow hard. Two pages of deliberate Mulroneys may only make yourselves feel better for a little while, but deep in your little iron hearts, you know that we were victorious and that lies never stop at just one, you must keep on lying in order to never be discovered. Truly a legacy of shame.

Buck up, folks. You played well, were a noble adversary, but the fact that you lost cannot be changed with a simple, two-page, spoiled child's temper tantrum when you don't get your own way. Now, drown your sorrows (like you are notorious for) and dream your little dreams in your heads and not on the pages of the Bruns (unless you want us to expect multiple pages of litter box material every week).

Sorry, but maybe next year. Not!

CHSR FM'S B-U-Double N-I-E-S OF DEATH!!!

Not a Lasting Solution

I was glad to see an article about the war in Yugoslavia (Oct. 25th). It is a problem of such magnitude that it deserves more attention. The author, Tony Fabijanici (who is, judging by the name, a Croat) expressed his view of the crisis on which I would like to reflect.

He rightfully objects to the Croatian leadership being called a fascist, but at the same time refers to Serbia as "... the last communist force in Europe" without any facts to back up that statement. It is true that many Serbian officials are former communists, but the same is true for Croatia. Because Yugoslavia was a communist country, a lot of people were, at one time or another, members of the communist party. Furthermore, Croatia's president, who poses as a world-class democrat, was a communist general! Serbia's president and government were elected by free democratic elections, and are therefore as legitimate as in any other democracy.

The violence in Yugoslavia began when Slovenia and Croatia unconstitutionally and unilaterally declared their independence. You simply can't be a part of one country for over 70 years and one day just say: "Ok, that's it. I'm out of here!". Make not mistake: this isn't the same situation as with the Soviet Baltic republics, which were forcefully incorporated into the USSR. The European community and the US made it clear that they are against any unilateral acts of separation and that they support the integrity of Yugoslavia. Still, Slovenia and Croatia went ahead with their plans, thus triggering the first war on European soil after WWII.

I agree that the fundamental questions are about territory. The fate of Serbs in an earlier, "independent" Croatia can be compared only to that of Jews in Nazi Germany. Hundreds of thousands of Serbs were slaughtered, thus reducing their number to about 600,000 today. That along with the rise of Croatian nationalism is the reason the Serbs are unwilling to live in such a state. The internal borders between the Yugoslav republics were drawn after WWII rather arbitrarily by the illegitimate communist government, but since Yugoslavia was meant to be one country, this wasn't so important. Now, with Croatia seeking independence this clearly changes. Changing internal borders would be a painful process, and even if it was done, it's not clear whether it would bring lasting peace. The Croatian leadership had to be aware of what it was getting into by unilaterally

declaring independence. The results are becoming more frightening each day: thousands of killed and wounded, entire towns and villages destroyed, scores of refugees on both sides. Let me make myself clear, violence is no way to solve any problem, and I am very sad to see scenes of destruction in Yugoslavia, especially Dubrovnik, where I spent many wonderful summers. No lasting solution can ever be reached by means of war. But to blame Serbia and the Serbian people for the entire crisis is ignorant - to say the least.

George Gogavac

Proud of Canada's Cultural Diversity

Firstly, I'd like to thank Andrew Gorman for his letter in The Bruns (Oct. 25th 1991) and let him know that I respect his point of view. In a day and age where apathy would seem to reign supreme, a reminder that this is not so in the form of our spoken beliefs, regardless of what they are, give me cause for positive thought.

Secondly, I'd like to address a few points that Mr. Gorman raised. I don't really believe myself to be a radical or that I have been misled in any way for believing in what I do. They are my thoughts and my thoughts alone, and in no way do I expect anyone to hold them but myself. It sure is nice when you meet people who agree with your point of view, but I don't reasonably expect this. I do believe that the media is extremely misleading and continuously encourages us to blame others for problems that have been created by ourselves. We have seen the enemy, and it is us, as much as we would like to deny it. Having lived in Montreal for ten months during the Meech Lake tension period, I would agree with Mr. Gorman that some rights of the anglophone population are being tread upon, but I would not agree that this gives us, as anglophones elsewhere in Canada to tread upon the rights of francophones in retaliation. This action is childish, and serves no purpose whatsoever. These actions, perpetrated by English and French Canada, have come as a result, I believe, of the media feeding us images of each other as being the irreconcilable one. When I lived in Quebec, most francophone television newscasts had a story about the "ye or nay to the concept of a distinct society" and invariably, footage of the citizens of Sault Ste. Marie wearing Hawaiian shirts and Bermuda shorts walking on the Fleurdelys, in an act of sheer spite. Conversely, we here in our province, on St. Jean Baptiste Day, the pro-

vincial holiday of Quebec, were shown newsreel footage of some pretty ignorant young students wearing headbands and jewellery from the sixties, burning Canadian flags. I can imagine what you might think upon seeing that sight on your television screen. What makes you think that the French Canadians watching the Sault Ste. Marie tapes felt any different?

I think the New Brunswick problem with CoR, and I think it is a problem, is very different from the English Canadian problem with French Canada. CoR is a political party whose sole purpose of creation is to provide a platform for those who believe the problems of this province, economic or otherwise, are the fault of the francophone community of this province, who make up a sizable proportion of the population for making demands for recognition and equality. These people would rather see the gains it took the francophones in this province four hundred years that they virtually had to beg for from the anglo majority to get, as their loss. It doesn't have to be that way.

The solution lies in casting off the very politicization of the individual communities that Andrew Gorman implies that he abhors. We agree on this part of it all. That this is bad. Mr. Gorman argues that he believes the only way to conquer the rising discontent within these communities is to foster assimilation, something that I consider to be a Nazi tactic in sheep's clothing. This assimilation is great for Mr. Gorman. He is not the one who is being asked to put his cultural identity on the back burner. Spoken from vantage point of privilege, this attitude is one I find to be arrogant and contradicting itself. Why suggest that forcing one's culture and language on another is somehow acceptable as long as you belong to the majority, when you state that this is something that is detrimental to the society?

Try to be proud of Canada's cultural diversity. Take pride that this is a place in the world where

people of all races, languages, cultures and religions can work and communicate in harmony. Listen more than you talk and admit to yourself that you often have more to learn than you do teach, and adopt that philosophy in as many aspects of your life that you can. It is something that I work very hard at every day and I think that this one way we can save Canada and New Brunswick from self destruction.

Nick Oliver

Far Short of Being Objective

A recent survey of 46 Canadian universities that appeared in the October 21 issue of *MacLean's* magazine may have been intended to provide prospective university students with an objective guide to the relative strengths of various arts and science programs, but it falls far short of being objective and was anything but an accurate measurement of quality.

It is impossible to talk about quality without considering the goals of the programs and the students who graduate from them. Students choose to study the arts and sciences in the hope of broadening their understanding of themselves and the world around them and of developing their analytical and communications skills. A quality university succeeds in meeting those expectations and in providing students with a sense of self-worth and self-esteem.

Small classes; a caring faculty; an approachable, responsive administration and a well-defined sense of community are reasons why students choose to study at Saint Thomas University. The *MacLean's* survey ranked Saint Thomas 43rd out of 46, but some of the intangibles that make this a quality university were conspicuously absent from the criteria it used to achieve that ranking. Next time around, *MacLean's* would better serve its readers by taking the human element into account.

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