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Blood and Thunder

Tony's challenge

Dear Editor:

Past issues of your paper have reported allegations of financial mismanagement in the UNB Student Union Inc.

In an attempt to clear the air, I have challenged the group that generates these allegations to either prove their statements or apologize.

Your readers may be interested in seeing my challenge in full.

Anthony English
 Vice President (Finance)
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Larry Hansen
 Student Union Building
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Dear Mr. Hansen:

You and members and agents of the "student governing council" have continually accused me and the lawful Executive of the UNB Student Union Inc. of financial mismanagement during the Union's last fiscal year.

Your audit summary, dated October 28, 1986, declared that the Student Union faced a deficit of \$174,430. However, \$58,500 of this was incurred for the personal legal defenses of those student defendants who are being sued by the lawful UNB Student Union Inc.

Officials of the "student governing council" suggested that the difference between the total deficit and the legal costs, a sum of some \$115,930, was not their fault. They falsely suggested that the lawfully elected government headed by John Bosnitch with myself as Vice President (Finance) was responsible for putting the Union into a debt of \$115,930.

However, the audit summary covered a twelve month period from September 1, 1985 to August 31, 1986. The lawful Executive was only in charge of the Union funds from late November 1985 to early April 1986.

Furthermore, the "student governing council" has only issued an audit summary and refuses to release a line item audit enumerating specific expenditures and who authorized them.

Attempts by the UNB Student Union Inc. to question the

defendants Smith, et al on their audit summary at an Examination for Discovery on January 7, 1987 were refused by the defendants.

In order to clear the air of your allegations, we challenge you and the "student governing council":

1. To release to us and the public all financial documents, including,

1.1 A line by line audit enumerating specific expenditures for each item in the audit summary. In addition to a detailed enumeration of specific expenditures, we would expect a verified statement of who authorized expenditures and when they were approved.

1.2 The complete text of any other financial or audit reports prepared by Accountant John Weatherhead or the Auditing Firm of Ernst and Whinney.

1.3 The complete text of any and all loan agreements concluded between the UNB Administration and the "student governing council" since April 1986. We would expect you to also release an enumeration of monies loaned or advanced or transferred by the UNB Administration to the "student governing council" or the UNB Foundation for Students since April 1986, the exact amount owing to the UNB Administration or other creditors, and for what period of time.

1.4 A complete breakdown of the amount of Student Union funds spent on legal fees and to what law firms the monies were paid. This breakdown should be issued for both the last fiscal year and the present fiscal year to date.

1.5 The bylaws of the UNB Foundation for Students Inc.

2. To participate in a public debate on the issue of Student Union finances and your allegations.

After receiving the earlier requested information, a 2-person team from our union and a 2-person team from your group could debate Student Union finances in the presence of a neutral moderator and a public audience.

If you are sure of your allegations, you should have no problem in accepting our challenge.

Otherwise, we would be forced to confirm our view that the actions of the "student governing council" were designed to shift the blame for their own financial problems

to the lawful Executive in an attempt to malign our character on campus and in the city prior to the court trial. In short, either prove your allegations or apologize.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely
 Anthony English
 Vice President (Finance)
 UNB Student Union Inc.

Hansen's wrong

Dear Editor:

It is always entertaining to read comments made by the pretender Larry Hansen. His "Letter to the Editor" published in last week's *Brunswickan* (in which he made several erroneous if not insidious remarks) was no exception. He stated that not only is he President of the same UNB Student Union which was incorporated in 1966 but that the organization entitled the "student governing body" does not exist.

I find this very peculiar as Hansen's immediate predecessor was Stephen Smith. After UNB President Downey locked the lawful Executive of the UNB Student Union Inc. out of its campus offices on April 17, 1986, he recognized another group of students as the "student governing council" with Stephen Smith as President. On May 21, 1986, the Board of Governors ratified Dr. Downey's actions in recognizing the "student governing council".

Following the lockout, members of the "exiled" yet lawful Executive launched, in the name of the UNB Student Union Inc., legal actions against Smith and the then members of the "student governing council."

Furthermore, an official University document released at the January 29, 1987 meeting of the UNB Board of Governors states that "the UNB Student Union Inc. refers to the deposed organization whose current president is John Bosnitch. The Student Governing Council refers to the student organization recognized by the University as the legitimate organization representing the student body; its current president is Larry Hansen".

I felt it was important to draw these facts to your attention.

Yours sincerely,
 Barry White

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