

# Blood and Thunder

Due to recent controversy the Brunswickan Editorial Board has changed its policy with respect to letters to the editor. The following policy is now in effect:

All letters to the editor must be typed and double spaced, and signed along with a daytime phone number. Names may not be withheld by request. Any letters deemed controversial will be reviewed by the Brunswickan Editorial Board and printed at our discretion. Letters over 250 words may be edited for brevity.

## Still standing

Dear Editor:

I was impressed to see the Audit of the Student Union printed in your Brunswickan of Nov. 14. It looks like I'll have my work cut out for me when I finally get seated as Comptroller of the student government. Comparing the actual expenditures to the approved budget for last year, it doesn't take a chartered accountant to figure out that some people went "hog wild" with over-expenditures. Here is a rough analysis as to who spent all the money:

	Budgeted (\$)
AIESEC	800
Brunswickan	23,500
Business Society	3,800
Chemical Eng.	1,400
CHSR - FM	42,261
Directory	500
Law Society	2,850
Summer Salaries	0
Yearbook	7,000

Spent(\$)	Over-expenditure (\$)
1,549	(749)
51,982	(28,482)
6,869	(3,069)
3,136	(1,736)
48,127	(5,866)
3,541	(3,041)
5,289	(2,439)
4,472	(4,472)
26,255	(19,255)

Additional Non-budgeted over-expenditures:

Cash settlement for Brunswickan van crashed by ex-Editor Ken Quigley (5,900)

Personal legal defense: (Eric Semple, Mark Lutes, Steven Smith) (58,500)

Major identifiable over-expenditures: \$(133,509)

This does not tell the whole financial story, but my requests for access to the full itemized audit have been denied. Over a month has passed since my election by the student body and yet the appointed, non-elected, interim comptroller Eric Semple, still refuses to relinquish his very tenuous seat. People are always saying that cooperation is our main goal -- all I can say is let me get on with the job I was elected to do.

Sincerely,

Tony Tracy  
Comptroller Elect

## furor over fuhrer

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to a letter which you allowed to be published in the November 14th issue of the Brunswickan; to be more precise, the one entitled "Fuhrer on Campus?". I find it very hard to believe you would publish a letter filled with libellous statements when you are forbidden to do so by law! But, I won't go into the legalities of it - that should be left to the courts. I will, however, comment upon the text of the letter.

To begin, I must say that the letter was in the poorest taste and of the lowest order I have ever seen; I would even have to say that it is the product of an extremely unstable mind - one filled with paranoia and ignorance. The fact that the author did not possess the courage to have his/her name affixed to the letter is indicative of the extreme depths of that person's cowardice.

I wonder if the author realized that in writing such a letter, he/she is guilty of producing propaganda and using scare tactics of the lowest order while accusing someone else of doing the same (and it is obvious to whom the author referred.) I would also like to point out, as one of the "barbaric and violent...scums" (as the author put it), that in the war against Nazi Germany my family suffered much loss and grief. In particular a great-uncle lost his legs while fighting Rommel in the deserts of Africa; in Sicily, another uncle saw his best friend decapitated by schrapnel while

fighting Hitler's SS. Another member of my family had already fallen victim to a German U-boat and gone down with his ship.

At a time so soon after Remembrance Day, I would question the sanity of anyone who would dare to make such wild accusations and ridiculous comparisons to a mass murderer. I question that conduct of the Editor of the Brunswickan (someone who has been familiar to my family for a few years now) in allowing a letter so full of libel to be published - not very professional!

I challenge the author of the letter, and others who like to propagate hate literature, to at least take credit for their rantings.

I would also ask the author to question the person upon whom they centred their attack as to his family's fight against Nazi Germany. War is something terrible and is not to be taken lightly. The madmen who have led us into war in the past for reasons which can never be called sane, have done so with the assistance of the same type of propaganda which the author perpetuated in his/her letter.

By the way, I have been a UNB student for four years and am well on my way to graduation.

Yours truly,

Anthony S. English  
Vice President (Finance)  
UNB Student Union

## ferociously

## furios

Dear Editor:

I feel compelled upon reading last week's Brunswickan to comment on "fuhrer on campus?" (Letter to editor, Nov. 14, 1986.)

It should be emphasized at the outset that I am speaking as a non-partisan observer. The letter in question is strikingly harsh. Labelling a sector of the student body as "a fascist-oriented group," calling them "the real scum" and referring to a leader as a "snitch," is potentially slanderous. Perhaps the author realized this and in turn adopted the pen name "Name Withheld."

In all seriousness, attempting to draw distinct

similarities between someone, (even a controversial leader), and Hitler is rather strong - unless of course the former has equalled the holocaust in which case I stand corrected.

E.F. Derenyi

## its infuriating

Dear Editor:

Re: "fuhrer on campus?" in the November 14th issue.

It is tragic to see campus politics twisted into a game of lies and hatred by people who abuse the power of the media. The letter equating my actions to those of Adolf Hitler is just another example of the organized campaign to avoid the real issues on this campus. Most discouraging is the fact that the attack is not an isolated incident. Many students will recall that the Brunswickan itself once published a twenty four page section which referred to me and the students who were elected with me as fascists, homosexuals and communists.

As a graduate in political science, while I am dismayed by the conduct of my opponents, I am not surprised by it. Ignorance and fear of the truth always results in prejudice, discrimination and personality attacks. It is the use of lies and fabrications that fuelled movements like Hitler's National Socialism. When a man's view of the world becomes so cloaked in falsehood that he can propagate his views only by way of anonymous terrorist-like attacks on the morals of others, that man has lost touch with the rest of humanity.

The nature of the accusations made in the letter reveals a complete unwillingness to deal with the facts. The fact is that while the author accused my administration of having a policy of overexpenditures, the final audits for my previous terms in office certify that we accumulated the highest surpluses in Student Union history. The fact is that while the author called our government oppressive, we were known as the Student Union which had conducted the most referenda and public policy-making of any in Canada. The fact is that while the letter

writer accused us of denying access to the media, we crusaded for fair coverage of the news, abolition of closed meetings, and an end to media censorship. The fact is that while he charged my administration with having only a narrow margin of support, we were reelected time and time again. In fact, the students voted so strongly for us that Dr. Downey's appointed governing council actually passed a bylaw to prohibit me from running for office again.

The attacks upon the characters of the people who got involved in Student Union government are uncalled for. Some of the best students on this campus sacrificed scholarships, higher marks, time and energy, in order to serve the student body. To attack them for that is a slap in the face of democratic participation. To suggest that people get involved in student politics in the "pursuit of power for power itself" is just as absurd as to suggest that people join the United Way for the sake of becoming rich. Calling such people "the real scum" reveals the character of the author himself.

The letter placed me in the same league as a racist and mass murderer - the same mass murderer and racist against whom my own family fought to maintain the democratic ideals that I strive for today. For the sake of the memory of the millions who perished in the struggle against Hitler, the very least the author should do for having trivialized their sacrifice is to apologize (even anonymously) for his letter.

Sincerely,

John Bosnitch

## I'm infuriated

To the editor,

I am writing in response to the letter printed in last week's issue comparing John Bosnitch to Adolf Hitler. The anonymous writer of this letter embodies all of the close-minded prejudicial attitudes that characterize those students at U.N.B. who simply refuse to accept any good with what they consider to be bad.

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