



the
brunswickan

CANADA'S OLDEST OFFICIAL STUDENT PUBLICATION

University of New Brunswick
P.O. Box 4400
Fredericton, N.B.
E3B 5A3
Telephone: (506) 453-4983

Karen Mair Editor-In-Chief
Valerie White Managing Editor
Melynda Jarratt News Editor
Chris Nakash Assistant News Editor
Greg Hoare Sports Editor
Bill Traer Advertising Manager
Jeremy Earl Offset Editor
Stephane Comeau Assistant Offset Editor
Alan MacDonald Photo Editor

Ad Design

Mike Robichaud, John Adam

Staff This Week:

Eleanor Stunden, Kathleen Johnson, James Hamilton, Steve Staples, Greg Tapley, Wendy Knowlton, Luis Cardoso, Gordon G. Thomas, Diane Gillies, Laura Lee "Bert" MacLean, Rob G.egan, Christian Lévesque, Tracie Cheevers, Andy Craik, Steve Griffiths, Shari Goodfellow, Jan Pawul, Pluto, Goofy, Davis G. Thomas, Stephen Harris, Mark McGovern, Brent Thompson, Dave Seabrook, UNB SU, Gordon Loane, and Chris.

Extraordinaire typesetters this week

Joan Carr, Joseph Gauthier,
Kate McKay, Darlene Nicol, Laura Smith,
Jean-Louis Tremblay and Marsha Phelps

The *Brunswickan*, in its 121st year, is Canada's oldest official student publication. The *Brunswickan's* offices are located in Room 35 of the University of New Brunswick's Student Union Building, P.O.Box 4400, College Hill, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 5A3.

The *Brunswickan* is printed with flair by Henley Publishing, Ltd., Woodstock, N.B.

Subscriptions are \$20 per year. National and local advertising rates are available at (506) 453-4974. General phone 453-4983. News line 453-4973.

The *Brunswickan* is copyright 1987 the *Brunswickan*. The opinions expressed within are not necessarily those of the *Brunswickan's* editorial board, its staff, its publisher (The UNB Student Union), or the administration of the university.

Articles in the *Brunswickan* may be freely reprinted provided proper credit is given.

OPINION...

Excitement has come back to UNB sports. Students are once again turning out in strong numbers to support their teams. It's about time.

Last weekend's basketball games were good examples. On Friday night a full house of nearly 1,000 feverish fans attended a double-header with both the men's and women's teams facing off against highly ranked Acadia. About 500 fans attended the Red Bloomer's game against UPEI on Sunday.

For the first time in recent memory, and for the first time for almost any student currently enrolled at UNB, the University as a whole is excited about UNB sports and is showing their excitement by filling the Main Gym to the point of bursting.

Students, and other community fans alike, are realizing that our sports teams not only deserve our support but provide an extremely entertaining warm-up to other evening events around town.

As a fan, it was great for me to hear UNB supporters roaring every time "We" scored. As a player, that works hard to represent this institution well, it must have been even better to not only hear the crowd but see it in the form of painted faces, banners and block cheering sections.

The same occurrence has been true for several other UNB sports teams this year. Field hockey, soccer and volleyball have all received well deserved, good audiences this season.

It would be nice to see the same thing happen at tomorrow and Sunday's hockey games against Dalhousie and Acadia.

Not only are these games entertaining because UNB's teams are competitive but they're fun because of the crowd support. It's easy to get caught up in school spirit and the emotion of the game when fans are giving our teams that kind of support. All it takes is a little effort.

Congratulations UNB sports: you're really on the move!

By Davis G. Thomas

Blood and Thunder

to work or no?

Dear

I would like to recall to people's minds the snowstorm that forced U.N.B. to cancel classes and labs last Monday, January 12. The snow that virtually closed down the whole of Fredericton and kept students away from the university was miraculously supposed to fall so that the secretarial staff of U.N.B. could get through to work.

The secretaries who did not make it in to the university were informed that the announcement over the radio early Monday morning that U.N.B. was closed for the day was incorrect. A retraction was sent to the radio stations later Monday morning saying that although classes and labs were cancelled, U.N.B. itself was still open. Secretaries were expected to be in their offices, even though both professors and students were advised to stay home.

This is ridiculous, but, unfortunately, written down in U.N.B. policy.

If the weather gets to be so bad that the students and professors cannot get through it, how can it be any easier for the

secretaries? Why should they come in on a day when they are the only ones present at the university? Or does the president also come in on storm days? This policy should be changed.

Yours sincerely,
Ann Mills

N.B. I have just been told that the clerical staff (librarians, etc.) was required to come in. The professors, too, are not exempt from this policy.

Volunteers are wimps

Dear

Words are not adequate to describe how disappointed I am with recent Brunswickans.

Student activism is alive and well in Paris but at Saint Thomas and UNB it's dead, and The Bruns, through either its silence or wimpy responses on key issues in a very subtle, yet obvious power struggle between university administration officials with their "sub"-servient student cronies and students who believe in protecting whatever small amounts of power we have left, is driving spikes into the coffin.

I don't advocate John

Bosnitch's "end justifies the means" approach but nobody, not even the student media, bother to question the UNB administration's tactics. It is almost as if they are assumed to be scared.

The wimpy "on the other hand" editorial on January 16th shows that someone on the Bruns knows what's going on but all it is is sitting on the fence, with no real understanding of the implications involved in this ironically-named foundation.

The implication, for those of you who care, is that the university is going to have a major say in how UNB students spend their own collective funds. All the university has to do is parachute one crony onto the foundation committee and they control it completely.

That would give them effective control of the student media (The Bruns, CHSR), and all extra-curricular student activities at UNB.

Those of you in the news department who have gratefully accepted Dr. Downy's approving pat on the head can be confident that you have served your university well, but at the expense of serving your fellow students.

Shame on you.

Neil Toner