

EDITORIAL

"A Sour Start for the Season"

The news about the gruesome mass murder in Montreal is still sinking in. The shock we feel is inevitable. The combination of a mass murder, followed by a suicide, in what would seem to be an inexplicable act of insanity is frightening especially for University students like ourselves. There are very few features of this incident which would suggest that a similar thing could not happen here at UNB. God forbid that we should be subjected to that kind of terror. However, we are compelled to stare into the face of our society and ask a few hard questions. Can the behaviour of this murderer be seen as a reflection on the moral state of our society; or was his act a fluke of history - an ugly aberration with no ties to this age, but merely a quality of the human condition?

The report on the radio indicated that he did make a distinction between males and females. It is also significant that he separated the women from the men and that he declared that the women were all "feminists". It is also clear that he calculatedly opened fire on the women, killing fourteen of them. Whatever his other motives were, it is apparent that women were his primary target. This fact is both shocking and telling.

For those who have lost their daughters in this act of brutality, Christmas will not be a pleasant affair. It is hoped that somehow the season may bring comfort rather than pain and longing in the midst of such tragedy. Many others will likely experience tragic moments this Christmas, and many will be afflicted with a sense of loneliness and isolation in the midst of the feasting and dancing. Perhaps, those of us who are more fortunate should be sensitive to these things during the season.

Finally, the Brunswickan wishes all our readers a pleasant holiday. We hope that you will enjoy success in your exams and we look forward to serving you next term. We will be losing one of our long-standing editors at the end of this term. Steve Griffiths, our able and innovative Entertainment editor will be moving on after given us stalwart service. We wish the Brit, happy hunting in the salmon ponds and promise that his tradition of compelling writing will be aspired to with great zeal. So long Steve.

Kwame Dawes
Editor-in-Chief

*The Brunswickan Staff
would like to express our shock at
the killing of students
in Montreal this week
We offer condolences
to the families of those killed
and to the university community
of the University of Montreal.*

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