

Blood and Thunder

Student disclaims 'apathy'

Dear Editor:

I am responding to Ms. Paul's sound off in her editorial "Ignorance is Not Bliss..." (The Brunswickan, October 18, 1985). As I was one of those questioned for the "Viewpoint" of the previous week, I feel somewhat offended for being told that I am ignorant, apathetic and lacking social conscience. I also feel that it is unfair to accuse the entire student body of the same, as I do not think that the eight answers in one "Viewpoint" are an indicative cross-section of student opinion here at UNB.

To this I would like to bring up the following points:

1. I recognized (without the aid of pictures) that most of those who were asked the question were probably white, middle-class Canadians. Why were no foreign students, say, from Africa or, indeed, South Africa, asked? I suspect that there was little thought or seriousness in the approach taken in creating the article.

2. How can one really express one's thoughts on such a complex matter in one or two lines? I must say that I had difficulty there, and a yes/no answer would not have made for a very entertaining article.

3. It seems to me, considering that contributors to the Brunswickan are not professional journalists, the stories appearing in the Brunswickan are very biased. How does Ms. Paul expect the Brunswickan to "educate" UNB students if they are only getting one side of the story? And how much integrity do you suppose the Brunswickan has when they publish such intellectually stimulating things as "FUCKO, the clown"?

4. Finally, I would like to point out, as Ms. Paul did, that this isn't the 60's. You are not dealing (on the most part) with people who have lived with war on their front doorsteps. Everyday we are assaulted with how much closer we are to a nuclear war, with news of terrorism and incurable diseases from which we have little protection and which may at any time become an epidemic. I look around me and see what is happening in the middle east, South Africa, the Soviet Union, Central America, and even our "Good" southern neighbors, the United States, and I am so overwhelmed. Bluntly put, it scares the hell out of me and I know that many others are damned scared, too.

So, Mr. Editor, I would suggest that Ms. Paul should make an accurate study of just how socially conscious every UNB student is, and then she may, or may not be able to justify her statement, "Blatant student ignorance and apathy... appears to have replaced the social consciousness of the 60's lost generation." I'm looking forward to it.

Yours truly,
Ms. Nadine A. Murray

Daisley disgusted

Dear Cal,

After the events of this evening (the Budget Meeting of Council) I'm left with only two choices: run for President on Nov. 20 and try to instill a little integrity in the representative body of the students at UNB. Or I can let a few of the members on Council get to me with personal insults and public lies, and quit.

As Assistant VP Administration, I see on a day-to-day basis the reason for the SU to exist: namely, the organizations on campus that it sponsors and the few services that it provides. So I can't quit.

As for tonight, most of the organizations should be commended for their attitude and actions. Most had accepted the monies which a formula system would supply in lieu of a general fund they could access for larger events. Some even offered voluntary cuts to their own budget, where the formula gave more than requested or needed, again in lieu of that general fund.

But Council failed them; rather, enough of the members of Council had concerns above and beyond fair and just budgets for all. It broke Regulations by giving budget allocations to unrecognized clubs, taking it away from those unwary enough not to stay for the marathon session. It unilaterally increased blocks of allocations with no concern to the source of the money. It ignored completely the budgets of the Bruns and CHSR, not to mention its own operating budget. Moreover, and this I find the worst of all, Council cut the budgets of clubs unlucky enough to be in some way affiliated with the University Administration.

It was, in sum and whole, a fine display of electioneering on the part of some members. Give some clubs what they want and then give it away, once they can no longer present a defence, to another block of votes. And though in some cases there was a basis of validity to a decision, it was

always pushed far beyond excess.

So, to the organizations with a faculty background, it's too bad you left so soon; to the Camera Club — I tried; and to the foreign students, who got what they wanted in the end — I hope it's worth it.

And as for the future? I will work as hard as I have up to this point; for those who know, that is enough ...

Bill Daisley
2:00 am Oct 21/85

Ad-Hoc committee formed

By this time, you are undoubtedly aware of the anti-Saint Thomas admissions policy that has been implemented by the UNB Law School. During the past week much has been discussed regarding this policy and no doubt the forthcoming weeks will bring much of the same. But words are cheap. It appears evident that action must be taken. In response to this insult, the Student Representative Council of the Saint Thomas Student Council has established a four-member committee to propose and coordinate student action.

Success in bringing about change in the law school's discriminatory practice depends upon the commitment of Saint Thomas University's administration, faculty, and students to take action. We, the students, have an invaluable role to play in any proposed action. We urge all students to contribute, support and work with your representative council toward bringing about change to a policy that has singled us out as the object of discrimination. The success of any action will depend upon you; take a stand, become involved, and let your voice be heard.

Kelly Jamieson
Gerard McHugh
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Ad-Hoc Committee
Opposed to the
UNB Law School
Admissions Policy

Of course, Johnny's been a good boy...

Editor:

I am writing this letter to correct the impression given by the media of the academic performance of past Student

Union President John Bosnitch.

During his nearly three years as President, John Bosnitch placed his commitment to the students above his own personal interests. Those who know him will remember that he spent almost every day behind his desk in the SUB working late into the night to build what came to be known as one of the most effective student unions in the country. His opponents, unable to criticize his policies or achievements, ended up attacking him on the basis of trivial charges against his appearance, ethnic background, and academic performance.

The Brunswickan itself regularly printed attacks against the way he danced, the style of his haircut and even the fact that he wore pointed shoes. To this day, even opponents of our past President respect him for the patience he showed in dealing with the slurs made against him in the media.

Recognizing the fact that Bosnitch generally refuses to engage in any defense of his personal behavior, it is only because of my interest in the truth as a member of the press that I feel compelled to write this letter. I consider it my duty to correct the record on John Bosnitch's academic performance.

John Bosnitch arrived at UNB as part of a High School graduating class of over seven hundred people, ranked as one of only twenty five students awarded first class standing. He entered Engineering in the Surveying department and was a hard working student in that field for about three years. He excelled in cartography and became one of the few UNB students to successfully place in an international academic competition. He was awarded first prize for North America for student mapping in a ceremony in Washington D.C. At the end of that same year Bosnitch became seriously ill, spending more than a month in hospital and dropping a year of academic studies. It was not until the following year, his fourth, that he entered student politics as Engineering Rep., Senator, Governor, and later, President.

From the day he took office, Bosnitch's academics took back seat to his political service to the students. He had little time for study and had no time to even attend classes. Nevertheless, he was able to maintain an acceptable CGPA for his entire term as President. It was only in Spring 1985 that he was freed from his Student Union commitments and was finally able to transfer into Arts to study politics.

Since his transfer to the field of his prime interest Bosnitch has performed enviably. Tak-

ing a less active role in Student Union politics, this summer he completed a full year of courses in just three months. He ended up with seven first division marks and a grade point of 4.15 at the end of the summer. He is now in his final year of the Double Honours Political Science and History program, taking nine courses this term and stopped from taking ten only by administrative intervention. He had met the course mark requirements for this year's Dean's List even before September 1st. It is clear that John Bosnitch is now personally better off than when his energies were entirely devoted to the service of others. It is a sad fact that now that he is a serious student, the Student Union has been left in a leadership vacuum in which nothing gets done, no one is served, and student rights are stepped on. I for one preferred the days when John Bosnitch led the student government and I could honestly say that I was proud to be a member of the UNB Student Union.

Helen Rojas
Yearbook Editor

Social Club responds

Dear Editor,

This letter is offered both as a response to Jeffrey Baggaley's letter in the October 18th issue of the Bruns, as well as an initial attempt to satisfy the request from our membership (at our recent special meeting of the membership) to better inform the university population of the operations of the College Hill Social Club.

Since its inception some fourteen years ago, the CHSC has operated as a club. The mandate of the Club has been to provide a relaxed social environment where students can meet and temporarily put aside the rigours of the university classroom. At the same time the CHSC provides employment for many students from both campuses. As a non-profit organization, the CHSC provides funding for many clubs and organizations on campus, as well as a scholarship given to a deserving student from each campus.

Once a year, at the Annual General Meeting held in April, the Club membership elects a Board of Directors, responsible to the general membership. The Board's function is to set policy for the Club according to the wishes of the membership, and to oversee the operations of the Club. Unfortunately, the general member-

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