

Blood and Thunder

Ensuring freedom

The volunteer staff of Saint Thomas University's student newspaper has decided to take drastic action to ensure freedom of the press.

At the January 22 general meeting of the AQUINIAN, the staff voted unanimously to divorce themselves from their publisher, the STU Student Representative Council.

The staff decided to walk out in protest of the long-standing dispute between the paper and the SRC concerning constitutional rights and editorial freedom.

Not only has the dispute been the topic of discussion at both SRC and AQUINIAN meetings, but the efforts of several committees established to resolve the dispute have consistently met with failure.

The decision to take this step follows lengthy deliberation among staff members.

Since September, the SRC has slashed the AQUINIAN budget, attempted to dictate content and subject matter of the paper, has demanded the resignation of editor Neil Toner, threatened to remove material from the pages of the newspaper prior to printing, and arbitrarily appointed an acting editor. The SRC fully intends to institute arbitrary changes to the AQUINIAN constitution.

The AQUINIAN staff has been working towards autonomy for two years. In light of the SRC's continued opposition to this and other proposals, the staff feels compelled to sever relations with the SRC.

The staff of the AQUINIAN wishes to stress they are not by any means divorcing themselves from their fellow students nor do they have any intention of interrupting what they feel is a vital service to the university community.

The staff intends to continue publishing according to the established schedule, every second Wednesday throughout the academic year, as a financially, editorially, and legally autonomous body.

Not involved with Carni

Dear Editor,

This letter will state the reasons why the Business Administration Society will not be involved with the Winter Carnival and specifically the Mock Jail.

Originally the Business Society was approached by Ana Sainz (former Winter Carnival Chairman) to administer and coordinate the Mock Jail. An offer was made to us on November 25, 1985 regarding the allocation of funds resulting from the activity. The agreement specified that 30% of revenues be allocated to the Student Union to offset Winter Carnival costs, while 70% would go to the Business Society Charity P.A.L.E. (Peer Alcohol Education). This we found acceptable especially since we would be able to make a donation to what we believe is a very worthy cause.

However, following the unfortunate resignation of the Winter Carnival Executive, the status of this agreement was in question. For clarification we approached President John Bosnitch who stated that new Winter Carnival Chairman Hugh Brown would confirm the agreement. This did not occur!

More than a week passed until the January 25th Winter Carnival meeting was held and at this point we felt it to late to properly hold such an event. The Business Society is very interested in being involved and holding events for all students as our varied student membership demonstrates. However, we feel adequate notice of time, conditions, and duties in holding activities be made. We believe proper consideration is only good business!

Sincerely
Tim Legere
President

Business Administration Society

Congrats, weekenders

Dear Editor,

We, the captain and manager of the "Weekenders", would like to congratulate the rest of the team (Kim, Leslie, Louise, Janet and Debbie) for their awesome display of force on the volleyball courts last weekend in the Co-ed Tournament.

Phil and Glenn

Alternatives to closure

Dear Editor,

Well, it's happened again. Another noon hour with hundreds of homeless waifs wandering the SUB. What has happened? War? Plague? Famine? Some other disaster of epic proportions? No, it's just that once again the Blue Lounge is closed.

Now I'm the first one to admit that the Blue Lounge can get pretty filthy, and certainly needs the occasional cleaning. I just take exception to when and how they choose to do it. If the cafeteria was half-way big enough to hold the students who come daily to eat in the SUB, maybe I wouldn't complain. But it's not! Thus we get these untold millions of wandering students - filling the halls, blocking the stairs, the lobbies - almost anywhere free space can be found.

There are alternatives - they could clean in the evenings, on weekends - for that matter, what's wrong with the Christmas Break or Spring Break? And why close it for three days? If more than two people worked at it, they could easily finish it in a day or two.

The SUB Administration must wonder why they're so widely criticized. Maybe if they gave half a thought to the convenience of students, they could be popular. The Lounge was built for our convenience, not theirs. If they ever bothered to respect our needs,

maybe they would get some respect back.

Rick Gaigneur

Take action on individuals

An Open Letter to Kim Norris

We find it interesting that those in authority can find no other way of controlling the obvious litter problem in the Blue Lounge than to enforce its closure. In the past, littering has been a problem along the highways of New Brunswick - how often have they been closed due to this fact? It seems perplexing that those who "have the power" choose to shirk their responsibilities by providing the feeble excuse that the garbage cans have been stolen, while at the same time suggesting that students who are not in a position of authority will have a greater influence on the perpetrators and convince them to place their garbage in said garbage cans.

On the topic of our ever-vigilant SUB staff - a)where

were they when the garbage cans were stolen; b)we know they can be found in the TV room in the mornings but we have been unable to find them during peak hours. Many times during the lunch hour period, we have arrived at the SUB office to be greeted by an "Out to Lunch" sign and a locked door. Where are they?

Please understand that we do not condone the actions of the minority who choose to abuse the Blue Lounge. However, neither can we condone the closing of the Blue Lounge, punishing the entire university populace because of the inconsideration of the few. What we recommend is that action be taken on an individual basis. There are already rules in place which permit such actions; they were no doubt created for some purpose, and we feel it would be a more just solution to the problem which presently plagues us.

You have the power - use it; don't abuse it.

Sincerely,
The Concerned Majority

Applications are now being accepted
for the positions of
Managing Editor
and
Business Manager
of the Brunswickan.

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Job descriptions are available at the Brunswickan
office from noon on Monday, February 3.

Contact Calum Johnston, Editor.

Deadline for applications is Thursday, February 6.