

BLOOD AND THUNDER

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at both the door and the bar; suggesting that a take over would really suck.

A proportion of the profit from sales would be directed to the SU account, resulting in higher prices at both the door and the bar. That would suck too.

The SU has organized a propaganda in an attempt to achieve their hostile take over at a cost to the students of approximately \$35,000 dollars.

That last point I find particularly horrifying, that the SU would spend that large sum of money without consulting the students; especially when taking into consideration those students who don't want them to take over the CHSC in the first place!

The SU, as a result of annual management changes and a large duty diversification could not possible manage the CHSC with the same quality or degree of efficiency as that of the present management whose sole duty is to provide the students with a bar service.

It appears to me that the SU is on some sort of power trip. What are they going to want to do next? Implement their own GST? Prohibit alcohol on campus? Who know what twisted and devious plan Kevin Bourque and his cohorts have in mind for us next.

I want the SU to be more accountable to the student for their actions, an that doesn't mean providing the students with expensive propaganda!

Richard Hall

School spirit

During my first year in high school my parents relocated from Nova Scotia to Newfoundland, where I attended

a school with a total population of 600, from grade 1 thru 11. The most surprising thing I found about going to this school was that there was no school spirit. I took the initiative to do something about this. With the help of a few apathic (sic) students, who were just waiting for someone to ask them to get involved, I set up a school newspaper. Through this paper we aroused both the interest and involvement of students and teachers alike. The paper was recognized, at my graduation, as having been the main element responsible for the increase in student involvement and school spirit at J.R. Smallwood Collegiate during the years 1974-76.

Many years have passed since then. I am now living in yet another province and studying at yet another small school, small in comparison to Memorial University, where I did my initial years of post secondary study. Again, I find myself confronted by the lack of interest, involvement and school spirit. However, I feel that this lack of interest can be attributed, at least in part, to our school newspaper.

Last year I decided to become involved in Student Union mainly because of the fact that no one, in a faculty of 900, was interested in running. During this time, the Brunswickan ran an editorial flogging all candidates as be self-serving, running only to improve their resumes. I dismissed the article then, but it has been a thorn in my side. At thirty one years old, with over 17 years of work experience, my first job was as a paper boy, in jobs of responsibility, in both hourly

and supervisory capacities, and having served on two provincial executives, and as regional coordinator for the

Secretary of State during the International youth Year, I find myself offended by these comments. Yet, I can see how they might discourage students becoming involved in student government.

Since becoming elected, I have become more and more aware of how negative this paper is towards anything that the student union does. Moreover, if really galls me that this paper blatantly overlooks anything positive that we do. Case in point, last weeks edition of the Bruns. The front page, cover story, is on the issue of an "apparent" proposed take over of the CHSC by the student union, based mainly on hearsay, according to Randy Hickey (sic). Let's turn the page, oh, the student union's rally was "apparently" poorly planned and organized. The next page, an editorial on, what else, the "apparent" take over of the CHSC by the student union according to a past board member of the club. Mugwump, again mentions the "apparent" take over, and comments on the "apparent" oversight of the student union to post the change of location of the Wednesday night movie. Let's flip a few more pages forward. look, what a surprise, a public notice, sponsored by the CHSC. Next, let's look at Meat. Notice that the concert sponsored, in part, by the student union, that same concert that sold out in 45 minutes, got a three paragraph review, one of which was consumed in the heat and spilt beer. Isn't it funny that the next review on Barney Bentall, sponsored by the CHSC, which only about one hundred students attended, I was there, receives half a page review. I was pleased however, to see that Kwame Dawes is reviewing someone else's play for a change. Perhaps if Norm Foster review (sic) it himself he might have got (sic) a better review, though. But that's another story.

From front to back, I did not see one positive thing about the Student union. There was not one mention of Aids Awareness Week, Grace Getty's hard work, or the distribution of condom wallets throughout campus. There has never been one mention of the student unions "DRY BAR" at concerts, to give non drinkers an alternative to drinking cola. Nor one mention of the Clubs and Societies board or the Activities board, in the SUB, designed to make students aware of what is going on around campus. There hasn't even been one word on the student unions leadership conference for all groups and societies. How can anyone

encourage student involvement in any event when the main source of communication on campus, the Bruns, knocks everything we do. The problem is not apathy, students care, but rather it is a fear being ridiculed for being involved.

I don't expect the Bruns to always fly our banner. Nor do I expect them to overlook our mistakes when we make them. But I do think they should present the good with the bad, the positive with negative. I don't feel by doing this the Bruns would be compromising their autonomy, certainly no more than in accepting free memberships from the CHSC.

Mark Fletcher

Ed note:

Perhaps Mr. Mark Fletcher would like to take a look at the other five issues of the Brunswickan.

Issue 2 - "Student Union negotiates with taxi companies"

- "AIDS - we have to deal with it" (this article does mention the 3500 condom wallets distributed by the SU plus a interview with Grace Getty)

- 10th Annual Terry Fox Run (which the SU was actively involved in)

Issue 3 - "SU president views Taxi Association; suggestion 'unacceptable'."

Issue 5 - "Smoking concerns to be addressed" A Plebiscite was held, which was the SU's way to determine what the students wanted, according to Jim McGee, VP University Affairs.

Not normal

To whom it may concern about the Gay Forum.

Please try to understand that homosexuality is not normal. Although Fredericton has been said to have the highest gay population per capita, it does not however represent the majority. In my view homosexuality should not be written about as though it is an "o.k." thing in our school paper. You may ask for the public's sympathy and understanding but not our acceptance. If God had meant homosexuality to be normal he would have created Adam and Steve!

Name withheld on request

The Pikes were great!

On October 13, the Student Union presented in conjunction with Bridges and Neville House "The Northern Pikes" with special guest "The Watch Men." This concert that was sold out and which everyone had a great time received a disgrace of a revue (sic). Not only did the reporter not mention either House in the review, but the reporter only mentioned the conditions of the concert such as the heat.

Directly below the Pikes "Critique", Barney Bentall received a rave review. The only thing that it didn't mention was the fact that there was only about 100 people in attendance.

Barney Bentall was a good tune. I do not want people to think any differently. The fact that "The Pikes" received a small little review that did not mention the promoters (Bridges, Neville, and the Student Union) and the fact that it did not actually review the music played bothered me. I would like it in the future that when a review of a concert is done, they actually review the music played.

Jason E. Burns

One Day We'll Reap What We Sow

USC's Seeds of Survival Program
 Rebuilding Ethiopia's Food Self-reliance

USC Canada

Unitarian Service Committee of Canada

Building Tomorrow.....Today

Founded by Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova, C.C. in 1945

Residence Parking & The GST

We have now learned that charges for parking associated with long term (more than one month) occupation of university residence rooms are not taxable under the GST provisions. Those students who paid GST on the purchase of a U.N.B. residence parking decal, will have the \$1.40, refunded by means of a credit to their account with the business office.

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