

Blood and Thunder

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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In defense of floor parties

Just as the extractors of that woody fluid may complain of alcohol everywhere and nary a drop to drink, so it is with us. On a campus which is only superceded in beauty by the fairer sex populating its hallowed halls, audience with but one of these visions is a challenge rather than a matter of course to those of proper breeding. So many bottles waiting to get corked, these maids often concede to fops, pretty fellows who, with a combing of the hair, conceal the empty structure on which it sits. Thus, the person given to carrying brains instead of fads is left to chance an accident as vehicles for conveying his intrinsic worth to the object of his interest. This problem would not be so great if the obstacles were not as compounded as they are.

A peacock run may well give that fowl licence to show his tail, but it affords little room for the eagle to spread his wings. Discarding analogies, I speak of social events. Like the Roman holidays, sophistry sees fit to quell plebian unrest by presenting spectacles of amusement. Great events, throwing multitudes together in shrinking cafeterias and common rooms, have become the norm. No longer are wit, a scrap of intellect, and the phenomena of manners and consideration the necessities of the social arsenal. More important is how one parts his hair, or whether he shaves it down the middle.

Once engaged in such a throng, social amenities become antithetical. The politesse of allowing a young lady to be served her beverage before oneself results in raillery from those behind you. Being of the generally taller genre, if one proceeds to offer the same young lady the option of standing in front of one, allowing her an improved

view of the spectacle presented, a solemn ore humouring shake of the head, or a glare of suspicion is most often the result. Perhaps there is a conception held by the whole of female society that the male only defines his acts in terms of lineaments of gratifying his animal desires. On another occasion, after a good night's rest or upon the receipt of good news, one may seek to embrace the world. After several cheerful hellos are met with as many stony faces, this urge is sufficiently checked.

Despite these rebuttals, hope springs, or rather leaks, eternal in the human breast. There is only one avenue for the man or woman whose charm lies in subtlety of thought, speech and action: The floor party. Here opportunity lies for the lady or gentleman who wishes to expand her or his circle of friends. Meeting one another in a completely firendly atmosphere designed precisely for that purpose, the growth of an individual upon meeting individual is facilitated. Surely no Tom, Dick or Harry, or their sons, no person of even the most downy countenance could restrict or forbid such gatherings, such animatison of camaraderie. Certainly, once relegated to the kennel, a man learns to howl and bark; but he is just as likely to sing in a smaller, friendlier and sparsely barred bird cage. The credation of this cage is left to noblesse oblige.

Your most obedient, humble
But anonymous servant,
A Spectator

Bosnitch has done damage

To the Editor of the Brunswickan:

There are two questions which I feel all students must consider before voting in the upcoming Presidential elections. Firstly: Is John Bosnitch a student? Secondly: Has John

Bosnitch done more damage to student political credibility than any other student politician in distant memory?

The answer to the former question is a definite No. To the latter, a certain yes. Are we, the student body of UNB, going to allow a non-student to possibly force the administration to remove all student political rights? I hope and trust the answer to this last question will be a overwhelming no!

David Zimmerman
President, Graduate Student Association

Editor's Note: Contrary to what Mr. Zimmerman believes, John Bosnitch certainly is a student of U.N.B.

UNB too political

Dear Editor:

A year ago at this time, in a commentary on CHSR-FM, I endorsed John Bosnitch's reelection. This year, if I were to write a commentary urging Bosnitch's defeat, I would certainly be condemned by Bosnitch and his followers for a conflict of interest. This, in itself, says a lot about what has happened to the student union in the last year. It has become too political—politics enters into every decision made anywhere in the Student Union Building, be it CHSR-FM, CSL, or the Yearbook. Even more disturbing, if a student does not back the Bosnitch regime, he is forced out of a position regardless of the job being done. This has happened to comptroller Aubrey Kirkpatrick at CSL, Tim Lethbridge at both the Yearbook and Student Directory, myself at the Yearbook and others.

And what have the results of this politicization of the Student Union been? I would argue that they have been disastrous. Consider

1) We are now paying CSL employees to do a Student Directory Tim Lethbridge would have done for nothing. And Lethbridge would have had it finished and distributed two weeks ago.

2) The yearbook will be late again this year. (Delivery will be sometime in the second semester). Before I was forced out, I was willing to guarantee that the yearbook would be back and distributed by October 15. The future of the yearbook is also bleak—Bosnitch has not even called for nominations for editor of the 1985 book, no budget has been submitted and the Yearbook office is now a "Board of Foreign Students" office.

3) No chairman has yet been chosen for Winter Carnival and no budget has been submitted. Evidentially, Bosnitch plans to have the same CSL people run Winter Carnival who lost thousands of dollars on Oktoberfest.

4) Comptroller Aubrey Kirkpatrick and CHSR-FM are both waiting for Bosnitch to give them a chance to look at the CSL books. Students should demand an accounting for CSL - the \$60,000 entertainment fund students created 2 years ago is gone but no one is sure where.

5) Bosnitch has called SRC meetings for 3 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in SUB rooms 103, 203, and 26. Bosnitch has been doing his best to make sure council doesn't meet—they might try to check his growing power.

6) Then there is the SUB which Bosnitch managed to handle so badly that the administration had to step in. The same might happen at one of Bosnitch's few successes (though no one knows how much money it is costing the Student Union), the CSL store, if he does not negotiate with the administration. One wonders what John Bosnitch is after. He very rarely attends classes, has failed the vast majority of his courses over the last 4 years, and has an academic record so bad he can't run for a Board of Governor's seat. He may be president of the Student Union, but he is certainly no student. His only interest is politics and power. Well, after two years of the Bosnitch regime, I think it's time to get out and defeat John Bosnitch on November 21 and put a student in power who will put the students' in-

terests above his own.

And students should also consider ridding themselves of the last vestiges of Student Party politics that have been so harmful to the Student Union by defeating strong Bosnitch supporters such as Clayton Burns, Oliver Koncz, and Michael Bennett.

Jeff Fryer

The problem in the SUB

Dear Sir:

As a graduate of U.N.B. in Business Administration in the 1970's, I try to faithfully read the Brunswickan on a regular basis.

I have been following the S.U.B. situation since the early beginning and I wish to make a comment. This comment is based on someone who was there and now is looking in.

Please publish the enclosed article in your next issue. Thank you.

Yours very truly
David Carling, B.B.A.

THE PROBLEM IN THE SUB

Up until John Bosnitch took control of the SUB, there were never any problems among the administration, tenants, and the students.

I am a graduate of UNB and was employed in the SUB during the 1970's. What is going on now is a total disgrace to the SUB and degrades anyone associated with the organization.

A big part of the problem is the President of the University, Dr. Downey, who is sidestepping the problem hoping it will go away because of political affiliations, bureaucracy, and self-preservation.

Bosnitch and his loyal follower, Clayton Burns (who has been a student since the 1960's) want complete control and nothing shy of that. The students are simply stepping stones for the ultimate objective, "power."

As far as the "Exchange

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