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'Anybody who wanders around the world saying, 'Hell yes, I'm from Texas,' deserves whatever happens to him.'

Hunter S. Thompson

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OPINION...

A Good-Bye That Shouldn't Be

It's one a.m. and I'm sitting alone at my desk wondering why I feel so compelled to write these next few lines to you, the students of UNB.

You see, until a few short days ago I was your typical "fun-loving" "easy-going" student who didn't think much about such trivial little things as drinking and driving because it didn't affect me... Now it does.

That changed this past Saturday when I attended the funeral of another average

"fun-loving" UNB student, a funeral that shouldn't have been.

Dave was no different than you or I. He had his dreams... his aspirations, and so much potential that you couldn't help admire him for all his determination. He was only 19. Now, I'm not going to get up on my soap box and preach to you... you know the facts as well as I do... drinking and driving don't mix. It took the tragic death of a good friend to wake me up to that fact... don't let

the same thing happen to you. Nothing can bring Dave back... that is a fact that I, along with many others, find hard to accept, but it's true.

All that I can hope is that maybe... just maybe somewhere, sometime there will be a person who will think twice about getting behind that wheel after a few too many... death is too high a price to pay.

Laura Lee MacLean

More rumblings from below

Support the Aquinian

By BARRY PARKINSON
Brunswickan staff

(Note: I'm hardly an expert in the field of STU politics, as such, the following should not be seen as a complete damnation of the entire council.)

Damn!

Well, I just came from the STU SRC meeting and I'm not impressed. The major points of interest for me were whether or not the Aquinian should be allowed to join Canadian University Press (CUP) and whether or not the Aquinian should be closed down. Aside from general interest in survival of the press, I am also concerned about these things because I am on the Aquinian staff. Yes, I do have a vested interest.

The STU SRC voted not to allow the Aquinian to join CUP. Whether CUP is or is not a good organization to join, I can't say. The method of decision making was, however, atrocious.

First of all, last night (Monday) there was an "informational session" - not a "meeting", mind you - for the STU SRC. Only councillors and Aquinian Editor Neil Toner were allowed to attend. Myself, I was

asked to leave. And I did, after making an ass of myself (as planned.) The paper's budget, including the involvement with CUP, was discussed at this session.

Tonight, without all the councillors knowing what they were talking about (this much was admitted), the Aquinian and CUP were disassociated. All this on the advice of the council's lawyer, Richard Roach. The council would not even hold off until all of the councillors could get the facts together. It was as if this lawyer were the SRC. Not good at all.

The second issue is very serious indeed. A councillor named Isaac made the motion that the Aquinian's constitution be revoked; ie, that the paper be closed down. There were words to the effect that an internal reorganization be considered, but this was nowhere stated in the motion. Ideally, this is what would happen were the motion passed (it is presently in limbo); somehow, the mood just didn't reassure me that a fair look at the paper was

being considered, by at least some council members.

In any case, revoking the constitution seems rather extreme. Having discussions with the paper about whether or not the constitution was being respected, or about maybe changing the constitution itself... these seem like reasonable alternatives. Keeping the Aquinian operating during this time would be a good idea.

And keeping a paper operating doesn't mean just giving it the barest of necessities. This seems to be the council's attitude. The council stated that it was obviously supporting the Aquinian because the Aquinian was included in the SRC budget. Something important: the money that the SRC has set aside for the paper is insufficient. A newspaper needs money to pay for travel expenses, for instance. It needs money to join an organization like CUP, if it sees fit.

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A Strange Thing Indeed...

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"You must be out of your mind." is a phrase I've more or less dropped from my repertoire. Too many wierd schemes have passed before my eyes to doubt *anyone's* intention to do *anything anymore*.

And having just written this I discovered that the *Brunswickan* is being threatened with legal action over something I wrote. "Libel" or something like that.

The complainant may as well remain nameless for the time being. Still, it wouldn't be difficult to guess who would pull this. Motives *are*, however, difficult to figure; except that bad press, even from the likes of me, is always something to be blown out of the water.

Where the deal goes from here, I don't know yet. But, the wheels, on both sides, are turning. Maybe I was "libelous"; more likely I wasn't... I don't know, not having all the details at hand. This thing will have to unfold on its own.

Stay tuned.

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