

# Blood and Thunder

## No more Mr Nice Guy

Dear Editor,

I've been a nice person for too long. The world of UNB and STU students has a right to know what goes on behind closed doors. They should know to give credit where credit is due, and not where it isn't! Who are the heros?!

If I see that meagre, flimsy, whimpy excuse of "frequent date changes" as the reason behind the "mass resignation" of the elected Winter Carnival Executive one more time... This meek, bland excuse is by no means the major reason for our resignations. I have a few things to set straight and a few facts to shed light on once and for all.

To speak on the issue of date changes did it ever occur to anyone why the dates were changed so frequently and who changed them? Read on and you'll no longer be left stumbling in the confusion created by a couple of SRC Executive members.

Somehow with the election of John Bosnitch as SRC President and Hugh Brown as VP of Services in late November, total control of the previously approved Winter Carnival budget, mysteriously and abruptly fell into these power-greedy hands. With this, all of our problems began. I'm not going to go through all of the painful details previously discussed in the "Brunns" of January 24/86. My intention is to expose significant details which we previously refrained from revealing because of basic respect and good manners.

Because the SRC had control of the money for Carnival, they in this sense, had control over events. With absolutely no consultation with the Carnival Executive, Brown and Bosnitch proceeded to change the dates of the Carnival at least four different times. (Any of you who have ever organized any event, from a birthday party, an election campaign or a week of social events, know what a detrimental effect changes like these can have, not only on the success of the events as a whole, but more importantly, on the morale of the workers.) Each time they totally disregarded our previous efforts and the hard work and preparations of our committee. They seemed to expect us, as volunteers and also full time university students (without the desire to spend 7-8 years to get one degree) to comply to their every whim, change the carnival schedule and dates periodically as they wished, and continue to work diligently, using our time, energy and skills to pull off a fabulous Carnival that would make us all rich. We're not stupid! We don't thrive on slaps in the face and no appreciation for our hard work!

With reservations I add the following interesting little actions which contributed to our resignation. At the risk of being called a tattletale, here goes. Hugh Brown opened Winter Carnival mail, addressed to Ana Sainz, Chairperson. Not only did he open mail which was not even addressed to him but he also neglected to give us our mail! (I guess he figured since no money meant no power, we had no right to read our own mail - after all we were only the elected executive.)

We also discovered to our dismay and disbelief, that darling Hugh had been rummaging through our files (some of which were personal and had no significance to self-appointed "Detective Brown"). "Detective Brown" obviously decided that for some reason, possibly because his power trip termed this action necessary, he must interrogate our actions in planning, without us knowing. Maybe this was to see if anyone else was conducting operations in dishonest ways.

Hugh took a letter/note, written to one of our executive from the Chairper-

son, out of the files in our office and placed it in his own files - presumably for his own use. In case you're wondering, this note had absolutely no reference to Hugh Brown, John Bosnitch or any other member of the SRC. We were alarmed and confused to discover that our executive member had never received this note. At this point we weren't too surprised to discover that Hugh had taken it out of our files. "C'est la vie", you say? It appears "That is life" with the UNB SRC!

How wonderful that we have an SRC to take over all the previously student run organizations. It's just too bad that none of them had ever had any experience running Winter Carnival, previous to the dry run this year. How wonderful that they walk in to save the day by taking over and picking up where we left off, after they forced us to resign. Maybe our fine, veteran SRC President feels that he doesn't have enough power, so that he must go around eating up student organizations as power pellets. How wonderful.

Heros?... I ask again, who are they?

Carolyn Snow  
Ex-Winter Carnival  
Vice-Chairperson and  
Secretary

## Apartheid's effect at U of Toronto

Dear Editor,

Recently the controversy over the issue of whether the South African ambassador to Canada, Mr. Glen Babb, should be allowed to participate in a debate at the University of Toronto has attracted my attention. A group of professors at U of T attempted unsuccessfully to gain an injunction prohibiting Mr. Babb's participation on the grounds that "...free speech cannot be absolute..." and that to permit the South African ambassador to speak would legitimize apartheid and imply support for the policies of the present South African government.

I disagree with the actions of those who opposed Mr. Babb's participation, not on the grounds that I support apartheid but on the principle that in a free exchange of ideas, especially with regard to racial injustice, the position occupying the higher moral ground will hopefully come out on top. Among Canadians, especially university students who are supposed to be well-educated and broad-minded, it should appear obvious that apartheid cannot be rationally justified. Any attempt to argue a point irrationally or emotionally can only damage its credibility in the minds of most clear-think individuals.

The argument that Mr. Babb's appearance at U of T offended Black students just doesn't wash in a democratic society. Though the Soviet Union is ideologically committed to the destruction of Western Society, this does not prevent Soviet officials from touring the West. Are the sensibilities of those vehemently opposed to Soviet policies taken into account? Of course not, and neither should they be.

If the professors at U of T think Canadians are incapable of forming their own opinions on issues of importance, what does this say for the future prospects for a Canadian democratic society? Are individuals to be led around like sheep or are they to be trusted to make well-informed decisions on issues crucial to Western society? Apartheid must be confronted in a cool, rational manner and be shown for the despicable system that it is.

Kenny LeBlanc

## A response to Brown's "stupidity"

Dear Editor,

I'm writing this letter in response to Hugh Brown's comment in last Friday's Brunns. For those who didn't read it, he answered the question on the possibility of first year students not realizing that the prizes at Monte Carlo night weren't money with the statement; "they can come for free and find out about the prizes if they're dumb frosh."

Now personally I don't know Mr. Brown, but it seems he has a substantially large mouth. Why? Because with that statement he's managed to ram his goot (shoe and all) into it. Surely he must realize that the same frosh that he calls dumb probably voted him into his terribly important (cough) position. One would have to assume that he must be planning to end his political career with comments like that.

But I have not written this letter to praise Mr. Brown's personality (or lack thereof), but to remind him that he was once a frosh also (heaven forbid!). I wonder if he remembers what it's like to be one? I guess he forgot that frosh don't really understand what's going on (mainly because it's our first year here) and we have to be told what's going on instead of trying to deduce what the \*&%\$!! is going on.

In conclusion I suggest that Mr. Brown make a trip to a Shoppers Drug Mart and invest in some humility pills. Lord knows he needs some.

Yours truly,  
A not so stupid or dumb frosh

## letter to entire student body, or lack thereof

This is written by a "MAD" writer. Mad because you, the entire "student" body, choose to ignore the, what is known as the "funnest time of the year Carnival" (or Carnaval or Mardis Gras or, or, or...). You did not only ignore all the good things that were organized for you, but what's worse, you let down the entire staff, the guys (gals) that did the hard work to make it happen. You, the students, the whole lot, (except 5/10 percent) played tit for tat, "I'm not going to play with Johnny", "I'm not going to his party", tit for tat, you get it? That's exactly why we still

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have wars in the world - because of ignorant and childish attitudes like that! How do I know? Because I read the weekly Brunns, and I read all about your silly and childish attitudes from the SRC meetings, to the very "intellectual and intelligent" interviews under "Viewpoint".

Anyway, you have shown your "mature" and "FUN" side by your ridiculous attendance numbers at the Winter Carnival; 1 1/2 people at the crowning of Miss Winter Carnival, 2 1/2 at the Casino, and 3 1/2 at the Extravaganza. You should all dress in black for the next six weeks, be very quiet. Be extremely proud of letting some people like Hugh Brown and John Bosnitch down, I mean totally down. Feel very proud of that, and all the persons that resigned from all committees the last week, and all responsibilities. You should all think of re-enrolling in Kindergarten, that's where your minds and attitudes belong. And after all that you don't DESERVE another Winter Carnival for the next ten years! And I am still MAD! And I hope this sinks in!

Nicolaas deVries

## Lethbridge, we're not impressed

Dear Editor,

This wettew is about youw famous movie wewiewew, Timothy Wethbidge. We the peopwe of this Uniwersity, ow at weast some of us, demand that this man give his wesigna-

tion as movie cwitic. We have weason to bewieve that he actuawwy swept through the movie "The Best of Times."

We base this assumption on the fact that Wobin Wiwwiams pwayed Jack Dundee, the banking executive, and Kuwt Wussew pwayed Weno Hightowew, the quawtwewback, and not the othew way awound. His unfamiwawity with the game of foot-baww did not hewp mawtews. We have heawd of fumwss, dwopped bawws, incompweted passes, but newew of a catching fumbwe. Hey, maybe it's a new tewm we newew heawd of befowe.

If Mw. Wethbidge wants to see movies, he shouwd pay is own way and stop wasting the students time and money with these widicuwous wiewews. We give him a D-, and we'we weaw genewous.

Sincewewy,  
and we weawwy mean it,  
Concewned Movie Goews

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