

SPECTRUM

Blood n' Thunder

Pride

Bruns, Politically (Science) Incorrect

To the Editor,

Please allow me to draw attention to some inaccuracies and correct some misperceptions in the lead article "Executives resign in protest" in the November 24 edition of *The Brunswickan*.

Firstly, Dr. Thom Workman was not "self-appointed" as advisor to the PSSA on the North American Model United Nations competition, nor was he "the force behind departmental involvement". He was appointed by me, as Chair of the Department. The original information packet was sent to me. I passed it on to Dr. Workman, who then passed it on to the PSSA President. In this regard, the Department did as it has always done - ask the PSSA to organize the NAMUN delegation(s), but reserve the right to oversee PSSA actions, as necessary.

Secondly, I cancelled the PSSA meeting of November 10, not Dr. Workman, because it was billed as a meeting to select candidates, not to determine criteria for candidate selection.

Thirdly, the meeting of the Department called for November 14 was called by me at my initiative. The "full" professors of the Department might refer to, neither requested nor called that Departmental meeting.

Fourthly, there was no requirement on the part of the department or anybody else that "candidates must have a certain academic standing", except that they be students in good standing, to attend NAMUN. We did not have the opportunity to discuss whether, or how many "conference veterans" should be included in this year's team.

Fifthly, Dr. Workman made no secret of the fact that he has family in Toronto, and that attending NAMUN as a faculty advisor would give him the opportunity to see them. That was certainly not his primary reason for going. In fact, from the very beginning he reassured the students that he would not be spending funds raised to finance the NAMUN team to pay for his trip to Toronto.

I hope that these points help to clarify the issue of who was responsible for what concerning the Department of Political Science's involvement in the NAMUN selection process this year.

Sincerely,
Garry Allen
Chair, Department of Political Science

Tis The Season... by J

Tis the season to be jolly. Yes folks it's nearly Christmas, and that favourite pastime...visiting the family and relatives. If you're like some of us, close relations is an opportunity for some really good acting. So this piece is dedicated to survival tips on how to make your Christmas bearable (or at least amusing).

1. Come home for Christmas, don't come out. Coming out to family and friends is not a good idea during this holiday season (or any holiday in fact). If they react negatively, they will always remember Christmas as that time when So-and-so told us they were one of "them".
2. Batteries are essential!
3. Don't waste all of the whipped cream for the cookies and cakes on Santa.
4. "Don we now our gay apparel..." does not mean a dress, stiletto heels and a feather boa.
5. If you have already come out to your family, and they're still trying to deal with it, why not give them a book that offers some suggestions on how to positively deal with a homosexual or bisexual son or daughter.
6. Hang mistletoe over a closet door. See who comes out.

7. Just be thankful you came out of a closet, and not the chimney...Ho, Ho, Ho, Yowch!

8. Go easy with the holiday drinks. That eggnog and rum combo might free up too much of your inhibitions, and there's nothing worse than seeing a drunk homosexual or bisexual (see Tip #1).

9. If you're bored, cross-dress your sister's Ken and Barbie dolls and hang them on the tree. Say its the '90's thing to do...mention RuPaul's success.

10. The stockings are meant to be hung on the fireplace...

11. How about adding a new twist to the Christmas carols. Some examples are: *We Three Queens, Gay Bells Ring.. for Winter Wonderland* or just double check exactly where *Jack Frost is nipping...*

12. Don't be too quick to jump on Santa's lap.

13. Remember, Christmas is a time for giving, forgiveness and human love. Maybe its time to settle things up with people.

14. Just what kinds of toys can you get from a bunch of elves?

15. Don't forget the real purpose of a Nutcracker.

Metanoia by John Walk

Virginal Conception: Implausible or Miraculous?

As Nativity scenes spring up around our cities. Once more the words ring out: "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and his name shall be called Immanuel (Matt 1:23)." For many, these are comforting and hopeful words.

For others, however, such words may pose a question, perhaps even a problem. Was Jesus indeed conceived by an act of the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35)? Or, must we admit that (historically and biologically) Jesus was really conceived through (normal) sexual relations between a man

and a woman? Can historical fact and theological idea really intersect? These questions have entertained many: theologians, Biblical scholars, historians, and church attenders.

Some argue that the Infancy Narratives have their basis in pagan divine birth stories. These stories speak of some form of divine marriage, a god mating with a human woman to produce divine/human beings. Such arguments, however, are rather weak when applied to the Gospels. These really speak about a conception by the Holy Spirit without any form of intercourse.

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Most people wouldn't give it a second glance.
Seven layers of varnish worn clean through by years of strumming.
But you know it. It's a classic. Made by hand. And every chord you play rumbles like a motorcycle on a midnight street.

Go in' South Tonight!

ANATOMY 6th @ 9:00 AM Rm 102

20% OF ALCOHOL IS ABSORBED FROM STOMACH AND GOES INTO BLOOD STREAM, REST GOES INTO SMALL INTESTINES AND ENTERS BLOOD STREAM FROM THERE.

BORING #2 TAKES ALCOHOL IN BLOOD STREAM 2-3 MINUTES TO REACH BRAIN

Cross-section

#3 HUMAN BODY CAN PROCESS ABOUT ONE BEER AN HOUR.. WHAT ABOUT MY CAT?

#4 HIGH LEVELS AFFECT BALANCE, VISION, ALERTNESS

#5 LIVER CHANGES SMALL AMOUNTS OF ALCOHOL TO H₂O, CO₂ AND ENERGY Kcal/Kg.

#6 SWEATING AND BREATHING CAN ELIMINATE SMALL AMOUNTS OF ALCOHOL

#7 TIRED, TENSE OR ON MEDICATION CAN INCREASE ALCOHOL EFFECTS

#8 NO SOBER-UP FORMULA!!

#9 BEER: FROM LATIN **BIBERE** TO DRINK

ALCOHOL REDUCES SENSITIVITY NOT A GOOD OPENER

KNOW WHEN TO DRAW THE LINE

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