

Blood and Thunder

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEADLINE: TUESDAY 5 P.M..

PLEASE SIGN ALL LETTERS

LIGHTEN UP...

Dear Editor:

I pick up a copy of the Brunswickan every Friday and flip through it between classes, and at lunch. Usually I just take a look at the front page article, viewpoint, and one or two of the sports articles.

Last Friday I took some time and read "Blood and Thunder". When I read Miss Kim Haslitt's comments, about the picture of Dean Frost and the caption that came with it, I became a bit angry. It's probably true that not all the students would know who the President of the Student Union is. However, I imagine the majority of students who do, know Dean Frost by name only, and wouldn't recognize him if they saw him. Just about everyone knows who James Downey is. However, I would bet if you went around campus with just a black and white photograph of him, not too many people could tell you who it was.

My guess is that Miss Haslitt must know Dean Frost personally because she seemed to be the only one who was upset about the picture and caption in the October 21st issue of the Brunswickan. The average person can see that the picture was just an attempt at humour, and wasn't meant to hurt Mr. Frost in any way, shape or form.

I think Miss Haslitt should lighten up a tad, and not be so critical of the Brunswickan. I think it's probably a safe assumption that no one straps Miss Haslitt to a chair every Friday and forces her to read the Brunswickan. If Miss Haslitt is so "disappointed" with the alleged "backstabbing" she reads in the Brunswickan, why does she continue to read it?

Yours truly

D.T. Woodley

DISAPPOINTED ENGINEERS

Dear Editor:

As an Engineering student at UNB, I am extremely disappointed and outraged at the absolute lack of media coverage of Engineering Week 1988 in The Brunswickan.

Engineering Week affects a very large percentage of the

students on this campus. This year The Week was very successful; the Opening Ceremonies were attended by roughly 100 people, 2 buses, instead of 1, were needed for the smoker, 12 cars were entered in the Coaster Derby, and peanuts were sold to raise money for the Kidney Foundation.

So why wasn't The Week covered?? I know that for a fact that you personally knew about it, I asked you to cover it myself! Lack of space is not a valid excuse either, last weeks paper had a number large sections that could have been bumped ahead or omitted entirely, ie: "A Day In The Life" (no offense Dean) could have been moved ahead a week, and the crossword puzzle in "Distractions" could have been removed entirely.

The purpose of The Brunswickan is to provide stories that affect or interest the students on this campus. Engineering Week has been and always will be an event that affects UNB students. Personally I feel the lack of coverage by The Brunswickan is unexcusable. I sincerely hope this will not happen again.

Scott Clements
President, Engineering Undergraduate Society

Dear Sir:

It seems that an edition of the Brunswickan is not published without an article pointing out the fact that participation in organized social events at this university is lacking. These articles however could be replaced by coverage of overwhelmingly successful events if reporters could look past the Student Union Building to what is happening out in the real world of UNB.

October 18th to the 24th marked 1988's Engineering Week. Annually at this time, the engineering students organize and participate in a weeks worth of social activities ranging from an Air Band competition to the ever popular Coaster Derby. There was no lack of participation in any of these events. The week was a complete success. Would it not seem logical then, that the student newspaper at UNB would cover the events? It wasn't possible to miss at least one of the events, the Coaster Derby, traffic around the campus even has to be rerouted for that one!

You can't beat the engineers by ignoring them so open your eyes and take advantage of a good story when there is one.

Dear Sir:

UNB has a population of less than 10,000 students yet its newspaper cannot even keep track of important activities going on within the student body such as Engineer Week. Surely, as students, we should be able to expect more from our newspaper. We fund this effort so it should be for the students. Why should we settle for this half-assed effort?

Blaine Down

Last week a major event took place on campus, and if people knew about it, it was not due to the Brunswickan! It was Engineering Week, and engineers at UNB were enjoying airband contests, the Coaster Derby, the Engineering Gala, the Smoker, and many other activities. But where was the Brunswickan staff? They were asked by the Engineering Undergraduate Society to cover the events, but there was no mention of them in last week's Brunswickan. Apparently the newspaper was busy with a controversial event involving some UNB students, but not nearly as many students as were involved in Engineering Week. If the Brunswickan considers themselves a newspaper, why weren't they covering the new of Engineering Week? Does this mean we have to do something controversial to be considered news by the Brunswickan?

Engineering is one of the largest faculties at UNB, with approximately 1200 students. Most of these people are Brunswickan readers and would have liked to have seen coverage of a highly successful Engineering Week.

AMYL GHANEM

ENGINEERING WEEK THANKS

Dear Editor:

Recently, an unusual string of events commonly known as Engineering Week occurred on this campus, although you would hardly know from the

media coverage (ie: Bruns). That's getting away from the point of this letter however.

During Engineering Week occurs an event that is truly unique to UNB. The Engineering Coaster Derby. This was the 14th year that certain lunatic students have chosen to go hurtling through campus in those crazy contraptions.

We would like to thank some of the people and organizations who helped make this year's event a huge success.

Thanks to the EUS and SSMU who provided us funding and advice (more or less in that order), to Dr. Rogers and Prof. Torfason for their help and encouragement, to CIHI, CHSR, CFNB and the Bruns for advanced publicity, to CHSR for their coverage of the event.

Yes, we had other sponsors, also. Thanks to Moosehead, Pepsi, Coke and Clark Chev-Olds.

Special thanks to our road crew, especially Jeff Foreman, who were up at some ungodly hour in the A.M. only to be frozen by the nasty weather we had that morning. Fantastic job guys!

We'd also like to mention that this year the engineering students from our other campus in Saint John fielded an entry and we became quite competitive before breaking. Nice to see that group making themselves known.

Thanks to all the Frozen Fans and all the participants. (You guys are one of a kind!)

Watch for us next year!!

Robert Colter
Trevorr Nielson
Marc LeJune
Co-Chairmen
Coaster Derby Committee

GREAT PUMPKIN

This year's Great Pumpkin Sacrifice was very different from those of past years (the last few especially). I wasn't sure what to expect right up until the night of the event. To most people, to watch this ceremony would seem the same as any other year, although we had more wisemen and a much bigger pumpkin. What they would have noticed however, is that the violence that occurred in the passed was so small this year that it could almost have gone unnoticed. I would like to

commend the other residences for acting much more maturely about it. This year we had people from most residences participate in the event. Aitken house which received an unjust total blame for last year's problems had all their lights turned off on the back side of their house. As for the annual and original action of MacKenzie, we killed your "papa", but don't worry, be happy... Hopefully now that the tides are turning in Harrison's Great Pumpkin Sacrifice, we will be able to achieve two main goals of promoting school spirit and academic achievement.

Yours truly,
Graham Wyer
Loyal Guardian 1988

UNFORTUNATE EDITORIAL POLICY

Letter to the Editor:

We find it unfortunate that the editorial policy of this newspaper subscribes to appealing loud, faceless minorities for the sake of personal convenience. As the creators of Robo-Lawrence, we are not only offended by the censorship of our comic strip, but also by the fact that one person made this decision. The portion of the strip in question (which was deleted, of course, under threat of non-publication) was meant to be a satirical comment of the sexual nature of male comic book super-heroes, but instead was interpreted by Kwame Dawes (and to the best of my knowledge, only him) as being a promotion of violence against women. Is it coincidence that he is the only person who did not find this portion of the comic strip amusing? Everybody who had seen the un-edited version (feminists included) thought it was entertaining (in a non-threatening manner). The main point is not our comic strip, but censorship in general. We are ready to defend our opinion, but obviously the Bruns is only ready to publish theirs.

JOSEPH L.R. SAVOIE
JOHN MCLEAN-FOREMAN
EDITOR'S NOTE: The portion of the strip in question was deleted by myself in consultation with other members of the Brunswickan Editorial Board before Mr. Dawes even saw the strip.

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