

Blood and Thunder

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rm. 35, Student Union Building, UNB Campus
DEADLINE: Not this year

Dear Frank

Dear Editor:

This is the text of a letter which was recently sent to Frank McKenna, Premier of NB.

"We are writing to express our support of the recent Supreme Court ruling which decriminalized abortion. We are disappointed, however, by government policy, most noticeable at the provincial level, which seems bent on contravening that decision and denies access to abortion for some Canadian women.

The situation faced by New Brunswick women with regard to access to abortion is especially dismal. Women who reside outside of Fredericton, Moncton or Saint John are effectively denied access to abortion unless they have the financial means and information necessary to obtain one outside of the province. Your recent decision that women in

New Brunswick must obtain the approval of two physicians in order to obtain an abortion is not only unacceptable but is ludicrous. It increases costs, produces further and unnecessary delays in the termination of an unwanted pregnancy, decreased confidentiality and produces added strain. Many New Brunswick women are forced to journey to Montreal or Maine and must absorb full costs to obtain a medical procedure which has been declared to be their legal right by the Supreme Court of Canada.

Women demand control over their bodies and claim the right to exercise their reproductive freedom. It is their choice.

If the federal and provincial governments wish to reduce the number of abortions performed in Canada, both can go a long way in improving support programs for family planning, reproductive health counselling and prevention services, as well as long-

term financial assistance for those women whose socioeconomic circumstances do not allow them the privilege of raising a child.

Those who support access to abortion comprise a strong, if less vociferous, majority. New Brunswick women and men who support the tenets of free and thoughtful choice urge you, as an elected official, to assume a more reasonable and courageous position on this issue.

Sincerely,
Kevin Foran
Melynda Jarratt

No coverage

Dear Editor:

Recently it was brought to my attention that the Caribbean Circle has been having a problem with *the Bruns*. The problem is the inability to publicize its events in *the Bruns*. After considering the facts before me, I have a few unanswered questions I hope you can answer for me. Before I ask the questions, let me give you the facts before me.

This academic year the Circle presented two major events - Reggae Nite '87 and Caribbean Nite '88. The Circle had problems with both events.

Before both the Nites, space was purchased in *the Bruns* for an advertisement. Needless to say, on both occasions the ads appeared in *the Bruns* (after all they were paid for). I must admit that there has been no problems with paid ads. Before Reggae Nite, Press Releases giving the details about the Nite were delivered to *the Bruns* and *the Daily Gleaner*. *The Gleaner* printed a portion of the Release in one of its issues. Nothing was printed in *the Bruns*. On checking, the Circle was informed that the Press Release had been "misplaced" and therefore could not have been printed.

Before Caribbean Nite, a Press Release was again delivered to *the Bruns*. Luckily, for the Circle, one of the Circle members decided to check *the Bruns* Office on the Thursday morning before the Nite, to ensure that the Press Release would be printed that night. Needless to say, he was informed that the Press Release had been "misplaced." However, he was informed that if he wrote a new Release right away it would be printed that night. He wrote the Release

and it appeared in that Friday's edition.

Also, invitations for Caribbean Nite were sent to *the Bruns* and *the Daily Gleaner*. On the Monday after the Nite, *the Gleaner* printed an article on Caribbean Nite and a photo from the Nite. Needless to say, that Friday not even a word about the Nite was mentioned in *the Bruns*.

In my opinion, *the Bruns* should be ashamed to know that *the Gleaner* is giving better coverage to an On-Campus Group for their events on campus than they (the Campus Newspaper) are.

Must Press Releases be delivered on the Thursday before publication if they are to be printed? Is not one of the purposes of *the Bruns* to keep students informed about events on campus? OR is this purpose only fulfilled if ads are purchased to publicize the events? If the answer to the last question is true, then why is part of my Student Fees going to *the Bruns*?

Or is it that these events are Cultural Events are therefore not considered important enough by *the Bruns* to be printed, unless an article is needed to fill an empty space? If this is so, then I would like to point out to *the Bruns* that the 300-plus people who attended Caribbean Nite (most of them students) considered the event important enough to attend.

As a student, I would hate to draw the wrong conclusions about *the Bruns* which is supposed to be my (the student) newspaper. I therefore hope that someone will explain what happened and by doing so set my mind at ease.
Respectfully yours,
Mr. Tracey Alexander

We're sorry

We write to clarify a statement regarding the Housing and Food Services Director, in our candidates' submission for the March 22, 1988 issue of *the Brunswickan*. Mr. Brostowski says that the remarks we referred to were made by some private landlords in the city of Fredericton and were incorrectly attributed to him. We deeply regret any pain we may have caused Mr. Brostowski.

Yours truly,
Ramsay Anderson
Susan Forestell
Joe Everett

Good Luck on exams

From your good
friends at

Moosehead Breweries

See you next year