

Blood and Thunder

EXCLUSION OF THE PILL

(To the UNBSU)

Recently, I was greatly dismayed to discover that the UNB prescription drug plan does not cover the cost of prescription birth control pills.

To my knowledge, most universities provide coverage for 'the pill' in their student medical plans (including, I might note, St. Thomas, a known Catholic university). When I spoke with a Fredericton pharmacist, he stated that birth control pills could, with a small cost increase to the regular prescription drug plan, be included.

With so many conscientious students using this method of contraception (since, most people know that latex condoms only provide 90% effectiveness when properly used), what is the reasoning behind UNB's exclusion of 'the pill'?

Sexually Active Impoverished Students

GRAD CLASS

Real Grad

I admire your strategic skill, instead of discussing it, the money for the class of 1990 Gates could be better spent on scholarships, foodbanks, or other useful enterprises, you attack the perceived source of the idea. This, of course, will distract people's attention from the fact that the money could be spent on more worthy enterprises than two brick walls. If our Grad Class did something more worthwhile, we would have no permanent monument, but perhaps we would be remembered in a more positive light. Our class has the chance to set an example for future Grad Classes. Let us do something right.

Paul Kerr

MONTE CARLO

Contrary to popular belief Foresters are not just tobacco chewing, chain saw carrying, work boot wearing beasts. We don't always wear work boots! But, seriously we have a broad array of personalities from one end of the country to the other, that makes forestry the closest knit faculty on campus.

The faculty of Forestry was started in 1908 and has since become the most respected Forestry School in Canada. We have professors leading their respective fields of; Fire Science, Tree Physiology, Silviculture, Forest Economics and Geographic Information

systems. Imagine that, some thought that after 5 years we were only qualified to cut down trees.

At the centre of the Student body is the Forestry Association. The Association is made up of an executive of six elected students and over eighty percent of the students are members of this association. What other faculty can boast those figures.

The Forestry Association organizes many events during the school year. A lot of hard work by Forestry students goes in to making these events a success not only for members of our faculty but for all UNB Students.

Our first big event of the year is the Annual Cornboil, which gives New Students a chance to get out and become associated with Senior members of the faculty. Of course this takes place out in the woods, where towards the end of the evening we have fun filled impersonations such as Tarzan (swinging from trees) and Smokey the Bear (jumping over the fires).

When the boots stop smoking and heads have shrunken back to normal we proceed on to the Woodsmen's Competition. The Forestry Association in cooperation with the UNB Woodsmen's teams has organized this event for the past 24 years. Teams from Eastern Canada, Ontario and the Eastern United States have, for the last 5 years, tried to knock UNB from the Championship stand, unsuccessfully! Of course, the "traditional" awards ceremony comes after the competition.

And once a year we trade the workboots and checked shirts for suits, ties and haircuts and dresses (if you're a female member of the faculty) for the Bushmans Ball. Traditionally the event that hails the beginning of forestry week, this has always been an enjoyable event for those who attend.

Forestry week is made up of various events such as movie night, Pub night, sporting events and other fun filled activities.

We don't stop for the winter months. The traditional Christmas pub and sleigh ride have proven outstanding success since their introduction two years ago.

At this time of the year, the big event that we look forward to, and you should too, is the always enjoyable, always entertaining Monte Carlo Night!

Monte Carlo night gives those attending opportunity to gamble with vast quantities of "funny" money. Black jack, Roulette, Crown and Anchor have been the mainstay of the gambling activities. Don't forget, for our entertainment throughout the night we have beautiful bunnies and handsome Chippendales. At the end of the night all the newly acquired millions are used to

bid on prizes at the final auction, which have been generously donated by various Fredericton Merchants!

We would like to take this moment to personally invite you to experience this year's Monte Carlo night, which will be the 36th time this event has been offered to everybody who is anybody in Fredericton. This year's Monte Carlo is being held at the Ecole St. Anne, on 715 Priestman street across from the Dr. Everett Chalmers hospital, from 8 pm until 1 o'clock.

We always have a good time and hope you will join us this year for the same. We hope this article has expanded your knowledge of the forestry faculty. We make all our events fun for everyone and hope you will join us for Monte Carlo tonight!

We'll all be there! Why don't you?

Forestry Class of '91

QUIET ROOM?

I feel I must speak out about an issue which has recently become a major grievance in the Head Hall Engineering Library. For those unfamiliar with the structuring of this library, there are three sections, the main room with couches and tables, and two "quiet" room. The main, non-quiet room is the most frequented as most students prefer to work and study in a somewhat social atmosphere. Conversation abounds in this room, and I, for one, find this both pleasant and practical, as is any proper exchange of ideas or venue for doing so. Until recently, this has posed no problems.

At the beginning of this term, a recently hired, young male (a fact worth noting) librarian started making forays into the main room to affix all it's (sic) occupants with a supposedly icy stare, impress them with his degree of command, then do an about face and leave, shoulders broad. This quickly escalated into general warnings and threats thrown out at the room in general, or certain groups in particular, in regards to noise level. This is the source of the resentment which many students feel.

We are university students, not grade school children. The library serves no purpose on campus if not for our use/enjoyment. We cannot effectively use the room if we have to glance furtively over our shoulders each time we ask a question, knowing we are in danger of being "escorted" out of the room by campus security (this actually happened once).

One wonders what causes this type of behaviour on the part of the library official. Is he acting on behalf of a group of students, who are so

transfixed by the image of their kindergarten teacher telling them that "library" equals "silence under pain of death" that they cannot accept a different idea? Or is it simply a case of one man trying to keep the spectre of this own impotence at bay by creating his own police state. Ready-made self-justification!

Only one solution is warranted in my opinion. This worker must have his duties and powers explained to him, and the concept of him being our employee firmly entrenched in his mind. Any students who cannot work in a place where people talk above the whisper level, please go to one of the quiet rooms, where silence is religiously observed. They are only a 10-second walk away, and the couches and tables are much more comfortable in there. As a student, and a human being in a free country, I will not be bullied and intimidated. Loss of autonomy to the common man angers me in any situation, and this one especially so, as it is personal.

Dan Murray

FAILED TO COVER

Your coverage of the STU-UNB debate held at the Social Club was both incomplete and biased, and requires some correction.

You mentioned only the first debate of the evening, which was won by UNB. There was a second debate which the article made no mention of which was won by the St. Thomas team. You also neglected to mention that the best speaker in both rounds was a member of the STU delegation.

Your willingness to cover debating is appreciated. Your failure to provide complete, accurate and fair coverage is not. I believe that an apology is in order.

Kelly Lamrock
Vice President General
St. Thomas Student Union.

IN RESPONSE

One of the most difficult problems in running a campus volunteer paper is trying to cover campus events with a limited staff.

Kevin Bourque, who covered the debate and is also on the debating team showed an interest to have coverage of the debating team in the Brunswickan.

I have always appreciated their articles since it is sometimes difficult to cover all events on campus.

I encourage any club or organization to cover events for the Brunswickan that concern students.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rm. 35, Student Union Building
DEADLINE: 5 PM, Tuesday
MAXIMUM WORDS: 300

I am sorry that Kelly Lamrock found the article incomplete and biased. I suggest in the future that both teams discuss over any article that will appear in the Brunswickan that concerns both of them to prevent any unfair coverage.

Sincerely yours,
Allan Carter.

INFERNAL PIT

On the surface, the city of Fredericton, and its University campus, yield to the untutored eye, an image of studiousness and near pastoral calm. Unfortunately this placid and tranquil surface is but a mask, a mere tenuous film stretched taut across the yawning maw of the Infernal Pit. As my good friend, the retired Brigadier, point out in your columns recently (Bruns 2/2) the very stones of this place carry the Mark of the Beast. This surface film is but the desiccated crust atop a veritable Swamp of Putrescence, a Quagmire of Lasciviousness from which exhales a Miasmatic Reek of Graveolent Foetor worthy of Sodom and Gomorrah!! I have searched through the annals of this town in vain to find any recent record of a witch consigned unto the stake, of a harlot flogged through the streets, of an adulteress stoned, or of a Sodomite strung up by the private parts and tormented with Pointed Sticks!!! AND YET, within that Temple of Beelzebub known as the Beaverbrook Art Gallery, statues and paintings of Uttermost Depravity are disposed to provoke Irregular Movements of the Flesh amongst the populace!!!! There is also a House of Baal, called The Playhouse, where theatrical productions promoting Laughter and Titillation are regularly viewed!! I have in on good authority, that the University Library contains books wherein are depicted intimate details of those parts of the human anatomy I hesitate even to name, masquerading as "Biology Texts", whereas their real purpose is the encouragement of Stirring of the Loins, Heaving of the Thighs, Undulations of the Wobbly Bits, Diverse Fornications and Sundry Abominations!!!!!! I must go and lie down in a darkened room for a few minutes, but remember, ACCURSED BE the open minded, for they shall be LOBOTOMIZED! There shall yet be Weeping and Gnashing of Teeth (and for those who have no teeth: TEETH SHALL BE PROVIDED!!) I remain sir, yours fulminating,
Very Reverend I.M. Ranting,
Gonad, Nova Scotia.

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