

In the interests of making education more accessible to all Canadians, we the undersigned, students and faculty at

Mount Allison University

support the right of bookstores to freely purchase, sell, exchange, and distribute used books without any restrictions.

Restrictions which impair the exchange of used books inevitably lead to increased educational costs, decreased quality of education, and generally handicap Canadian students in their academic and career endeavours.

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EDITORIAL

There is a story in the works for next weeks Brunswickan which should be given advanced billing as it may have a direct impact upon the students in Canadian Universities. There are rumours of changes being made to the Federal Copyright Legislation. Although information on the proposed changes is vague, as the proposal is still in the drafting stages, they apparently aim at modifying the distribution system for books, and may result in the bookstore being stopped from selling used texts. This cuts down on avenues for stretching student dollars, selling books and buying used texts.

The sale of used texts put on market in the fall by the bookstore will be stopped leaving poorer students struggling to pay for new texts or if they can't afford such a purchase, seeking their texts through the perusal of every bulletin board on campus before they are bought by others. Because the academic year ends in the spring and students don't enroll in classes until the fall these students who are leaving for good and would generally sell their texts will lose out on the income they could normally receive from the sale of their books. The owners of used books unable to easily unload them will lose interest in selling them instead taking them home and storing them on a dusty bookshelf, where they are destined never to be looked at again.

Student groups from around the country who are already gearing up for a battle have found an ally in the Canadian Booksellers Association which is organizing a petition against the legislation.

The UNB SU seems to be being left behind by the other Maritime university student unions in getting on the opposition band wagon. While Acadia University implemented the petition campaign during their registration period and the Mount Allison student union has also implemented a petition campaign the UNB Student Union has yet to do so. While I realise that the information on the proposed changes remains sketchy, even the suspicion that these changes will affect student finances negatively should warrant being brought to the attention of the students of UNB who deserve to be given a chance to raise their voices in opposition.

For more information on what is going on in regards to the rumored changes to the Copyright Legislation check out the news section in next weeks Brunswickan.

Blood n' Thunder

Beating the job hunt blues.

Dear Editor:
Recently, in the media people have been expressing frustrations at their unsuccessful attempts in finding employment. I can really empathize with all these discouraged job seekers, because I, as well, have been "pounding the pavement", "knocking on doors", sending out cover letters and resumes, networking, going for a few interviews, etc., only to be informed later that someone else is "more qualified" for the position.

I am a professional person with two degrees, but am now questioning myself about my chosen field, and/or my expertise. Friends have tried to assure me that my futile attempts in the job market are due to the "recession" and not, because of any personal defects or lack of professional expertise.

Because I have days where my self-esteem hits "rock bottom," (like others in the job search), I want to share with them, as an ego booster, a humorous letter which I wrote to myself after receiving another rejection letter.

Dear Jane (not my real name of course):

We wish to inform you with pleasure, that we were just delighted to actually receive a resume from you. What a wonderful gift! It certainly boosted the morale at our agency, thinking that perhaps one day we would have the opportunity and pleasure to even "hang up your coat" or make you a coffee.

What a wonderful person you are! We beg you not to send your resume elsewhere! We want you and we want you badly. It would give us immense pleasure to fire several bozos around here, just to have you on board.

It is not necessary to come for an interview because your reputation precedes you, to say the least. Call us anytime, concerning the details of joining our team!

We await your reply with baited breath!!

Humbly yours,
Berro Krat

RE: Political 'Correctness' and Freedom of Speech

Many students may remember the controversy concerning remarks made last year in the editorial section of "The Brunswickan" by UNB Fredericton's math professor

Matin Yaqzan. This fall, Sept. 28 & 29, there will be a conference to examine and legislate our rights to be "protected" as students and Professors' rights to make comments to stimulate our thought processes.

Make no mistake, this IS an important conference. What resolutions made here, will be incorporated into legislature guiding what our Professors should or should not say. I, for one, do not wish to be taught in such a restrictive environment that any of my educators would be afraid to say anything but what is "politically correct", so as to protect their jobs.

Isn't it the job of our educators to stimulate us into thinking? You don't have to agree with everything someone says. You should always have the ability to think on your own. For those who disagree, maybe they should re-read George Orwell's 1984.

I would strongly encourage all interested students to attend the conference to express their concerns. You can be sure that a number of paternalistic special interest groups will be in the attendance assuring us that they should be doing the thinking and talking for us poor "defenseless" immature students. I challenge you to defend Professors' right to speak their mind - the same rights you will be defending for yourself.

Sincerely,
Dave Rolston

Defending Yaqzan

Despite my outright condemnation last year of a certain professor's opinion, and my satisfaction when he was finally dismissed from the university, I must now come to his defense. Certainly, some will be wondering how I can defend someone who "legitimized" date rape. To set the record straight, let me simply say, I do not agree with his opinion. What I do agree with is his right of Freedom of Expression. Matin Yaqzan's opinion evoked fear and anger in women and men alike. The ensuing debate dealt with whether or not he should be allowed to publicly state controversial opinions without dire ramifications.

The real issue, I suggest, is not whether he should be allowed to continue as a member of the faculty, but his right to freely express his opinion. Simply because people

disagree with what he said, does not legitimize the abrupt halt to his career. The Canadian Charter of Rights guarantees everyone's freedom and should be praised for the resulting liberty. What we, as university students, should be doing is guarding against the condemnation of individual opinion by advocating uninhibited expression. Let's review: Freedom of Speech and Expression, nothing less.

Those who would argue that Matin Yaqzan's opinions are politically incorrect, are choosing to "burn the books" as it were. These individuals would rather hear no opinion at all than be forced to hear an opinion which "may" not concur with their own righteous beliefs.

In my opinion, the University Administration has done the "White Pillar Institution" a great disservice. In effect, they utilize the expression of opinion as a means of disposing of a professor whose teaching record is perhaps not without flaw. Had Yaqzan not expressed his opinion, he would undoubtedly be teaching to this day. The Administration could have slapped him on the wrist for attaching his University affiliation to the article, but a review of his teaching ability seems to be the natural course of action at this institution. These incidents are unrelated.

I believe the University Administration should have defended his right to express his opinion. In having done so, they would have sent a clear message regarding the importance of Freedoms, yet they chose to sit on the politically correct fence. How unfortunate.

The opinion in question, as a direct result of his background can, in fact, be legitimized. Matin Yaqzan comes from a different culture which many Westerners find confusing. To suggest he cannot express his views comes dangerously close to religious and cultural intolerance. Has this country not made any progress on this issue? Certainly the Administration do not want to be grouped in with the likes of the Legion or Jacques Parizeau.

Someone once said to me, "If you can't say it at a university, where can you say it?" It is upsetting to think the Administration of this institution of higher learning have not heard this expression before.

Richard McDerby



Recently the university administration granted one of the sweetest deals that I know concerning rent to the student union. The SU and their oh-so-limited funds, gets to rent the former Bellboy spot for a dollar a year for the next three years. Imagine a measly buck for the best property on campus and possibly in town. No wonder I see Paul Estabrooks smiling all the time as he's walking the SUB corridors or it could be he has a slight case of gas. Oh don't get me wrong I'm in favour of their present use for the facility and the future placement of a peer support centre there. Hell, I need the extra hundred dollars from opting out of the Health care Plan and eventually, find someone to do my homework for me.

Since I'm always looking to save a big fat loonie here and there, I was thinking about asking the administration if I could get the same deal as the student union. Maybe I could rent a room in the SUB and start a dry cleaning business or something. I hear there's a big demand for dry-cleaning silk power ties.

I'm figuring that won't go over well so maybe I could just rent a room to live in for the remainder of my degree and share it with AIESEC. They won't have an office come January so I'll try and get them as my roommates. That way I'll be able to cut the costs and only shell out fifty cents and they get to come back to the SUB. That way everyone is satisfied. I'll be even more than happy to pay the administration my rent in advance. That way they will know what a responsible tenant I am.

How many people could boast of living in a place with over 10 washrooms. Now I'll never have to hold my genitals and do the close to urination dance. I already feel relieved at the prospects. I'll be able to make my friends lime with envy by boasting that I have two very well stocked bars in my dwelling. Baths aren't a problem either because I'm sure the courteous people here at *The Brunswickan* will let me wash up in the PMT sink again. *Hey I did it once.* Late night snacks might be a problem because everything in the cafeteria is locked up but do I really want to eat Beaver's food anyway. Probably not. Well here's hoping that I can get cut in on the best deal in town or at least chum with AIESEC.

Well this week I said good-bye to my main man "G Holmes". It seems Alberta is the better place to be. I wish him well and hope that he never eats prairie oysters. *Five Hole.*

Oh, I'm supposed to suck up to Lisa Lane of Team Smart Pacc because she's great at helping people with bowling problems. Thanks. So I guess that was my suck up for the week.