

EDITORIAL

Once again the Bruns finds itself accused of printing allegedly sexist material. Those of you who were around last year undoubtedly remember a similar conflict that occurred then. For the latest chapter of this "endless struggle" (to quote Ms. Braun) you only need to turn to this week's feature. To encourage you to read it and form your own opinion.

I would like, however, to clarify a few pieces of information in the SWC (Student Women's Committee) document:

1. Legal action was threatened but not followed through on in the Campus Calendar story.
2. I identified Brian Linkletter as the artist responsible for Mr. Jones, not "Sharky."
3. When the SWC quoted me as saying "I could not go through every (classified) ad" they didn't mention that I was referring to a specific week during which I spent most of production day examining my options regarding the possibility of legal action on the Campus Calendar Story that was to be run. Further, I said I would do the same if a similar situation arose in the future.

Although, I did say "no paid advertisement is turned away", I had not intended this to be quite as sweeping a statement as it was portrayed. Any ad I feel is overly offensive I will pull, but I don't consider any of the SWC's examples to be of that category.

I could go into huge defensive explanations on all the SWC's accusations, but I won't. I don't think it's necessary. All I will say is that I agree with a few of the SWC's criticisms, but I also feel that many of them have little substance.

I think that I speak for the entire Editorial staff when I say that we never intentionally print anything that is sexist, racist, etc... Sometimes we may accidentally run something that may be construed as such, and for this I apologize. Other times we run things that we know will offend someone somewhere, but only when we feel the case against running the material is not strong enough to justify pulling it.

Stephane Comeau

There can be no doubt that Karen-Jean Braun has my utmost respect. Whenever a person is able to display such strength in her conviction and such tenacity and courage in her pursuit of the sociological bete noir of sexism, that person deserves all the praise coming to her. However there comes a point when a certain threshold is crossed and an important consciousness-raising movement begins to seriously jeopardise its own credibility.

In this weeks Brunswickan (see center pages) Mr. Kwame Dawes has patched together a series of statements and allegations produced by the SWC (Student Women's Committee) essentially unify some of the supposed pernicious attitudes held by members of the staff of the newspaper, myself included. It is precisely here that some atrocious misinterpretations appears to have arisen. Hopefully Karen should appreciate by now that my Meat section is vehemently opposed to any form of crass generalization, gross hypocrisy and any form of chauvinistic or fascist tendency that might otherwise pass as being condoned by other sources in the media or indeed on the campus.

At all times I prefer to include material that is tongue and cheek, to point of sometimes being a little shocking, but I had hoped that a cleaner message would shine through. In particular the SWC launches a tirade on the notorious recruitment ad. However this was meant to be a parody of a genre and a time when Karen's demons were far greater in number and not, as she seems to suggest, that I am a complete bastard. If any offense was taken by anybody in that instance, may I express my sincerest apologies now. As I mentioned, I had assumed (wrongfully) that my intention would be taken as being totally light-hearted.

Here then is the crux. While I agree that some of the cartoons might be construed as being sexist material, I rather think that quite often the material smacks of horrendous immaturity and a pronounced lack of creativity by the contributors. However I do not think it warrants such depth of analysis and commentary and should rather be ignored for its completely irrelevant nature. I mean really...do you think anybody is going to be really influenced by this crap?

One final note, I really do get quite upset when people such as yourself become so intransigent towards the thoughts of people such as myself, simply because of my gender. Sexism on campus, sexism in employment, sexism in the media - we've got to fight it. But together.

STEVE GRIFFITHS



Mugwump Journal

censored by the Social Welfare Censor.

By James Taylor

The election - what to say? Another majority! Does this mean with Free Trade we'll be able to buy ourselves (Canada) a USS Nimitz? A nuclear aircraft carrier that idea has a certain appeal. Then all we'll need is the planes to put on it. What about nuclear missiles for the subs, tactical nuclear shells for the artillery, cruise missiles for the air force ... Sounds like a lot of fun, eh! As for the flag, don't you think that a little red maple leaf will look awful cute amongst all those big, bright, white stars? First U.S. Shock Army! Sounds neat!

Nice profile shot, Dean. I take it the left side's your best side. How does one happen to be standing directly behind BUD the Donut-King when he just happens to be in the middle of a nationally televised interview. How did you manage to stand so still so long? Coincidence. Had to be, right, Dean? Sorry, Dean, but you won't be appearing in Viewpoint this week as we feel that you already got enough publicity from CTV (or was it CBC). Guess that letter's paying dividends already.

Our illustrious leader needs staff badly. I need staff. We all need staff. Stop bitching about us and come help us! Please. Snivel. Whine. beg on hands 0 knees, etc.

KGB?
Censorship works! Hot damn, the SS proved that over 40 years ago!

Hey, let's get one thing perfectly clear - that dork Sharky in Distractions is not our Sharky it's somebody else's Sharky. That Sharky and our Sharky have absolutely nothing in common except possibly a love for automatic weapons and controversial issues.

Carl Burgess, big man on campus, when there is no one on campus. All summer as a matter of fact. A president without a population - a dog without a bone. Do something stupid, Carl, we'll get you. (Horrible, evil laughter)

Luigi. Did you take delivery of your violin case yet? VP Internal. How fitting! Where's the trenchcoat, hat and sunglasses. Same place as the violin case, eh? Do you have a Student Union Special Action Squad yet? Well, we've got a volunteer for you! His personal fantasy is to drive his Leopard II armoured assault vehicle (tank) over screaming Russian soldiers and hearing the sounds they make as they are squished between the treads of his 50+ ton armoured vehicle. Nice dream, eh? This is not bullshit. If you want to see him he's on display in the Bruns office.

Last and certainly least we come to Ernie. As an ex-Brunswic please don't feel that you will be treated any differently. After all, what can you say about someone with a campaign slogan like "Bert says Vote Ernie". Didn't miss an episode of the Count and his featured number, eh? That's probably why you were elected - you were the only one who could count!

Getting back to stomping commies. The Soviet Select will be playing the Canadian National Hockey Team at the Aitken University Centre on Saturday, December 3rd at 8pm. The admission price is a mere \$12.00. Show those bastards at TASS that we are *not* the 51st state and have no plans to become it - support your national team. Feel the electricity in the air, hear the sounds of excitement, taste the victory! Get the picture? Be there! I will be.

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ANONYMOUS Quote of the Week - "The successful person remembers yesterday with pride, lives today with enthusiasm, and looks to tomorrow with confidence." Anon amoring what you can learn from your coffee mug.

Words of the Week

- 1. Manifest Destiny. What the United States of America believes her true position to be - North 0 Central America. Right, Dean?

2. Sovereignty - What Canada used to have.

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