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Blood and Thunder

Tuition Increases

Dear Editor:

Why is it tuition increases each year? Why is it necessary? Are we asked if we wish our money to be spent on legal fees for court cases which we did not initiate?

We are disgusted with the annual rise in fees, and the prospect of an increase of our tuition next fall without any evidence of a corresponding growth in the quality of education, facilities, and the chronic mis-management of student fees by the Student Union.

Our student fees should be used for yearbooks (when was the last time you saw one of those?), student activities such as the Red in Black, Winter Carnival, and various clubs. Our fees have been misused too long! It is time our hard-earned money was used for OUR BENEFIT! Not to finance minor squabbles amongst SRC personnel past and present.

There are certainly more worthy causes for the student's money.

Kelli Greene
Natalie Folster
Pam Johnson

More Drivel

Dear Editor

Congratulations on your February 6th editorial. It really got to the heart of the matter.

"Made as you go" rules are the trend for both UNB and Saint Thomas student governments and even some of the organizations they sponsor and appoint to. (I like you, but get off that board. Your intentions may be good but the end never justifies the means.)

Chris Earl, thank you for still caring after so many years of frustration and Valerie White thanks for your comments about the treatment of Tony Tracy, but my biggest thank you and warmest congratulations to Melynda Jarratt for her Opinion. She was frighteningly accurate. The only question left unanswered is; where Larry's little council clones roost can the great Downey-fox be far behind? (The outcome seems predictable when the chickens sit down to a peaceful meal with the fox.)

Please listen to Melynda, students, and if you agree with

her, do something to show your disapproval. Rights are like muscles if you don't exercise them they become weak and shrink. It is your responsibility to act. It isn't hard. Write to the *Brunswickan* and *The Gleaner!*

Universities in provincial capitals don't like bad publicity. Maybe they will listen to you, especially if it happens more than once and they can see no end in sight.

Melynda and the other Brunswies have shown the offenders that the UNB student paper will not let injustice go unnoticed.

Shame on those who have done such unjust things, especially the students who did.

It is almost equally shameful not to do anything to stop them.

Good people are alike in that they live by just rules not ones that serve selfish political goals.

The good people on the *Brunswickan* can be proud of their February 6th issue.

Thank-you Brunswies! Thank-you! Thank-you!

Neil Toner

Rethink Opinions

Letter to the editor:

Opinions and commentaries made by staff members of this paper are just that and more, while writers have the right to self-expression they also have the responsibility of properly representing the facts. Too often articles written by the *Brunswickan* staff leave out crucial facts, and tend on the whole to complicate and prejudice student issues. One example of this is The Tony Tracy Affair, which has become a mere media punching bag. One other example is the creation of the Foundation by the University and the Student Union, which has been used to launch the most fallacious attacks against the present student government. What comes from this ill treatment of issues? Nothing at best and non-student participation for the most part.

An important issue, such as the establishment of the Foundation should have been addressed objectively and critically before being pronounced as bad or as being a sell-out by the media. Briefly, the Foundation was created to

serve student needs by assuring the financial accountability of the Student Union. The Foundation has no right to reject any SU request for the disbursement of funds. Its only purpose is to monitor SU spending. The obvious importance of this is to prevent unnecessary spending, by advising council from time to time of its financial position. Its creation is also to prevent misappropriation of funds. In all fairness it seems that a bigger issue of the facts and not of destructive speculation needs to be made.

The same would seem to apply in Mr. Tony Tracy's situation, if it is to be appreciated by students.

Misuse of issues, misrepresentation of facts, and the substitution of malicious personal attacks for facts in the opinion columns and other articles only to a disservice to the student community. When this is allowed to occur students only become uninterested. The media must remain objective and critical in order to foster the confidence of the community of which it is intended to serve. A substantial part of the *Brunswickan* is articles reflecting particular opinions. While this provides an opportunity for self-expression, it must also be informative and should never prejudice people or issues.

Armand Vaillancourt

NILS Defense

Dear Bruns:

Where do you find your reviewers? I was really disappointed with the review in last week's edition on the NILS concert. It's too bad he walked out half-way through the NILS set, because he missed the best alternative set played in Fredericton in a long time. The NILS exploded through a set which thrilled the packed-in audience.

However, I do agree with your reviewer on the performance of both The Vogons and Scream Theatre. The Vogons were playing with more energy than I have previously seen, and Scream Theatre defined the term "alternative" with Maniac, Maniac.

I just have one suggestion for your reviewer for the next time he goes to one of these concerts. TURN DOWN YOUR HEARING AID, if you don't like it played loud.

Tim Porter