

Blood and Thunder

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rm. 35, Student Union Building, UNB Campus
DEADLINE: 5 p.m. Tuesday

Morgenthaler lecture commended

Dear Mr. Johnston and Ms. Paul:

I am writing to commend the Student Union for its handling of Dr. Morgenthaler's visit to UNB on November 13. Both the students who organized the event and those who attended or demonstrated outside displayed competence, maturity and thoughtfulness in considering one of the most important ethical issues of our time.

Whether or not one supports Dr. Morgenthaler's views, I think no one can deny that the role of the university is to investigate and assess all sides of an issue or a philosophy. On this occasion, the Student Union, particularly Vice-President (Academic) Michael Bennett, has been exemplary in upholding this academic tradition.

I look forward to hearing the "pro-life" advocate in January and hope that the Student Union will continue to enrich the intellectual life of its constituency.

Sincerely yours,
Susan Montague
Director
UNB Public Relations and Information

Check before cutting

As Christmas draws near there is a growing requirement for decoration materials for seasonal parties and dances to be held at various locations on the UNB Campus. If decorating committees are looking at the UNB Woodlot as a source of Christmas trees or greenery, please note that unauthorized cutting of any type is prohibited on the Woodlot.

The UNB Woodlot priorities of use are: teaching, research, demonstration, fish and wildlife development, recreation and lastly, generation of forest products. As a few minutes of indiscriminate cutting can lay waste to years of intensive management or research, all cutting on the Woodlot is carried out under the supervision of the Maritime Forest Ranger School. Our aim is to minimize damages to priority areas and route cutting to areas where benefits for the Woodlot, rather than losses, will result.

If you plan to cut a Christmas tree or greenery on

the UNB Woodlot please contact the Maritime Forest Ranger School at 454-4363 and obtain the necessary Cutting Permit before proceeding.

Let's work together during this festive season and help keep it full of joyousness and goodwill. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

George Walsh
M.F.R.S.

"Grumbles about MacRumbles"

Dear Sir:

I was appalled when I opened last week's late Brunswickan to find Kaye MacPhee, under the heading of "MacRumbles", informing the students of the dealings between CHSR FM and the V.P. Academic Mike Bennett. It especially irked me that what she was telling students, two days before the elections, simply was not true with respect to the rights to broadcast the Morgenthaler lecture. Where Ms. MacPhee obtained her information as presented in her column I do not know but it certainly was not from myself or Station Manager Doug Varty.

The afternoon of the lecture I talked with Mike and asked if we might broadcast if the evening lecture sold out and he agreed. This came after a couple of days of discussions and meetings. However, since the evening lecture did not sell out we did not have the right to broadcast. It was as simple as that. Ms. MacPhee gives the impression that Mike went back on his word, which simply is not true. As well, I find it appalling that the Bruns would allow Ms. MacPhee to use space to take cheap shots at Mike at such a critical time in the campaign. I refer to the last lines of the same column where Ms. MacPhee insinuates that Mike arranged the lecture to coincide with the election. I know for a fact that Mike had been attempting to secure Dr. Morgenthaler since the summer and that this was the only time he was available. If it happened to be during an election campaign so what, it simply reinforces the good job Mike has been doing as our V.P. Academic. If only more of the Student Union executive were as energetic as Mike in the past year.

You speak of credibility, and wonder why the Bruns is lacking it. Precisely because of attacks like this on people who are simply trying to do their job. A little thought and as Ms. MacPhee puts it "foresightedness" on the part of people like Ms. MacPhee and the Bruns would certainly

be more readable. As it stands now with a new voodoo doll each week students get tired and soon realize that its all a pile of bull. They simply cannot sort out the flowers from the weeds.

Its only too bad that Mike had to go through an election with Ms. MacPhee's column hanging over him. Next time Ms. MacPhee think before you write, and check out your facts.

Yours truly
Jeff Whipple
Director, CHSR FM

Unfounded criticism in "MacRumbles"

Dear Editor:

I wish to respond to the unfounded criticism published in the "MacRumbles" column in the November 18 issue of the Brunswickan.

The author, Kay MacPhee, accuses me of misinforming the Brunswickan and CHSR-FM. Nothing could be further from the truth.

On November 12, I sent a typewritten letter to the student media (Brunswickan, Aquinian, and CHSR) informing them of the generous press arrangements for the Morgenthaler lectures:

1. The Brunswickan, CHSR, and the Aquinian were each to receive one free pass to the afternoon lecture. The Brunswickan was to receive an additional pass for their photographer. Non-student media had to pay for their tickets.
2. The student and non-student media were invited to attend a one hour press conference.
3. The student media were invited to participate in a half hour personal exclusive interview with Dr. Morgenthaler.

At the time, the Brunswickan made no criticism of the ample press access to Dr. Morgenthaler that I had planned.

The Brunswickan press passes were given to MacPhee before the exclusive interview with Dr. Morgenthaler. She neglected to give them to the reporter who was to cover the afternoon lecture. When I learned of MacPhee's irresponsible behavior, I let the reporter in anyway.

With respect to CHSR, I informed the radio station that they could tape the lectures and rebroadcast them at a later date. Station Director Jeff Whipple repeatedly requested that CHSR be able to broadcast the lecture live. At his request, a meeting of the Academic Commission was

called and it was resolved that CHSR could broadcast a lecture only if that lecture was sold-out.

Contrary to MacPhee, live broadcast is a small feat. Mr. Whipple informed me that if CHSR equipment was already set up in the auditorium for taping, a flick of a switch could make the process live. When the afternoon lecture sold out, CHSR planned to broadcast the evening lecture live. However, at 7:00 pm, there was only 75% capacity. I informed CHSR that the live broadcast could not go through. Of course, the station was still allowed to tape the lectures and rebroadcast at a later date.

MacPhee completed her attack by claiming that I planned the lecture to be held "seven days prior to the election, (to) get credits for having an internationally known figure on campus". The truth is that Morgenthaler was booked

before the election was called. Furthermore, how could I have received any credit when all the news stories written and edited by MacPhee gave neither any credit to myself nor to my Academic Commission for the many hours of planning we put into the event.

Indeed, my Academic Commission received better coverage of the Morgenthaler lectures from the non-student media! Yet, the non-student media had to pay to get in!

Must MacPhee's relationship with Doug Burgess cause her to constantly attack those who have the guts to stand up to him? If a reporter can't be objective and unbiased, it would be best for that person to leave the Brunswickan.

Signed,
Michael Bennett
Vice President (Academic)
UNB Student Union

The Winners are:

The winners of the Brunswickan's "What's Missing?" contest are Chris Stanton of Neill House, Maria Montalvo, and Lyttleton Persaud. The object of the contest was to determine what was missing from a photo of UNB from the early '60s.

The missing objects were: the SUB, part of Head Hall, Harriet Irving Library, MacKenzie House, Chapman Field, the flagpoles in front of the Old Arts Bldg., the Integrated University Complex, Aitken Centre Annex A, Annex B, Bank-Bookstore, Burden Academy, Central Heating Plant, D'Avray Hall, McLeod House, MaGee House, Holy Cross House, Edmund Casey, STU Building, Vanier Hall, Harrington Hall, MacLaggan Hall, Kierstead Hall, West Gym, Aitken Pool, Ludlow Hall, N.B.T.F., N.B. Research and Productivity Council, Residence Admin. Bldg., Tennis courts, Tilley Hall, the Brick directory by the gates at University Avenue, Forest Hill Road, Skyline Acres, MacKay Drive and Traffic Circle, and of course, the green footprints on some pathways, the green house, and the Bio-Engineering Institute. (Note: the Neville Homestead was where the Res. Admin Bldg. is now.)

Congratulations to the Winners. Call the Bruns to find out how to pick up the prizes awarded by Moosehead Breweries.