

# Blood and Thunder

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

### Open letter from Fox

Welcome Back!

On behalf of the UNB Student Union I would like to welcome returning and all first year students. I hope that the summer, although too short, went well for everyone.

Campus was fairly quiet as it is most every summer. The Student Union has been having a few problems but we hope that the year starts out right with

some good entertainment, new services, and much more.

Some positive things have happened this summer such as a potential three year lease for a "Services Store", Course and Teacher Evaluation, Student Handbooks, the formation of the New Brunswick Student

Alliance, and just last week a meeting of the Student Alliance with Premier Richard Hatfield, to discuss Post Secondary Education.

Some things we can look forward to this year are a Student Directory, Book Exchange, Pubs, and a "Services Store".

I wish everyone Good Luck with their academics and hope you have an enjoyable year.

If you have any problems, questions, or just want to talk, feel free to pop into my office, Room 119 of the SUB. My door is always open.

*Larry Fox*

Larry Fox  
President  
UNB Student Union

### On Apartheid

Open letter to UNB Student Union:

Apartheid is an Afrikaans word which means, literally, "separateness" or "apartness". To some 24 million blacks in South Africa it means much more, this segregation based on race. Its ramifications are many faceted; degradation, social injustice, inequality in every aspect of day to day life. Aspects of deprivation include indeterminate jail sentences without benefit of trial for blacks who oppose apartheid, and what appears to be the state-sanctioned murders of black protesters.

As you are no doubt aware, apartheid is the official policy of the white South African regime currently headed by P.W. Botha. The majority of the 4.9 million white population, not surprisingly, appears to concur with Botha. Some, like Andries Treurnicht and Jaap Marais, the leaders of two of South Africa's so-called right wing political parties, are even more hardline than Botha's National Party.

Initially, one may delude oneself into believing that this human atrocity bears no direct relationship or relevance to UNB's Student Representative Council; and, with one glaring exception, this may be true. The exception is that the Student Union's liquid assets are, for the most part, deposited with (and therefore invested by) a banking establishment which has not totally divested itself of its holdings and/or investments in South Africa.

As a responsible student government I feel it is incumbent on your members, both individually and collectively, to disassociate themselves, and by extension the students of this university, from businesses which have financial dealings of any nature with South Africa.

The solution is strikingly simple: withdraw all funds from the bank you are now dealing with and deposit those monies with the only banking establishment in this country which does not invest outside Canada; the Credit Union. This makes it possible for those groups and individuals with a social conscience to avoid moral conflict.

Hopefully, your example may precipitate a similar course of action on the part of the administration of this university.

The argument is often raised that the pulling out of our investments in South Africa will be economically detrimental to the blacks living under this already horrendous regime. Frankly, one wonders how much worse the economic

situation for non-whites in South Africa can become. One tires of their white supremacist argument for the harmful economic predicament that would result from divestiture; it is, simply, and excuse for inaction and moral paralysis.

Not to follow the simple course of action outlined above is tantamount to sanctioning this deplorable policy and I for one do not want the students of this university to be identified

with a Student Union (or university Administration) which display such a callous disregard for our fellow human beings.

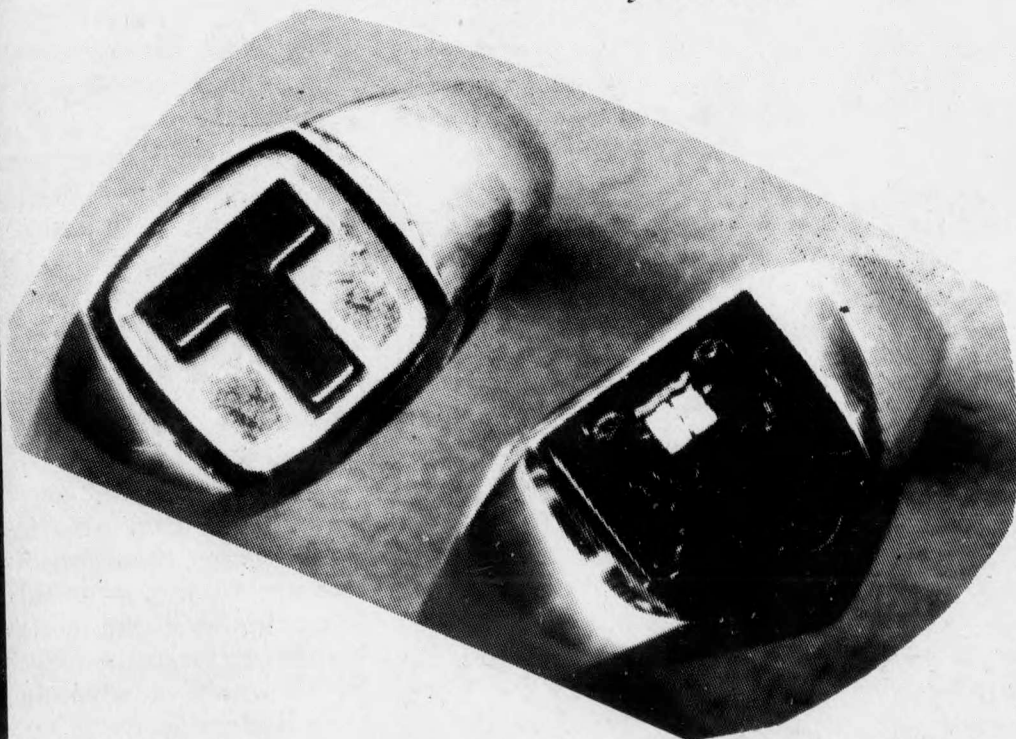
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