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Gleaner misrepresents case

By JOHN STILLWELL

Could you imagine what it would be like if there were two John Bosnitches? When Anthony English had his complaints against *The Fredericton Daily Gleaner*, and the *Saint John Telegraph Journal* brought before a three person panel of the Atlantic Press Council, the text of the decision mentioned that English was "assisted by one John Bosnitch."

English filed three complaints against each *the Gleaner* and *the Telegraph Journal*, and although the Press Council ruled in favor of English for only the first of the three complaints against each paper, English was "very pleased" with the results.

"Childish Law Suit Dismissed"

English filed three identical complaints against each paper, alleging:

(1) *the Gleaner* and *the Telegraph* "published false and misleading statements which have harmed my reputation and have held me up to contempt and ridicule. In this sense, they are an example of libel and defamation. . ."

(2) the two papers "did not publish or acknowledge my hand-delivered letters of rebuttal."

(3) the two papers "did not

publish a correction or a retraction or an apology."

These three complaints came after *the Gleaner* published on May 15, 1987 a story entitled "Court Reserves Decision", written by Richard Duplain and a May 25, 1987 story in *the Telegraph* entitled "Childish Law Suit Dismissed" written by Stephen Ewart.

Mr. Tom Crowther, President and Publisher of *the Gleaner*, said that part of the problem was the uniqueness of the court proceedings. Mr. Crowther also said he feels badly about having the article judged unbalanced, but this should be considered with respect to the weight and number of articles printed by *the Gleaner*.

The Gleaner's story was judged unbalanced, stemming from the fact that while the plaintiff's (i.e. English) lawyer's argument was summarized in only two paragraphs, the defendants received nineteen paragraphs.

The Telegraph, however, was judged to be inaccurate since they attempted to attribute a deficit of \$174,000.00 to Mike Bennet, Tony English, Hugh Brown, and John Bosnitch.

Since the Press Council is not mandated with the power to punish the papers, English feels

that while he has "finally got some justice," he is considering on his own of taking further court action against *the Telegraph*.

English feels that while the Press Council's decision was a "clean cut victory," he is still feeling repercussions from *the Telegraph's* story in that he says some potential employers have expressed reluctance to hire him based on the press coverage.

According to Bosnitch, the Press Council decision was a "complete victory for the Student Union, Inc." and that he wanted to prove from the beginning that the press was setting an "improper tone to the Student Union dispute." Also, he said that the "only recourse for tangible punishment is to take the papers to court."

And so it goes. . .



FILE PHOTO

Bosnitch claims complete victory following the Press Council's decision.

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must think he's a comedian.

Hey, it's a Mexican folk song. La Bamba with Lemonade. Sounds horrible - is it a drink? Gotta try it. The band's good, though.

The poetry reading started out well, until they shot him. It's, it's ... a jugband! I wonder what's in the bottle marked XXX. Can I borrow

that? What do you mean, "Shaddap"? I was polite. Hrumph.

The jugband "sang" some songs and stuff, and acted silly. Are all country folk like this? Can I come party with you guys after the show - I'll bring my straw hat.

Here's some guy. Oh, it's Dannie. Like that suit. You're saying good-bye? Hey, excellent job Mr. Master of Ceremonies.

Kickline? All right!! More women in tight clothes. Love those legs. You're invited to the Bruns party too.

And that's the end of the show. Wow, I never knew there was so much talent at UNB. (but I suspected it after working at the Bruns.)

I'll be back next year. That's a promise. Excellent production!

Now, I've gotta go see if the bar is open yet.

Air Canada on strike

By JOYCE OUILLETTE

Flying Home with Air Canada for the holiday season? Visions of long lines, lost luggage and no seats dancing in your head? Since an end to Air Canada ground workers strike is nowhere in sight, students and faculty are encouraged to consult with Air Canada or their travel agents for further arrangements. Cancelling your seats now, with the strike in progress, will allow you to get your money back from Air Canada. Travellers will be protected from penalties if they inform Air Canada five days prior to their flight. Air Canada will try to reroute passengers on other airlines, in order to deal with the problems caused

by the strike. If Air Canada is notified two days beforehand, they will try to reroute the passengers as if they had stand-by status. Air Canada has been servicing stand-by passengers since the strike began. In Fredericton, passengers have been reseated on the 3:30 pm Canadian Airlines flights.

For peace of mind, Maritime Travel has been helping students change their flights to other airlines, such as CP Air. However, the changes may cost up to \$30, and certain class seats may not be available on certain airlines.

"Some people think its worth the cost, to avoid the complication," said a travel agent at Maritime Travel's UNB Branch.



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