

# BLOOD AND THUNDER

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## RE OKA

Dear Editor,

The letter in your last edition, Nov. 9, 1990, begs a response. I found the letter was narrow. My greatest concern is that there may be people exposed to this letter who think it is factual.

Did Mr. Maloney forget the hundreds of demonstrations that occurred across Canada during the summer? Perhaps he wasn't aware of the 1000's of people at the peace camps all around Oka to the last day. Support was rising across Canada from all sections of the population.

The entire content of his letter was grossly exaggerated, if not fabricated.

There is so much work for both the general population and natives communities to do to understand each other to achieve mutual respect and harmony, certainly, the intelligent members of our communities will simply regard this standard of opinion as racist and the product of a minority.

Books and information are available on every aspect of native concerns in any library. Perhaps Mr. Maloney needs to expand his horizons.

On behalf of the Native Student Council:  
Linda Ross - Record Keeper STU  
T. St. Jacques - Spokesperson, UNB

## Red N' Black

I would like to address myself to last week's review of the Red 'N' Black. I would first like to say that I am not objecting to the article because it failed to give us the good review that I, and most of the 1800 people who attended the show, thought that we deserved.

What I object to is the demeaning tone that the reviewer used. I think it is ironic that we were criticized for our lack of professionalism by someone who wrote as unprofessional an article as this one, filled with "yeah well's" and other belittling remarks.

I would also like to point out that all the articles in last weeks Brunswickan were signed except for this one (and the TPOH review). I think it takes a lot more courage to get up on stage and perform then (sic) it does to write a belittling article and hide behind anonymity. The next time you write a demeaning article you could at least have the conviction to stand behind it and the courtesy to sign your name.

Susan Magasi

## SU/CHSC ISSUE

As a member of the Social Club, I find many of the articles concerning this issue appalling. How can such intelligent people be so ignorant? Do they really not know the facts, or are they so close-minded that they made their decision before the issue was presented from both sides?

Where have people gotten the idea that money will be transferred from the College Hill Social Club to the Student Union? Hey, maybe the Club's profits will go directly into a Swiss bank account for Kevin and Marc, I guess we'll know if they show up wearing new snake-skin boots. Does this sound just a bit ridiculous to you? Well, it's not half as bad as some of the other so-called 'facts' people have been dreaming up.

As for the forum, it was a bit one-sided. Seems to me, to have been a clear case of stacking a meeting. Matt Harris did a really wonderful job speaking for "his board". Guess he stuck his foot in his mouth more than once. Where did those darned ads in the Bruns disappear to, Matt? Beth Galley should have been a comedienne, I do wonder if anyone told her that the original document submitted by the

Student Union was for discussion purposes only?

As for our chair person, Randy Hickey, it's no wonder he always sends Matt to talk for him. Just out of curiosity, where are the minutes from 1985 onward?

Party Smith

## A STU STUDENT

Dear sir,

I am a student at St. Thomas University and am not a "Privileged" member of the College Hill Social Club. In fact I have been turned away at the door more than once because I didn't have anyone to sign me in. It seems wrong to me that I should have to pay \$15.00 to go for a beer at the Campus bar. I attended the University of New Brunswick Student Union's public forum last Tuesday (sic) and was pleased to see that some steps are being taken to restructure the CHSC's Board of Directors so it will answer to all the students on both University campuses. I understand that the proposed membership change will entitle all students to be classified as members (which is consistent within the framework of the licence) at no additional charge to student fees, but the privileged membership would remain for those who wanted priority entrance and discounts on drinks and bands. Sounds a lot like the way all other University bars work. Why is the Social Club not more open to the student population? Why do we have to contribute to the monopoly not only through our purchases but also through unnecessary surcharges? It's a shame the Social Club dwells on its independence from student unions and the University administrations, but it certainly does not do so when its in financial jeopardy. A very peculiar philosophy indeed for an organisation who in the same breath advocates "serving the social needs of the University community". A positive change would be a Social Club that would listen to student ideas without this defensive self serving rhetoric. The people who will gain here is the rest of the University community who have been economically segregated for too long. The members have nothing to lose, but it appears that the Directors and Management may have a some personal benefits to lose if the Board became more accountable to more people. There is certainly something fishy about this big defence shield. What is their (sic) to hide????

Signed,  
A St. Thomas student

## GOD

To seek God is to know him by directly experiencing him/her within. I wish to make this point in response to an article written by John Valk (see the Forgotten One - November 9th - Brunswickan). I think that part of the reason God has become the forgotten one is because of what Christianity has become. People no longer believe in the church because of what it symbolizes, adherence to a strict set of morals and values, which are not to be questioned.

How can women hold belief to a religion that refused to recognize them as equals, instead of objects of desire? How can homosexuals adhere to that same religion that excludes and persecutes them using quoted scripture (supposedly the word of God). Even Christians themselves have become so dogmatic. This is quite evident by the letter written by P. Peters (November 16th issue).

God cannot be placed within boundaries nor should he/she be seen as an outward goal to reach for. God is everything, everyone. The problem is that by excluding God from ourselves, we have placed everything outside us. The natural order of things always exist in transition. The only species that fights this natural order in

man. Until we can get back into the natural order, we are doomed to repeat the same cycles over and over again.

Mankind must be willing to look at God not as an external order but as a direct internal being that is part of us which allows us to grow and feel life as it should be.

William Parker  
Audio Visual Services

## GSC

The Student Union has been slandered over and over again by both students and the Board of Directors of the CHSC on the issue of the alleged "College Hill Social Club takeover." Why, one might ask? After all, the Student Union members are doing what they were elected for: they voice our concerns and are working towards better services for us.

There seems to be some misconceptions on the topic, including the the Student Union is "taking over CHSC". However, the Student Union is not trying to take over the CHSC, but simply trying to acquire a controlling interest in the CHSC so that it can offer better services to the student body.

There are some pretty arguments as to why the Student Union should not acquire a controlling interest in the CHSC, including beer prices being raised. However if one was to look at the price of beer at a Student Union event, which is \$1.75, compare it to the going rate of \$1.95 at the CHSC one would wonder where and how this stupid argument ever came about.

Slander is defined as "a false tale, report etc; disparaging, untrue statement about a person or group." This is what the Board of Directors seem to be doing. Here is one example from a recent notice posted in both UNB and STU campuses: "Since the Student Union has not ratified the minutes of their meeting since June, 1990, the CHSC Board has no idea if the original, and/or revised plan coming from Messrs. Bourque and Braithwaite, has the official approval of the students, or if these two individuals are on a frolic of their own." However, since the Student Union have had their minutes of meetings ratified since last Wednesday, November 14, 1990 and these notices were posted over the past weekend, this would make the previous statement untrue.

Editors Note: The Brunswickan recieved the CHSC advertisement on Wednesday afternoon.

The Board of Directors of CHSC may feel justified in slandering the Student Union over this issue. Why they would want to bring this up I do not know, especially since the Student Union could very well defend themselves by saying that the CHSC has not taken minutes of meetings in the past five years.

People should realize that the only thing the Student Union is trying to do is acquire a controlling interest in the CHSC in order to offer the student body better services ad that it does not intend on changing management or hiking up beer prices. Perhaps then, the Student Union would get the respect they deserve and not be at the receiving end of slander and insults.

As a UNB student, I, myself, am quite proud to have a Student Union that actually considers and looks after the needs of its students. Keep up the good work!

G.S.C.

## An old-timer hockey player's lament

(Dedicated to whoever stole my hockey equipment)

Dear Editor:

Friday night, Nov. 16, was a bad night for me. Let me share what happened. At 7 pm I parked my pick-up truck in front of

Loring Bailey Hall. My intention was to work until 10 pm when I would leave to play hockey at the York arena at 11 pm. I spent the time preparing a sermon for my Sunday Church services. The sermon was about wisdom, featuring the ideals of love and good will. At 10 pm I closed my bible, grabbed my coat and left for hockey. Then my world crumbled.

Upon leaving Loring Bailey Hall I noticed the open tailgate on the 'cap' covering the box of truck. Oh, no, my hockey equipment, I gasped! Sure enough it was gone — stolen! In disbelief, I stared at the empty space where my equipment had been: a blue hockey bag containing a complete set of hockey gear, plus 3 hockey sticks - total value about \$1,200.00. I felt as though I had been shot!

Standing there, destitute, I reflected upon 59 years of hockey (started at age 6 in Langdon, Alberta and continuing until now at age 65), 8 broken bones, and several trophies for being the oldest player in Maritime tournaments, and I felt terribly lonely over the disappearance of my precious hockey gear: the UNB sweaters which I've worn proudly ever since the team, the UNB Red Faces, was established several years ago; my jock strap and elbow pads with their special fungous streaks, my favourite sox, one of which was cut away from my leg the night it was broken on the Beaverbrook Rink exactly 4 years ago; my precious pants, helmet and mask, and hockey gloves only recently repalmed; and, of course, the scarred-up hockey bag. The sudden loss of all this, including my hockey sticks, left me devastated. Had the thief stolen my truck but left my hockey equipment on the sidewalk with at least a note saying "good luck" I would have felt less forlorn!

Now a personal note to the thief. Thief, you've absconded with my earthly treasure, so to speak. I know I'll never wear my hockey gear again, although I might see you wearing it sometime. If you do wear it, my hope is that you will wear it well. When you are putting it on please try to imagine how good it would feel to me if I were still wearing it. Then, in the heat of battle on the ice may you lay good passes with my sticks; and when you breathe in the vicinity of my underwear may you savour the aroma of blood, sweat, and tears generated over a long career in hockey all over Canada.

Speaking of blood, in closing let me tell you just how important hockey is to me and my loved ones. Following the initial shock of losing all my hockey gear, and having reported the theft to the UNB Security, I decided to go to the York Arena where I was scheduled to play at 11 pm and share the bad news with my team mates. There, amidst sorrow, disgust, and down tight anger among my team mates over my misfortune, one hardy soul, in the spirit that the game must go on at all cost, gave me the key to the trunk of his car saying that it contained a hockey bag with a complete outfit and I was welcome to use it for this game. I got it and put in on but there was no helmet and mask. So — what the heck — one game without a helmet should be o.k. so out I went. Then Wham-O! During my second shift I collided head-on with another player. With blood streaming from my forehead I ended up in the hospital for 10 stitches over my right eye and, of course, a shiny black eye to boot.

The next day when I got home from the hospital I said to my family that perhaps what had happened was a message that I should quit hockey — after all, I am 65 and all that! The response from them was a resounding "No—don't quit. Go get more stuff and keep going." Similar responses have come from many close friends as well. Many thanks to my supporters.

We..., so long thief. While I am buying equipment so I can get going again, I hope you will either wear mine proudly and well or else sell it for a half decent price!

Yours sincerely,  
Norm Whitney,  
Professor

## SOCIAL CLUB

Dear sir,

I can't believe the tremendous amount of bull coming from the Social Club over this proposed restructuring the Board of Directors. Firstly, why does the CHSC BOD keep continuously calling this initiative a Student Union Takeover??? Some people are really stupid. As I understand things the proposed BOD structure would be more representative of the entire University community: STU, the Graduate Students, the administrations, students at large (elected by the same process as when you run for the Frederickton Academic Senate, the Board of Governors and any SU position) and two Student Union reps. You would have to be pretty pathetic to not realize that the SU is outvoted 5-1 on the proposed BOD. Elections at large would certainly be more representative of the entire University populace. Students could actually run on platforms outlining what they could contribute to the Club as a Director. The way it works now, 30 or 40 members out of about 2500, attend a meeting (that isn't even publicized in the Bruns) and pick their boyfriends and girlfriends or anyone else that belongs to the management or staff's small circle of friends. Pretty easy to stock eh? Bet you didn't even know you could vote at one of these little get togethers, funny how they neglected to mention that little (sic) valuable piece of info, wouldn't want anyone asking too many questions would we. No wonder management is so opposed to the SU proposal, it would be pretty hard to stack an election where 2500 people vote instead of 30 people who you happen to know personally. Come on UNB wake up and smell the coffee. Can't you smell a rat somewhere??? By the way no one asked me where any surplus should be spend (sic). Of course if I was a bouncer I would be pretty happy that all of this unaccounted for cash is being pumped into the weight room of course haven't you heard??? If you lift weights you are automatically a complimentary member... DUHH??? Although a worthy cause most members do not lift weights so why spend money somewhere when the majority cannot benefit? An ice machine... please. Of course no one asks the members because no one knows who they are and management will not release that info (even if it is required by law). Got to protect that board... er... I mean the members. Don't want to let them make an informed decision (sic), that would never work. Cut the crap Social Club BOD and management. Do you really think anyone is so stupid that they aren't going to ask questions. Don't worry everything will come out in the wash, after all you can only fool some of the people some of the time. You cannot fool an entire educated University Campus. Mistake #1: Don't insult the intelligence of all members.

Cristina Vinci  
STU SRC

## BUTHELEZI

Dear Editor:

On the CBC television November 12 Monday evening edition of The Journal, Barbara Frum interviewed Mongosuthu Buthelezi the leader of South Africa's Inkatha Freedom Party and the chief of six million Zulus. Barbara Frum was visibly frustrated in her attempts to portray Buthelezi in a bad light, as he easily countered false accusations against himself. Many people perhaps do not have or have only

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