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# Blood and Thunder

## Title Critic

Dear Editor:

It is not my usual practice to flatter insipid *Brunswickan* articles with anything more than a chuckle and a whimsical 'they've got to be kidding'. However! Last week's 'Beat the Heat' and 'Condoms Make Comeback' are too much. Come Now.

Let me begin my little tirade with 'Beat the Heat'. I mean, really. Despite the intrinsic fascination us deprived Canadians have for anything Bermudian, they are people, too. Of course they like winter sports (reportedly, at least). Scoff if you must, but I have it on good authority that they even have modern flush toilets and electric lighting in the land of rum and reggae. How did we come upon this knowledge, you ask? We know Bermudians, too! Yes, they are adapting rather nicely to Frederictonian life; one may even stay here when he finishes his education at one of the best universities in the south-west-central region of New Brunswick. Maybe we could hire foreign students galore and display them in the SUB (foodstuffs to be imported, of course). In all seriousness, I say again, Come Now!

As for the other article, Ms. Deby has written a fine tract, but the title leaves much to be desired. Are the CONDOMS a hockey team struggling to make the playoffs, or a barber-shop quartet, maybe? Or is the title a reflection of a much dreaded sexual condition? In any event, amidst cries of false advertising, clarification is needed.

Please understand, it is not the effort or intentions being criticized in either of these articles, but rather the matter at hand, especially for the latter, you might say.

Insufferably yours,  
 Members of the Apathetic  
 Majority

## Bennett's Complaint

Dear Mr. Hansen:

I always find it "interesting" to receive letters from your group because it usually indicates that some malevolent

action is to follow.

This letter acknowledges receipt of your letter of March 3, 1987 which was hand-delivered to my home, apparently by the same member of the Campus Police who ejected me without cause from a January 16, 1987 meeting in which agents of UNB President Jim Downey and his "student governing council" purported, without lawful authority, to take over the Board of Directors of CHSR Broadcasting Inc. and to unseat the duly authorized representatives of the UNB Student Union Inc. on that Board. This takeover proceeded after you sent a letter to Dr. Downey on January 7, 1987 complaining about the refusal of those representatives to accept your demands.

The same Campus Police member also delivered a letter to me on January 26, 1987 in which I was "cited" to appear before you and a Kangaroo Court styled "Committee of Inquiry" on some trumped-up charges.

You earlier wrote letters to Dr. Downey falsely complaining about Barry White and myself. Dr. Downey attempted to use your letter to justify the suspensions he imposed on Barry White and myself on January 30, 1987, you indicated that you felt the suspensions were justified and deserved.

I did nothing to warrant admonishment or suspension and I don't appreciate the repeated attempts by you and your associates to penalize me for taking part in the legal action against those individuals who, with your active support, purported, without lawful authority, to takeover the UNB Student Union Inc. on April 17, 1986.

The April 17, 1986 actions of members of the "student governing council" (which are supported by their successors, your present "council") in alleging to dismiss the lawful officers of the UNB Student Union Inc. and in violating the Union's corporate bylaws clearly demonstrate that your group does not respect the electoral choices of the student body. Any "election" called or organized by such a group would, by definition, be unfair and illegitimate. As a result, I decline your request and will not be running in your "election" as it is being held without lawful authority.

Even if I were to give up my legal claim and run in your so-called "election" and win, I

would probably meet the same fate as Tony Tracy: being denied my seat, being seated on threat of court injunction, and then being impeached without cause after only a few days in office by the self-perpetuating clique that has entrenched itself in the bowels of Downey's "student governing council".

Yours sincerely,  
 Michael Bennett  
 Vice President (Academic)  
 UNB Student Union Inc.

## Hansen's Reply

Sir:

"... an earlier Council which had totally and incompetently and perversely managed the students affairs of the Student Union in such a way that it almost totally destroyed its financial viability the year earlier... that Council was put out in April, 1986"

excerpt from transcript of an oral decision given by Mr. Justice David M. Dickson.

Today I received a rather vitriolic letter from Michael Bennett, a student at UNB, who was once a Vice President of the UNB Student Union. I believe it will be published in this week's *Brunswickan*.

His letter, written in response to my request that he cease his legal action and participate in the upcoming Student Union elections, is full of inaccuracies and distortions. Briefly, I wish to address some of these.

First, he refers to the organization which I represent as "Downey's student governing council." No such organization exists. I was elected president of the UNB Student Union, the same organization Mr. Bennett formerly represented, and this body was incorporated by an act of the Legislature of New Brunswick.

Second, there has been no take-over of the Board of Directors of CHSR-FM. Under the bylaws of the Board, two of its directors must be nominees of the UNB Student Union. The meeting of 16 January 1987 was convened to seat the two nominees who had been ratified by Council and selected after an advertised applications and interview procedure.

I have no specific knowledge as to why Mr. Bennett was

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