

# Blood and Thunder

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## COMPLAINT

Dear Editor,  
I am writing in response to your front page article "Professor forgets final exam". I am a member of the University community and work closely with students and have felt for a long time that students have been getting a raw deal in terms of the amount of tuition fees paid which do not represent reasonable value for money when a student or students are faced with a situation as these English students were. I know there is a mechanism in place whereby a student can register a complaint about a professor but I would question the effectiveness of this mechanism as there only seems to be effective action when a group of students take action. Also the evaluations done by students seem to have very little value. basically, I see the "old boy" network in operation and heaven forbid professors can do no wrong.  
I also feel that the professors are paid a pretty good salary with very little supervision exercised upon them. What is interesting in your article is the complete ineffectiveness of the departmental chairman in this particular incident. Which leads me to think that professors can pretty well do as they please. If one were to take a survey I'm sure there would be very few professors who even keep decent office hours.

I know of many cases where professors will cancel classes at the drop of a hat without a valid reason. Also I have seen many professors who just give reading assignments and who do not lecture for the full time the course is scheduled. There was one case I heard of where a professor called from the tavern to cancel his afternoon lecture with no action taken against him by the department concerned or by the students.

To give some balance there are some very good professors who do take their responsibilities seriously but the professor Davies types of this establishment should be singled out and dealt with and it is my strong feeling that there are more of them around than one would expect.

In closing I thank you for your article by R. Renaud it was well balanced and fair reporting however, I strongly feel that your publication has only touched on the tip of the iceberg.

I trust that a lack of a name at the end of the letter will not detract from your consideration of this topic as I am employed by UNB I wouldn't like to give my name, probably like that lone student who has a concern with his or her professor but doesn't do anything about it for fear of reprisals.

Cheers, Shop Steward

P.S. Please follow up on this item and keep us informed.

## WAYNE AGAIN

The comments I made regarding National Student Day in the January 11th, 1990 issue of the Brunswickan require some clarification.

My comments gave the impression that St. Thomas University Student Union did not contribute significantly to National Student Day, which is certainly incorrect. STU assisted with the organization, promotion and actual participation in the event. however, I would like to reiterate my belief that the event was primarily organized by members of the UNB Student Union and more specifically our External Activities Committee which did at least 80% of the planning, organization and promotion of the event.

In your last issue I had attempted to indicate my extreme dissatisfaction with the lack of participation in the march to the legislature on the part of the other CFS-NB members; namely, the University of Moncton, Mount Allison University, UNBSJ, Saint Louis Maillet. I did not intend to belittle in any way the vital role played by STU.

Wayne Carson  
President, UNB Student Union

## PAT MAN'S PET PROJECT

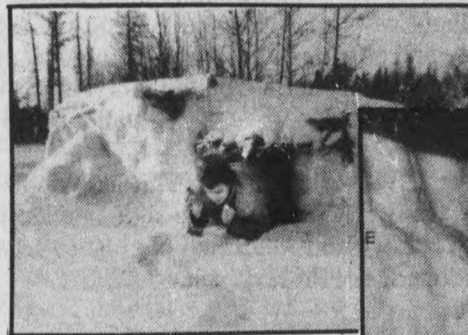
Dear Mr. Editor

I no you dont no me, but I red bout you all the time. My name is Pat Man, like Bat Man because I reduce hostellity. I got sumthing to say to the public a I got a pay much a my eagre monny for evry word in the adsfortizing. I sell nives. Here gos. I gotta an igloo that I made an I wanna sell it, no rent it cos I can get mor monny. Heres sum pictures so you can show them how big it is. See its 12 by 12 on the outside. Its only 6 by 6 on the inside thou because the walls are so thwik. Its got too rooms and another room. I mean like a hall. And its got a vent I made so as to suck all the smoke. But tell them they don't have to smoke. And its got a spunj mattress so you're

bum dont get sour and cold. And you can use the outdores for a walking frige. You can also go to the bathroom like you're auntsisters did just so long as you remember were you made you're frige. No witch is wich. And tell em they can have the 3 candels and crackers. And its a nice naberhood and word it real good so it dont sound like Ime hard up to rent. Ime living here now tell em. Say heet to. It comes with body heet and candels. And anyone, ow, its big enough for 3 and the cost is negoshy.

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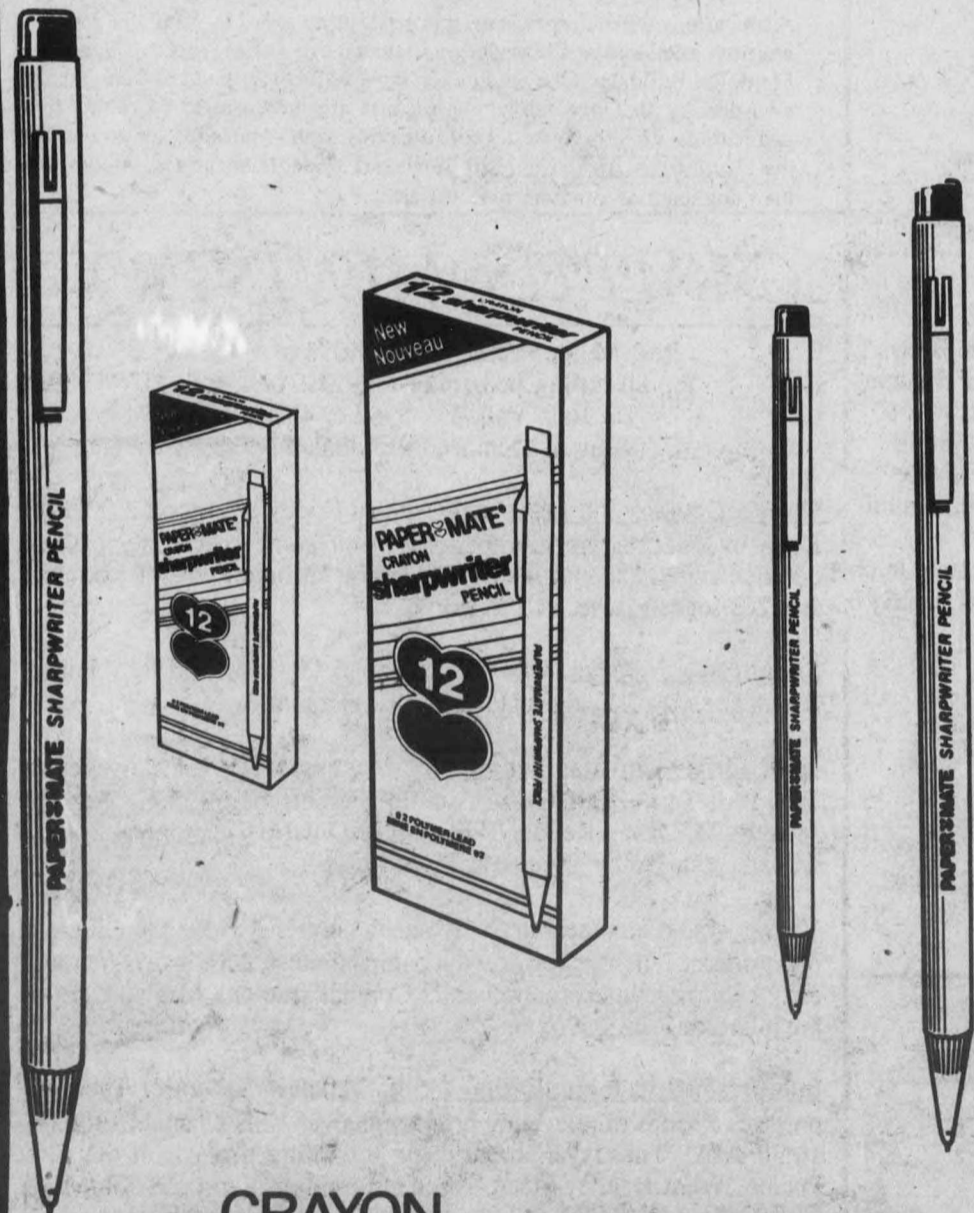
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