

# Blood and Thunder

Deadline Wednesday 5:00 pm

## Peeved Prof

Dear Sir:

In the issue of the 17th March of *The Brunswickan*, there appears a letter signed "The Men O'Aitken" and addressed rather ambiguously: To whom it may concern." This ambiguity is quickly dispelled in the first sentences when it becomes apparent that this juvenile diatribe is directed at me.

The event which seems to have unleashed the author's invective is that some person had complained about the volume of sound emanating from Aitken House during the annual Spring baring of flesh at the rear of the Residence. The author assumes that I was that person. He assumes wrongly! I have never lodged a complaint about this ritual in the past nor did I on this occasion.

The question of whether such a complaint was justified is not at issue here. The fact is that I was unjustly accused without the slightest evidence that it was I who had complained. As a result, some extremely insulting aspersions were cast my way which I find, frankly, very offensive. Every claim made in this letter, where it is not utterly incoherent, happens to be false.

It is ironic in the extreme that the author of the letter feels that the complaint should on such occasions come to speak to the alleged offenders "maturely". Had the author had the decency to speak to me "maturely" before accusing me he would have discovered that his arrows were misdirected.

I have not the slightest doubt that the majority of Aitken House residents are decent and fair-minded human beings. I believe, therefore, that they will be both embarrassed and offended and some self-

appointed spokesman for them should have the cowardice to hide behind their collective designation, "The Men O'Aitken," in order to disseminate such drivel.

I hope that it is not too much to expect that the author or authors of this letter will have the common decency and maturity to apologize to me directly and in person.

Yours sincerely,  
R.C. MacDonald

## Tell it to Tom

Dear Disappointed Student:

I am writing this letter to set the record straight. Your complaints concerning Spring Break 89 are justified and for that I sincerely apologize. However, it is to whom the criticism is directed that I must reply. Your biggest complaint seems to have been with the onus placed directly on Maritime Marlin Travel. This is unjustified criticism for it is the Trius Charter Bus Division that the blame should be placed upon. This company was paid to perform a service in a professional and dignified manner, yet as most of us know, this was not true. Maritime Marlin Travel had no idea, nor should they have had, of the problems that would arise with this company.

Secondly, you talked about the cancellation of the tour to Sea World. Again the blame to be placed on Maritime Marlin Travel is unfounded. If there is any blame to be placed, it should be towards the chief organizer, Thomas Glistner. It was he who decided to cancel this trip, due to lack of sales,

not Maritime Marlin Travel.

Maritime Marlin Travel offered various package deals to sell to the student population. They are responsible for booking these tours and the transaction of funds. They are not, however, responsible for running these activities. I commend Maritime Marlin Travel for a job well done, it was others however, who did not live up to their expectations.

## Defending Daytona

Dear Editor:

During the March break I participated in the Daytona trip, but was not quite as disappointed as our previous writer. I had a great time while there, although mother nature did play games with our weather. I realize that some people did complain about the organization of this trip, but in my opinion were only partly justified in doing so. Some trips that were promised were cancelled which was a bad move by organizer Tom Glistner, although Tom made every effort to make this trip a success for all (eg. Free beer, good deals at the clubs etc.). Also people complained about the drive down and back, but really, let's be realistic, how enjoyable can a 40 hour drive be?

The last point brought up was the drivers who were employees of Trius. Although this is a separate organization once again the responsibility must fall back on Tom Glistner to pick a professional bus company. Somewhere some people got the idea that Maritime Travel was responsible for the problem, but how? They were merely those who sold the tickets. I hope all the

complainers sit down for a moment and think of the great times that were had (which there were many), for the trip was a success as most felt.

Sincerely,  
He who enjoyed

## Sexist Slips

To the Editor:

In the article "UNB Karate Champions" (*The Brunswickan* March 10), the (unsigned) writer repeatedly refers to women athletes as "girls" and men athletes as "men." For example, the article says that "... It was the first time these two girls fought. The men of the club did very well with all but one advancing past the first round." (p. 26). In past arguments between *The Brunswickan* and the feminist community at UNB, I have not always agreed with the latter. But sometimes unintended sexism slips into your pages. Female university undergraduates are women; male university undergraduates are men.

Sincerely,

David Murrell

## Satisfied Student

To Whom it may Concern:

I am writing regarding the letter from the dissatisfied student from the Daytona trip. I am greatly disturbed that, due to this student's letter, readers of the *Brunswickan* might come to the conclusion that everyone from the trip share her views; this is not the case. In fact I believe a vast majority of the vacationers had, as I did, an incredible time. I would like to reinforce my contention, to address the dissatisfied students concerns. First of all, the bus drivers were representatives of Trius Bus Company, not Maritime Marlin Travel. I agree that they were rude,

however, M.M.T. had no control over this situation. (It might interest you to know that the Trius bus drivers were disciplined by Trius upon their return). Secondly, Tom's Tours of Halifax were the organizers of the tour, not Maritime Marlin Travel; M.M.T. were simply handling the finances for Tom's Tours here in Fredericton. Thirdly, the scheduling problems were unavoidable and the representatives of Tom's Tours did everything they possibly could to rectify problems and when this was not possible they scheduled other events. Tom Glistner (owner of Tom's Tours), Karim Trotter, Shawn Graham, and Michael Regan did their utmost, in fact went out of their way, to make this trip a success and I applaud them for doing just that. The only problem with the trip were a few whining, pampered little babies who complained at every opportunity. Thanks again, to Tom, Karim, Shawn, and Mike, for a great trip.

Sincerely,  
Cameron Gunn  
A Very Satisfied Student

## Meeting #2

Students/Faculty & Staff:

Two weeks ago a student decided to take a chance by organizing a meeting for those people who might be interested in starting an organization for gay men and lesbians on campus. In their appeal for people, they mentioned peer counselling, awareness, gay rights and, the ability for gays to meet and discuss issues of concern to them in an environment where no one would be afraid to attend. In short, an on campus club for the university's gay community.

The first meeting was held on Wednesday, in the SUB but, there was only one problem. The person who called the meeting didn't show up. Perhaps they were too busy to attend or

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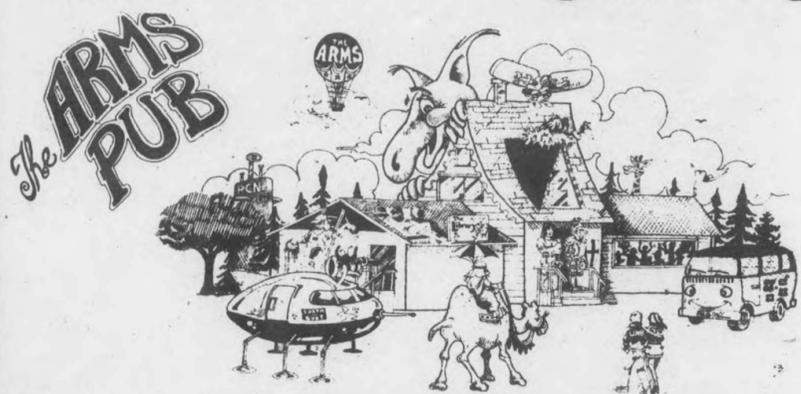
**ORIENTATION  
COMMITTEE '89  
GENERAL  
MEETING  
APRIL 2, 1989**

**Thursday, March 23**

**Thirsty Thursdays**

**Saturday, March 25**

**Happy Hour All Night Long**



**Wednesday, March 29**

**Ladies Night**

**Thursday Friday**

**Live Band back by popular demand.**

**"Brickhill"**

**From the Miramichi Revival**