

# Blood and Thunder

years ago when I left a small town in Cape Breton to come here. But a university is much more than the clinical acquisition of academia. It is a time to experience as much as possible from every aspect of life, be it education or politics or the more exciting variations of Kraft Dinner.

The Student Union is a focusing point for all of this and more. From it are the paths to all goals (or at least the path to the Path). Direct involvement should teach responsibility to hundreds or thousands of strangers; people who may or may not like or support you. That is an experience like no other. Indirect involvement through clubs that one starts or works with allows the development of individual aims. The examples are far too many for even a partial list, but those who take part know what I'm writing about.

What can students do when this is no longer the case. Now, here at UNB, students seem to no longer want to be involved with the SU. At high schools they consider other universities, ones that can mean more than just another four years of school. We spend thousands to stay, go tens of thousands in debt, and we can take no pride in our SU and our SU says we can take no pride in our university.

I want that to change. I want a Student Union that is there for the students of this school, one that not only says its ok to be proud of my institute, but works every day to prove it to the people here and the people who may be here some day.

Not everyone will agree with what I say or do about this issue, and I respect that. But I believe that most people on this campus feel there is some validity to what I say here, and it is they whom I hope will support me in my bid for the office of President of the UNB Student Union, whenever Mr. Bosnitch finally gains enough respect for the students of UNB and resigns.

Sincerely,  
Bill Daisley

## Orientation Busy

Dear Editor,

Another academic year is winding down and though frosh week is still a few month's away, this year's Orientation Committee executive is busy planning the week's events. Frosh week is a fun filled week of social and informational events that allow the freshmen of UNB to become accustomed to their new environment.

In October of 1985, two members of the executive travelled to the National Orientation Director's Association conference. At this week long event UNB Orientation Committee 1985 was recognized for its excellence in four categories; best of show, best paraphrenalia, best handbook and best freshmen package. This year's executive is determined to live up to these standards.

This year we will have Pepsi Cola as our official sponsor. This emphasizes our support of and efforts to provide a variety of events that are not alcohol related. Many of the programs being offered to the freshmen in the fall are in conjunction with Peer Alcohol Education on campus.

Though Frosh week is thought to be all fun and games, it does provide a great public service. Every year our freshmen participate in a major fundraiser, Shinerama, in support of Cystic Fibrosis. As many as 1500 freshmen and upper-classmen span the Fredericton area shining shoes to raise in excess of \$10,000.

This fall the parents of the frosh will also be offered an orientation program. This will give the parents an opportunity to see all of the social and academic attributes to be found at UNB.

We also offer information and orientation sessions for foreign, mature and transfer students in an effort to make them more comfortable.

Sincerely,  
Lynne Doiron

## Same Old State

Dear Editor;

I came back to UNB for a short stay last month and was dismayed to find the same old state of siege existing between John Bosnitch and the UNB Administration. I was hoping that John would have learned that it is often better to work with, rather than always against, the administration. An organization I was very interested in, the UNB Camera Club was caught in, and I'm afraid killed in the crossfire.

Last summer I worked out an agreement for extensive

renovations for the club's darkroom which is also used by *University Perspectives* and the Yearbook. As part of the agreement, UNB Public Relations agreed to pay part of the costs.

The work was moving along when I left in August. However, when John Bosnitch heard of the "Administration's" alleged participation in the club, he managed to lead the drive to eliminate funding for the darkroom. This despite the fact that the "Administration" participation consists of only the occasional use of the darkroom by a student hired by *Perspectives*. In addition, overall costs for the Student Union would be reduced.

Our president quit over the matter and the rest of the club died as well. Then when time for the 14th Annual Camera Club Exhibition rolled around, there was no one to run it.

John Bosnitch told the Art Centre that he would do the job, but didn't. As a result, the Exhibition, which had run for 14 straight years and generated so much interest in the community, did not survive the second coming of John Bosnitch.

So what has John Bosnitch's refusal to have anything to do with the administration resulted in this case? I had high hopes that a renovated darkroom would help to rejuvenate the club and help the Yearbook as well. Instead, thanks to our president, there is a dead club, no exhibition and a half completed darkroom, but I suspect John is happy. In his mind he stopped an administration attempt to take over the UNB Camera Club. First the SUB, then the Camera Club. Who knows what the administration would try next??

Jeff Fryer

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