

# Blood and Thunder

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEADLINE: TUESDAY 5 P.M.

PLEASE SIGN ALL LETTERS

Dear Smoker:

You are invited to join me in a program organized by the New Brunswick Lung Association called "Freedom From Smoking In Five Days" beginning Tuesday, March 28th, at the Fredericton High School.

Many of us have been fighting the "weed" for longer than we can remember. The Lung Association in Fredericton has been helping smokers break the habit dealing with the physical addiction and the smoking habit with some success.

In five sessions starting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 28th, we will look at how we learned to smoke and how to unlearn. We will be taught how to cope with smoking triggers, look at why we want to stop, find out the facts about smoking and health, learn tips for social situations, and learn how to change to a positive lifestyle.

There will be help for physical withdrawal and all will benefit from group support and from seeing up-to-date videos.

We know the benefits of a non smoking lifestyle and the health and financial benefits, let's help each other do something about it!

There is a fee of \$35.00 with \$10.00 refunded after four weeks smoke free. Cessation sessions run from Tuesday, March 28th to Saturday, April 1st, maintenance sessions will be held April 4th, 11th and 18th.

Pre-registration is essential by phoning New Brunswick Lung Association at 455-8961.

Sincerely,  
Brad Woodside  
Mayor

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to an article, that appeared in the February 3rd, 1989 edition of The Brunswickan. The article was titled "CONFRONTING THE BEAST - Some Tough Questions About Apartheid." My late response is due to the fact that I did not return to Canada until February 9th and it has taken me some time to get caught up on news and course work. I was away from Canada to attend The International Movement of Catholic Student's conference that took place in Lima, Peru from Jan. 11th, '89 - Feb. 09th, '89. At this conference I was privileged to spend some quality time with two students who were representing South Africa. Much of our conversation revolved around Apartheid and as they told me what was occurring in their country, I tried to answer their questions as to what Canada was doing in response to such violations in human rights. What follows is a resolution drawn up by Rory and Kabelle, my two South African friends and fellow students and by their request I am passing it along to you. Please listen to their words, their reality:

"NOTING THAT: The South Africa racist government celebrates this year, its 41st year of illegitimate and unjust rule; This government shows no sign of willingness to concede to the legitimate wishes of the majority of South Africa's people as shown by its uncompromising banning of democratic organizations and individuals;

The increased support being enjoyed by racial right wing organizations and the intensifying conflict between the church and the South Africa state resulting in increased anti-church

aggression. For example: the bombing and burning of church building; state support for right wing church groups.

BELIEVING THAT: It is the responsibility of the Christian Community- both locally and internationally to work actively for the recognition of the values taught in the Gospels especially those on Justice, Peace and Love;

That the South African racist government's programme of destabilization is supported by it's military and economic strength in southern Africa;

That the limited isolation and boycotts of South Africa has thus far born fruit;

That these sanctions have thus far been insufficient to recognize fundamental change."

Our South Africa friends are calling all of us to 'resolve to add our voice to the call of all peace loving people internationally for the introduction of mandatory sanctions as a last non-violent resort for meaningful change in South Africa. Also, we are being asked to support and, wherever possible, initiate campaigns of solidarity and support for the struggle of all in South Africa who work for justice and peace.'

On behalf of Rory, Kabelle and all South African students, black and white, involved in the quest for peace and justice, thanks for listening.

M. Catherine Kerr  
Gentlemen,

In your 1989-02-17 issue you printed an unsigned article, entitled "Engineer Employment Growing" which was based on a report from the Technical Service Council. Unfortunately, this report

contains predictions which are in error because of assumptions used. These included such items as the expected attrition rate and did not account for the large number of engineering graduates who will in a short time move into management and related fields. The Canadian Council of Professional Engineers (CCPE) has received the report and has advised UNB that it will issue a statement correcting these impressions in the near future. The Canadian Engineering Manpower Board, which operates under CCPE has the mandate to serve the profession, governments, educational institutions and industry by collecting, analyzing and disseminating reliable information pertaining to the engineering human resources in Canada. This Board is predicting serious engineering manpower shortages in Canada for the next decade, a trend which is emphasized by recruiting and public relation activities, primarily of our high-technology industry.

The Faculty of Engineering appreciates the exposure given to Engineering matters in the Brunswickan, however in this case, a study by two sociologists in Ontario has painted a somewhat distorted picture.

Sincerely,  
Dr. W. Faig, P. Eng.  
Associate Dean of Engineering

Sir:  
In his Encaenia address, Premier Frank McKenna urged UNB grads to halt the brain drain from New Brunswick.

Does he not know why so many must leave if they wish to pursue careers,

particularly in government? It is because most of them are not competent in both official languages and are thus extremely disadvantaged in the province of their birth.

You may wonder why these bright young people have not become proficient in French when their francophone counterparts have mastered English.

Francophone young people have been exposed to English from birth on this North American continent.

Though New Brunswick may be officially bilingual, for English-speaking students it remains a second language like any other and, engaged as they are in a strenuous course of study toward a degree, it is not reasonable for them to shift their focus and concentrate on language.

The premier well knows the difficulties of mastering that second language and he had stronger motivation than most. Such mastery was a necessary factor in his recent success at the polls and he well knew it.

Rita Moran  
Moncton, N.B.

Dear Editor,  
What the f-----g Hell happened to the non-smoking area in the SUB cafeteria? Although smoking appears to have been reduced in the cafeteria, there are still fragrant violations in the so-called non-smoking area. Smokers might justify this by claiming there are no more tables in the designated smoking area but on many occasions this reveals to be false.

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Friday, March 10  
**Warm-up for the "Miramichi Revival" featuring the band 'Brickhill'**

Wednesday, March 15  
**"Ladies Night"  
Happy Hour 8:00 - 9:00 pm**

**The ARMS PUB**



Saturday  
March 11

**All day! The biggest party of the year! The "Miramichi Revival" with 'Brickhill'**