

# EDITORIAL



*It must be noted that this editorial was prompted by letters to the editor received by Michael Bennett and Tony English.*

The Editorial Board of the Brunswickan is becoming increasingly irritated by the antics of those presently involved in the legal dispute concerning the government of the UNB Student Union.

The latest in a series of events concerns the demands of Michael Bennett and Tony English. During the past week Bennett and English, (on two separate occasions), entered the Brunswickan offices with the intent of submitting letters to the editor. The only problem was that these letters contained material that could be construed as factually incorrect and libellous. Furthermore, both parties demanded signed receipts for their letters: never before has the Brunswickan been asked to sign a receipt for a privilege we freely offer to responsible members of the student population. I am not sure why Bennett and English wanted receipts. When I asked Bennett, he didn't coherently respond. It should be understood that the Brunswickan can, and has, refused to publish letters to the editor of a 'questionable' nature.

That, unfortunately, was not the end of their antics. In a cover to his letter Bennett presumed that because he has contributed to the Brunswickan in the past, he should be afforded the privilege of having his letter printed first in the *Blood and Thunder* section.

Under normal circumstances the Brunswickan would refuse to publish these letters. But given that they are dealing with subjects of an extremely topical manner--about which most students profess to be ignorant--we have taken legal advice and published them with a carefully worded disclaimer. It is incredible that we have been put in such a position whereby we have had to chase lawyers about the campus and indulge in endless ethical debates. The irresponsibility of the correspondents both amazes and stupifies me. The arrogance with which they presume to present their arguments reflect an inflated view of their own importance.

The Brunswickan Editorial Board does not wish to discourage letters to the Editor. But we do expect contributors to use their common sense. Enough said.



## Mugwump

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## Journal

I was hoping to start off this week by telling you what a great time I had on the Grad Class Ooze Cruise. However, I can't do that, and do you know why? Because the Ooze Cruise was cancelled due to poor ticket sales. I had never thought that student apathy and disinterest would reach the point where it forced the cancellation of one of the most popular events of the school year. I am deeply disappointed. I understand that as potential graduates many of us are busy with midterms and assignments, but I was hoping that for one evening people could tear themselves away from their academics (or the television) and take the time to enjoy an evening with fellow graduates. But, all is not lost. You have a second chance because the Ooze Cruise is being rescheduled for the week of November 3rd. Hopefully the response will be better.

It hasn't been a good week all around. I've just about had my fill of student politics and student politicians. In the last two weeks I've heard enough stories, accusations, and name-calling to last me a lifetime. I can in no way express the anger and frustration I feel toward the entire student union situation. Before I fly off the handle, I will extend an apology to Micheal Bennett. I did not mean to implicate you solely as the plaintiff suing the present student union. I understand that it is a team effort comprised of yourself, Hugh Brown and Anthony English. I was misinformed. And in reference to this court case, when the final decision has been made and all is said and done, I hope it's the students who win. I'll tell you what. In order to make myself a lot happier, I will propose a deal. I won't write about you anymore and in return I will ask you to leave me out of the whole mess. Read my column for enjoyment, not for criticism. P.S.--Don't be too shy to come and talk to me when it's all over. I can be quite pleasant at times. Really!

In case you haven't noticed, the Blue Lounge is closed, again. No wonder it has to be shut down for days in order to fumigate it, I mean clean it. The place is nothing short of a pig sty, or should I say rat's nest, as in Sub Rat!! Come on all you chronic card players, clean up your act!!! That place is there for your benefit, to enjoy--not destroy.

Well enough of this dribble. It's time to say something nice before I have you all thoroughly convinced that I'm a complete bi--- (you can fill in the blank yourself). Thank you Brian Walsh for helping us attain the new camera equipment. It was badly needed and we here at the Bruns appreciate your help. And special thanks to all of those people who were dedicated enough to help us put out the paper these past two weeks. It's been a rough time, but thanks to you, we made it. Good grief! I'm beginning to sound all sensitive and mushy again.

Congratulations to the EUS Society on a successful Engineering Week. By the looks of the engineers this week, I'd say they had a hell of a time last week! And you didn't even lose money on the Coaster Derby Pub, you say? Now there's an achievement in itself! And speaking of engineers, a good friend of mine who just happens to be in that faculty and who just happens to have read Viewpoint last week asked me to pass along this message. To all those girls who think men are few and far between on this campus, he extends an invitation for you to come on down to Head Hall where the ratio of men to women is a staggering 9 to 1! (I think it's time I thought about switching faculties). Speaking of Viewpoint, thanks to all those guys who participated in Viewpoint this week. It's nice to see that your answers are as equally silly as the girls' answers were last week. I truly enjoyed reading them.

In case you didn't know it, the university hockey season starts this weekend. Yahoo! Being the avid hockey fan that I am, I will be spending some time in the Aitken Center this weekend watching the UNB Red Devils as they host their first exhibition tournament of the 1986/87 season. Also the St. Thomas Tommies will open their season this weekend. I'm looking forward to a great season of hockey, and if nothing else, please don't let UPEI win again.

Finally I would like to extend wishes to everyone for a safe and happy Thanksgiving weekend (for those of you that are still around to read this, that is). Don't forget to come back, and don't choke on any wishbones!