

Bruns — biased reporting

Dear Brunswickan Staff:

After having read the last issue of the Bruns, I felt that it was time that I wrote in to give you my reaction to what I feel is a serious flaw in your publication. I enjoy reading the Bruns every week and I think you do a good job in covering events, however, during the three months which I have been acquainted with the paper, I

have become positively appalled by the seemingly *collective* biases among all the writers on your staff. It comes off as very bad journalism on the part of the writers and even worse on the part of the editors to permit obviously biased material - supposedly *news items* to be printed in the Bruns. I am referring mainly to the vendetta which your staff writers seem to hold for the

student council. I don't believe that I have ever read a truly subjective article in the Bruns about our council and it scares me that I could be influenced so strongly by such obviously bad journalism. I'm not sure that you people realize the influence that you have and that you so freely abuse. In particular, I refer to the controversy over Perry Thorbourne's actions, the dispute regarding Jones House and most recently the tacky little article about Kevin Ratcliff's having used someone else's meal card at McConnell. I am positively shocked that the Bruns could sink low enough to write about something as mundane as that. It forewarned of the same attitude reappearing

with our new President. If I were Kevin Ratcliff I would be worried right now-not so much because now half the University looks at him like he was a "naughty little boy" but because it's obvious from the start that he is not going to receive any support from the Bruns, whatsoever. Where do you get off anyway? Do you ever stop to think that perhaps the reason that only two people ran for Prez - and neither looked entirely dedicated, was because of the constantly bad publicity that the previous council received?

I am not saying that everything that Mr. Ratcliff does should be kept from the public; I'm a great believer in freedom of the press. But this is the PRESS we're talking

about here, not a Hollywood gossip column. I do not consider it my business if Mr. Ratcliff got a slap on the wrist. It simply appears that you are trying to undermine the confidence of the University in our president-elect.

I think it is high time that you all sat down and got your values straight. Your coverage of some subjects is very biased and it smacks of unprofessionalism. Sensationalizing at the expense of others is simply *low tactics* and it is undoubtedly the reason why the Bruns isn't taken as seriously as you might wish. And don't try to feed us the old line about your only being a volunteer publication, because I refuse to swallow it anymore.

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Cooperation commendable

Dear Mr. Macmillan:

I would like to publicly thank the students, faculty and staff who cooperated with the Fredericton Fire Department and others last Friday during the evacuation of the buildings around the Chemistry building. As you know, this was a necessary precaution during the emergency created by a hazardous condition which developed in a Chemistry Lab.

Chief Powell and the members of the Fire Department, the RCMP Bomb Squad, the City Police and our own Campus Security are to be

commended for carrying out their duties in a very efficient manner. A potential disaster was avoided by their thorough investigation and the procedures used to dispose of the material.

The University of New Brunswick appreciates the actions of everyone on Friday afternoon and apologizes for any inconvenience experienced by those who had activities disrupted or cancelled.

Sincerely
Eric C. Garland, P.Eng.
Assistant Vice-President
Administration
Chairman, Campus Safety Council

Thanks from Dave

Dear Sir:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported me in my recent bid for a seat on the Board of Governors. I would especially like to thank those who put up posters for me -- Gordie Barrett, May Barrett, Lynn

Wentworth, Pat LeBlanc, Steve Covey, Josie Pabishch, Lynn Dykennan, and Sarah Fairweather. Many thanks to all.

Sincerely
Dave J. Barrett

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The deadline for all submissions is February 28, 1981. A photographer may submit up to three photographs for each book. For information and application forms, photo buffs may write to me at:
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