

BLOOD AND THUNDER

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Assault.

To Dr. O'Brien, President of St. Thomas University.

How can St. Thomas University still employ a professor of psychology, when on March 4, 1991, he pleaded guilty to an assault charge? Dr. Thomas Authur Fish assaulted his wife on February 20, 1990 [by threatening her. ed.] with a fire place poker, shouting that he could kill her. His actions are intolerable and immoral. He of all people should know his acts were very damaging and brutal. It leaves the victim with psychological scars.

Is this an isolated occurrence of violence for Dr. Fish? Studies

have shown that reported family abuse is only the tip of the iceberg. Before a victim of abuse presses charges, he or she is often or most of the time, exposed to greater physical, mental or sexual abuse than the convicting charge. Therefore, how can we assume that this incident is the only one of which Dr. Fish is guilty of?

How can a person like Dr. Fish teach, when he is a mind suppressor, a woman abuser and a rotten virus to our society? Can the quality of his teaching be professional and be truthful when he torments other human beings? Just imagine the role model that he is offering to eager learning students.... Since he is a trained psychologist, wouldn't it be very easy for him to

suppress and manipulate any human being, using his professional skills in a negative and dangerous way?

In a recent article of the *Daily Gleaner*, Dr. Fish called himself a "Born-Again Christian". It is not surprising, Dr. Fish, a trained psychologist, would figure out a way to self pardon himself, and to hide under the cover of a "Born-Again Christian". Since when is religion endorsing such activities? Did religion take him by the hand and forgive his evil actions? Is it that easy? Is religion desperate for followers; enough to scrape the bottom of the barrel?

No male and no female is allowed to abuse and to torment their spouse, children or any other per-

son in any circumstances. Family violence is all around us, let us not close our eyes. Lets do our best to stop it. Fish should not get away with it. He is unethical and should not be allowed to use his association with your institution to gain respectability and hide his evil actions.

Martin Kearnan
Mechanical Engineering

Sucks

Dear Editor,
The Gay Column Sucks.....
'Nuff Said.

Signed, "Someone who's actually straight in this town."
Neil McCormack

C.P.'s are students too

Dear Editor
As a member of the Campus Police, I am used to the attitude that if all else fails, blame the CP's. However, since this is my final year as both a student and a CP, I would like to express some thoughts before I leave.

It has been my experience as a CP that closest actualization of Thomas Hobbes' quote "Life in a state of nature would be nasty, brutish and short" is any weekend at UNB. At any given moment, CP's have to deal with intelligent people who jump from third floor windows, punch-out resident windows and those special few who are sensitive to questions like "Can I see your I.D.?" All of which are examples from last weekend.

However, some people seem to think we lack proper training. What training could have prevented the aforementioned acts? As for the

Tragically Hip concert, the problem was not training but the fact that the concert was over-sold. Consequently, we were out-numbered 60 to 1!! So, not only did we have the task of enforcing New Brunswick's liquor laws and protect UNB property from damage, but also pull fainting people from a crowd which did not seem to care that people were being trampled on. Common sense (and not training) dictates that if it's a choice between broken bones (or worse) and a disrupted performance by a band, the patrons will always come first as far as CP's are concerned. I'm just glad that David Prowell and David Murray are not CP's.

Furthermore, as a former editor of the *Brunswickan*, I have watched the paper deteriorate in terms of its responsibility to the student body. Chris Hunt's article is no exception. He begins his diatribe by stating the Tragically Hip played the SUB cafeteria to an intense, overexuberant, and out-of-control crowd, mobbing the stage, climbing on one another like a barrel full of crabs, screaming and ranting..." and goes on to say "I think it is about damn time that the Campus Police were put to a real test..." The Hip concert was not a test but rather a fiasco. Each and every weekend, CP's face a different test and we always pass it with flying colors. What Mr. Hunt has described is a riot. We would prefer to leave rush situations to the Fredericton Police Department.

Finally, I would like to remind the student body that as CP's, we are merely students working our way through university. We do not suffer from a superiority complex as Mr. Hunt has suggested, but rather, we proudly represent every faculty (from law school to forestry engineering) in hopes of that we can ensure that a good time is enjoyed by all and not just the few.

Thank you
Greg F. Hoare

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