

Blood and Thunder

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rm. 35, Student Union Building, UNB Campus
DEADLINE: 5 p.m. Tuesday

Council Synopsis

Dear Editor,

Being a business representative on council, I believe that it is my responsibility to inform fellow students of current proceedings in student government.

The purpose of this letter will be to summarize the events of the student council meeting of January 13th.

The main issue of concern involved the marketing competition at the University of Manitoba - a six member team sponsored by the Business Society represents UNB.

Due to cuts in the Business Society's budget by the new student council, this year's allocation of funds of the budget has already been spent. Hence, funds that had been previously designated for this endeavour were no longer available.

A presentation was made by Eric Semple (V.P. of Business Society) to obtain \$1639 in the form of a loan to finance the trip. The Business Society was granted a \$500 loan by council, the remaining sum was to be covered by the Business Society's own resources.

The Business Society was allocated a total of \$3774 (\$2,774 funds, \$1000 special events such as the marketing competition). There are presently 1038 students enrolled in the Faculty of Business Administration.

The contribution by the Student Union is 3774/1038 = 3.64/student. This figure does not take into account the 1286 students from other faculties who are enrolled in business courses.

The budget for business was based on a full time equivalency of 708 students. The per capita allocation of funds for business is among the lowest of faculty clubs/organizations on campus.

The Business Society remains one of the most active student organizations on campus in both an academic and social context. It is apparent that the Business Society should be granted more funds to better meet the needs of the Business student.

Sincerely,
John Landry

Africa Nite a success

Dear Editor:

I am very appreciative of the turnout to this year's "Africa Nite" celebration. As most people were not aware, there were, at least, three other events taking place within the University premises at the same time. It was a total surprise to me and most African Students' Union (ASU) members that we pulled such a crowd and that some of our guests returned their tickets because they felt that they would not see the stage performances from where they could find seats. I really felt bad for those affected but what could we do? For those people, my advice is to watch out for Africa Nite '87 and be there on time to get well-located seats!

I have accepted congratulations from many people who attended Africa Nite '86 and I do not merit it as an individual. I accept them for all A.S.U. members and friends who made the night an enjoyable one. Sure it was spectacular, most of our guests described it as "marvellous", "incredible", "superb" to mention a few. I am especially pleased that our Canadian and non-Canadian hosts enjoyed the several dishes that were served at Africa Nite. I observed some fellows who came for seconds or even more. However, may I inform our hosts that

we really cut down on the hot spices which actually gives the foods that special African touch.

I would like to thank everyone who attended Africa Nite '86 especially Dr. Ben Amoaku-Adu our guest speaker, our host families and their friends, Mr. James Kirby, Manager Air Canada here in Fredericton who donated the prizes for the raffle draws. Thanks a million to all of you. I would also like to thank the President of the SRC and his sub-ordinates for being helpful, the people at the International Students' Advisor's office, the audio-visual services and others who have supported African students. It is partly because of all of you and your sincere patronage and assistance that we could share our culture in such a relaxed environment. I hope that the annual occasion continues and gets better each year.

Now, for a job particularly well done, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all A.S.U. members and their friends who volunteered to organize or participate in the various events and prepared the various dishes. A special thanks to all the members of the Africa Nite Committee who helped tremendously from the beginning to the end, those special people whose Africa Nite extended till about 4:00 am Sunday morning - I am most grateful.

I hope that Africa Nite '87 continues the trend of success and presents to our hosts what life is like in Africa. There is more to African culture than what we could show but each year brings with it a little variation from the past Africa Nite events. This year we even added ASUSCOPE Special Edition which is a magazine compiled by African Students. Its contents are mostly African highlights and tales of lives of African students in Fredericton. This particular copy is selling for \$1.00/copy. Get one.

May I seize this occasion to remind members that we plan to hold an executive and general meeting on Sunday, February 9, 1986 at 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm respectively. At the meeting we wish to review the Africa Nite and if time allows us see the tape of February 1, 1986.

Lilian C. Eluwa (Miss)
President - A.S.U. (UNB&STU)

Response to abortion debates

Dear Editor:

Being an avid "Brunswickan" reader, I've been nothing short of disgusted by the seemingly endless series of bible-thumping, pulp-pounding, pro-life letters to the editor in recent issues. Whatever happened to my fellow pro-choice brethren? A serious case of infectious writer's cramp? You've got an issue, an outlet-medium (the Bruns), a pen and paper, so what's the problem?

I think the time has come for those "p.l.s" (pro-lifers) out there to wake up and realize that they are not the National Morality Regulating Agency for the rest of us. If you believe for any reason that abortion is wrong, then fine, that's your right. HOWEVER, it is also your ethical responsibility not to attempt to force-feed your beliefs to others who do not share your enthusiasm for your self-proclaimed "holy crusade".

As a relatively sane individual, I, like no other person in full control of their faculties, would ever wish an unwanted pregnancy upon any woman. But if a legally performed abortion is the only acceptable answer to such a tragic problem, then so be it. Do they who are responsible for that oh sooooo... lovely decoration in the Blue Lounge of late ever stop to consider the outrage people feel towards such cheap, trashy, melodramatic, B-grade theatrics? "Yes, sir, instead of discussing the issue like

intelligent adults, we'll just plaster up some pictures of dismembered fetuses, that'll show 'em! Or maybe we'll harass innocent girls entering abortion clinics, or better yet (like our American brothers-in-arms) we'll really show our Christian ways and blow them and those "houses of evil" into next week! Aah, what a lovely concept.

Before I continue I believe there is one point that should be made. I respect every person's right to believe in whatever god(s) they so choose, and I in no way wish to imply that all anti-abortion supporters are a group of slobbering, bible-thumping fanatics. This letter concerns itself only with the ravings of those fanatics. Those who seem to enjoy painting the eminent Dr. Morgentaler and his supporters as a bunch of blood-thirsty SS-reincarnates.

I'm sure Dr. Morgentaler as a childhood survivor of Auswitz and Dachau, is none too clear as to the true meanings of barbarianism and fanaticism. Face it folks, you're playing dirty pool. Your tactics are reduced to childish name calling, religious fervor, slander, and cheap shock effect; not to mention harassment.

If this sounds harsh, good, it is meant to. I, like so many others (both pro and

anti-choice. Hell, some of my best friends are anti-abortion!) are sick and bloody !#@?! tired of being brow-beaten and having our intelligence insulted by a very annoying group of individuals and organizations whose sole achievement to date is making themselves a very persuasive example for the argument for collective euthanasia. Lighten up people, find a hobby or something, stop trying to save the rest of us from ourselves.

Robert MacLellan

Space Utilization Studies and Relocations

Dear Editor:

Following the report on Space Utilization Studies and Relocations by Environment Consultants Ltd., the Faculty of Administration was given a high priority and will have a new facility constructed. Approved by the Board of Governors the unnamed wing's construction is to commence in the spring of 1986 with a completion

date of the summer of 1987.

Currently the more than 1000 Administration students' official "home" is the third floor of Tilley Hall. However, it is not unusual to attend Business courses in Carleton Hall, Kierstead Hall, the Science building, the Physics building, or MacLaggan Hall.

Faculty members' offices can be found in the Residence Administration Building, Carleton Hall or on Windsor Street, when not in Tilley Hall.

The report stated that the consolidation of the Faculty of Administration would "facilitate the development of an esprit de corps among students, faculty and the business community". This view is shared by the Business Administration Society, which supports the construction of the new wing and recognizes the advantages of improved communications between students that will ensue.

The Business Administration Society has also made recommendations that space be allocated for a student lounge that would house a separate society office. The April Space Utilization Report listed the student lounge as an "option - al" space requirement.

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