

# EDITORIAL

## Freedom at home...

This week on *The Brunswickan* masthead, you will notice the addition of two human rights co-ordinators.

These positions were created to ensure *The Brunswickan's* commitment to the reporting of any infringement of human rights and, in particular, those directly affecting students.

This is related to the objectives of *The Brunswickan* as a medium for providing impetus for social change.

Herein lies a problem.

There are those who think it is our responsibility to report only campus events, i.e. election results of Harrison House, or the Dunn formal. These are priorities for some.

I find this rationale totally unacceptable.

I believe *The Brunswickan's* priorities must embody human rights issues and must include concrete criticism of the Administration and the Student Union.

As a university newspaper, we are afforded the luxury of editorial freedom that is simply not a reality in the commercial press in Canada and the United States. There, the politics of big business and government dictate a system of journalistic ethics and censorship.

We need not look beyond our own daily newspaper to find an example of corporate control.

Human rights and editorial freedom are inseparable.

We must value both and pursue equality between men and women, blacks and whites, homosexuals and heterosexuals.

Neither governments nor corporations should control the press, and, more importantly, the editorial freedom of the press.

By Brenda Paul

## ...and abroad

The issues of peace and development are related. To understand this relationship is to begin to understand the many problems facing the undeveloped, underdeveloped and developing nations- the so-called 'South'.

The symptoms of these problems are presented to us daily in the media. Violence in South Africa, starvation in Ethiopia, war in Central America are indications of underlying structural conflicts inherent in the world economic and political system.

This system, whether it is known as capitalism or communism, depends on the resources and labour of the underprivileged nations and people to survive. Both blocs, NATO and Warsaw Pact, rely on the natural and human assets of 'Third World' countries to ensure their military hegemony and maintain a standard of living far beyond the imagination of those who are actually paying for it.

When wars are fought in places like Afghanistan and El Salvador, arms companies and governments which support them make profits.

When black workers are paid a small fraction of the amount that white workers earn, it is no accident that blacks do not have political power and are not content to maintain the status quo.

The images we see and stories we read describe situations which occur as a result of policies like apartheid and the attempt to subjugate smaller nations.

If, instead of exploitation, we in the 'North' supported development, we would have to put up with the consequences. More expensive labour in South Africa, for example, would mean higher prices for their goods here.

A political policy which encouraged freedom of choice in other nations might bring trade barriers or create other economic burdens for us ordinary Canadians. On the other hand, a policy of non-exploitation on the part of the superpowers' could reduce tension in many areas of the globe. It is not impossible to imagine peace in Central America and Afghanistan. But we must take a stand, after weighing all the consequences. Is the idea of free and economically secure people all around the world one worth our sacrifice?

We think it is.

By Cindy Davis

...Mugwump  
Journal.....



by Calum Johnston

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Ooops. Suddenly went to the Bahamas. Whoa. No more decaf coffee for me. Anyway, returning to Fredericton, I just want to say hi to all the N.I.M.B.Y.'s out there. Read this week's feature for the full explanation behind this new word. A Nimby, briefly, stands for "not in my back yard" or if it doesn't affect me directly, I don't care. Is this how the majority of students feel about the Student Union? Do they not feel that who they elect in the SU will have an effect on them? Or did all those who didn't vote just not want a hole in their ID?

I'm writing this as of 10 am on Thursday (yesterday) morning. The bus to Hartland, where the Bruns is printed, leaves at 5:45 pm. We will make it. We will be out on time. Or else. Or else what? Or else I will resign and hope to hell that those who complained about me can take over and do a better job. So I may not be here next week. If I'm not, well, it's been nice, and it's been real, but it's rarely been real nice.

On page 2, you'll note the letter from Dick we received. It's the real thing, I've got the original in my desk. When Ken (the Mutant) Quigley and I delivered the Nov. 18 issue of the Bruns, we felt that Dick may not have anything to read, so we dropped off another bundle at his house, with the message, "Dear Dick, we haven't heard from you. Didn't you get the last batch? Love, The Bruns." Maybe we should drop some off at Frank McKenna's house, too.

On a more serious note, many here at the Bruns were saddened to hear of Dr. Dohaney's sudden death last week. He was a well liked man, and considered by many to be the most popular faculty member on campus. Jeff Whipple, CHSR Station Manager, told me Wednesday night that he was shocked when he heard the news. Dohaney was a vital man, involved in organizing hockey games and was always friendly. Dr. Dohaney will be sorely missed and we'd like to express our sympathies to his wife and family.

Tom Evans asked me to mention in this column, for a cigar, that he is in Room 30 of the SUB every Wednesday evening from 7 pm till about 8 pm offering free preliminary legal advice to students. This is a great service for students and has been well-received as each Wednesday evening, I see about 5 or 6 students waiting for Evans to arrive. It's first come, first served, and as far as I know is a service provided by the UNB Student Union.

In December, the Social Club and SUB staff are holding their annual Christmas party. It's \$25. per couple and those invited are the employees of the Social Club, SUB staff, and other employees of the Student Union Building. Everyone invited can bring a friend; girlfriend, boyfriend. Aah, there's the rub. The friend must be of the opposite sex. If you're an employee of the CHSC, and don't have a steady date, can't bring a friend of the same sex. This is called discriminatory, yes we know, big words. It's not only a violation of a homosexual's rights, but is discriminating against anyone invited from having the freedom to choose their party partner for the evening. Way to go people. What next? No buying drinks for those of the same sex?

I received an ad, meant for the classifieds, but it arrived too late, but it is interesting enough to warrant my attention: "Lonely independent, mature male seeking female of the same status. Physical attributes: 5'10", 155 pounds, brown eyes, dark brown hair. Only serious callers please. P.S. I don't like head games. Call 455-0933 and ask for Pete." If this works, I'll let you know. Will this start a trend? 'Read the Brunswickan for news, sports, entertainment, and dates.'

Before going I'd like to mention to all faculty clubs, organizations, etc. if you would like a letter head designed, come in to the Bruns. We have all the facilities needed to make up a very attractive design. Excellent work at excellent prices. Call me or Wendy at 453-4993, or visit the office.

(P.S. Our general meeting is today, room 35 of the SUB, at 12:30. Want to help us choose a viewpoint question? Want to do an entertainment, sports, or news story? Interested in doing a feature? Drop by and see what's going on. Just ask one of the editors during or after the meeting for all the details of the Bruns. We take anyone.)