

# Blood and Thunder

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

### Football flak

Dear Sir,

I was very offended at the Brunswickan for printing the article "Football Fumbled Again" (The Bruns, Sept 13, 1985). I have never had my name put to such shame before. Not only was most of the information incorrect, but where this information was obtained still puzzles me. Being the organizer of the football committee, I would have openly offered the information as to why the game did not take place, but I was never even contacted. I believe it is my responsibility to set the record straight for all the many misinformed readers of The Brunswickan.

There are five major errors in this article and I plan to straighten them out: 1. The football game was never promised. When I first presented my outline to the SRC I made sure that nothing was promised. I explained that there were many different factors that would determine the outcome of the game. The major stumbling block was to raise the needed money. Everyone knew that if this job failed there would be no game.

2. The committee was a student-run organization. Never was the Phys. Ed. Society, the Phys. Ed. Department or any of the Phys. Ed. Faculty ever involved or asked for any help, financial or otherwise. Athletic Director, Jim Born, and I had many meetings regarding the game, but they were only for suggestions or ideas. Being a Phys. Ed. student and Vice-President of the Undergraduate Society I envisioned future Phys. Ed. projects being questioned as to their credibility because of this error.

3. Not of major concern, but another example of your poor reporting. The game was to be played on Sunday September 8, not Saturday September 7 as was written.

4. Your reporting on the original meeting between the SRC and myself is once again questioned. Larry Fox and Ron Spurles did offer assistance to the football committee, but their offers were not declined. My reply to these offers were welcome and that the man that was supposed to put some effort into the project during the summer would contact them. Of course, this person did not live up to expectations so Mr. Fox and Mr. Spurles were not contacted.

5. Of all the errors in reporting, the one your paper made in concern with Moosehead

Breweries was definitely the worst. Let me explain the real story. The first contact made with Moosehead was by myself. I explained the game plans to Derrick Stanford and he was going to check with the head office and get back to me. When I tried to contact him, it seemed he had returned to Ontario for the summer. I then began to phone and write letters to Moosehead's head office in St. John, N.B.. When no reply was ever heard, I assumed that Moosehead was not interested. The other brewery, Labatts, was contacted, but their reply was that because of their involvement in Orientation '85, they could not budget any money for the game. As to any fumbling, this classic "I've got, I've got, You've got it" screw up is another one of your incorrect statements. If there was any screw up it was on behalf of Moosehead and their inability to answer my letters and phone calls.

I admit that the planning was not done the best way possible. One of the few correct statements in the article was the fact that I had to return home this summer for back surgery (which is really something for me to know and not the entire campus). This was an unfortunate error in planning, but I did the best job possible from 800 miles away. The people who had expressed interest in volunteering their time did not show much effort. Only a couple of committee members, especially Ray Ng (note the spelling) helped out. Ray busted his rear for the game and found that with only limited manpower it was very difficult to raise \$3500. When the day of July 31, 1985 arrived a decision had to be made because the two participating teams had to make plans in regard to travelling. At this time it was decided that there were too many "IFS" and question marks to continue. If the money had not been raised in the final month, then I would have to foot the bill. I was just as disappointed as everyone else and ended up spending about \$500 on phone calls, gas money and stamps. It is my opinion that this type of game could be run if the manpower was there. Both schools showed a great deal of interest in participating and even offered to budget some money if the idea rose again.

I hope this explanation straightens things out for all those who were confused by your article. After printing this letter explaining the real reasons for the cancellation of the game, I would appreciate a formal written apology from The Brunswickan and the author of the article, in order to clear Ray Ng, myself, and

other involved people of any incompetency. I hope your newspaper will check their sources of information more closely in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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### Drug charges

Dear Editor:

An interesting misuse of power has come to my attention, that I believe should be printed. The event involves a prosperous young man, who was just party to a drug bust. He was arrested in his home in the act of trafficking Narcotics.

The interest lies in how he was caught. A patron had just left the drug dealer's house, with purchase in pocket and was arrested. He was told by several Fredericton City Police Officers that if he told them where he got the drugs they would drop the charges. He told them where he had gotten the drugs and they told him they weren't going to drop the charges. In fact, this lie appears to be standard procedure. When the drug dealer was arrested he was taken into the bathroom with one F'ton City Police Officer for a strip search. The Policeman said to him, if he told him where he gets his drugs the charges would be dropped. The well seasoned dealer only laughed knowing that only a beating lay in store for the first informant.

Patrick J. Malone

### Schedule complaint

Dear Sir:

I have a beef with the Math Dept. For years now, the various Calculus courses have appeared in the timetable with a fourth period clearly marked "Tutorial". This period is usually scheduled for Tuesday or Thursday at 8:30 or at some other prime time. This has the effect of eliminating two slots from one's schedule. When this causes a conflict, a student might well decide to dispense with the tutorial.

But, more often than not, the professor announces in class that "Our Thursday lecture is NOT a tutorial but a regular class. I will be covering new material. Be here." Some go so far as to administer a weekly quiz in the "tutorial" period to

ensure that people come. If the fourth period is to be a class, it should be listed as such. Further, it should be scheduled for non-prime time (@ 2:30) as in courses which require a lab.

I can only speculate about the underlying reason for deliberately misnaming this fourth period. Perhaps a fourth class would suggest four credit hours. Perhaps some standard is only three hours. Perhaps then, N.B. High School students are poorly prepared for Calculus, in which case a preliminary course should be compulsory for those failing a placement exam. On the other hand, maybe we have ineffective professors, in which case they would be replaced.

What's the story?

Signed,  
Concerned Student

### S. Africa perspective

Dear Editor:

I was gratified to see some articles on South Africa published in the last issue of the Brunswickan. The Canadian people and all freedom loving people all over the world should be made aware of the situation in South Africa.

The violence in S. Africa today is as a result of the heinous laws of the ruling Afrikaaner people. Laws that determine what a person can be, where he

can live, and what he can own on the basis of his colour. It is the only country in the world that has such laws. It is immoral, and the needless death in South Africa will not stop until this basic law changes.

We have recently been treated to a lot of rhetoric by the South African rulers on proposed reform and the purported harm that sanctions will cause to the black people and the neighbouring Africanites. I wish to comment on the two issues—reform and sanctions.

The reform promised by Botha is too little and seems too late. For example, how many black people will be affected by open inter-racial marriages or access to South African passports? What the majority of the people in South Africa want is basic to all humanity—equal rights. The opportunity to participate fully in the decision making process. In the democratic world such

as Canada, this process is achieved by common suffrage. My humble observation is that Botha's regime has sent back pedalling and are now frantically trying to buy time by offering token reform. Nothing short of total participation in the political process and basic human right will suffice.

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This is where sanctions come in. Other nations, and in particular the USA, can greatly expedite the return to sanity in South Africa by exerting all kinds of pressure including sanctions. I do not believe sanctions will hurt blacks and the neighbouring African nations to the extent that we are led to believe by the Botha government. And if it is true it would, then the blacks would probably be not too worse off from where they are right now. Their leaders, such as Bishop Tutu, have on many occasions expressed the opinion that sanctions will work. Why are else is the Botha government so afraid of sanction if it is not the whites that it would hurt the most?

People like Rev. Jerry Falwell should stay out of South Africa, if they won't see the truth for what it is. The man visits South Africa for a few days and instantly becomes an expert, shuns a Nobel Peace Prize Winner and claims to have met the 'true leaders' of the blacks! If Rev. Falwell is a true leader of the moral majority in the USA, then he has no business supporting an immoral regime such as Botha's, in any way or form. Rev. Jessie Jackson has compared Rev. Falwell's argument against sanctions to 'investing in a whore house while believing prostitution to be immoral'.

The issue is S. Africa is the immorality of the existing laws and only the complete renegeing of this laws will appease the majority, no matter how long it takes. History is certainly on their side.

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