

Blood and Thunder

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

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Dear Editor:

Re: Article in Sept. 18, 1987 issue of the Brunswickan entitled "Right to Appeal Granted"

As a plaintiff in the ongoing UNB Student Union court case, I feel compelled to correct several errors or omissions in your most recent article concerning this matter.

It may have been more appropriate to entitle the article "Attempt to Dismiss Appeal Falls" for that is what happened. The right to appeal is guaranteed in our courts of law and for this reason it is not possible for that right to be "granted."

President Downey's "student governing council" and UNB employee Mr. Kim Norris had maintained that their April 17, 1986 "palace coup" was not unlawful. On the contrary, we, the UNB Student Union

Inc. plaintiffs have contended that the removal violated the corporate by-laws and regulations of the UNB Student Union Inc.

In the recent Appeals Court decision (on which you based your last article), the learned Appeals Court Judges and the Chief Justice of New Brunswick stated the following: "...counsel for the respondents «the student governing council group» concede that the procedure adopted to remove the appellants Bennett, English and Brown from office was contrary to the By-laws of the Student Union."

Regardless of what Mr. Larry Hansen or anyone else says, the failed dismissal motion was not just a procedural motion which the "student governing council" group brought to court - this was an obviously desperate attempt to keep us from getting our case heard in court. One question which begs to be answered is how much of the student's money has been paid to the lawyers to bring this clearly frivolous

motion. This question is one which has importance for every student who is required to pay SRC fees. WHO HAS AUTHORIZED THESE EXPENDITURES AND WHAT HAS IT COST THE STUDENTS OF UNB?

Yours truly,
Anthony S. English

What's the
USE?

Dear Editor,

I do not intend to knock any group of people who want to express their feelings on a certain topic, however, I fail to see what the purpose of the "Take Back the Night" march was.

First, I find it hard to believe that anyone, male or female, is unaware of the danger of walking alone at night. There are a lot of weird people in the world (and our city) and anyone old enough to walk alone must realize this.

Secondly, what difference is it going to make in the future

that a group of women, later joined by men, marched downtown after dark?

I am sure no one was mugged, raped, or robbed that night, but there is every other day in the year that people will have to walk alone. A pervert who is going to rape a woman he sees walking alone, probably doesn't care if she took part in a march several months ago. Do you really think someone who intends to assault another person really cares what the other person believes or did in her past?

Thirdly, if a person has been raped, why would they want to bring back the nightmarish memory of it? After the rape was reported and girl received hospitalization and/or counselling, there is really no need to keep bringing it up to rehash all over again. I would think a woman who had been assaulted would want to try to get her life back to normal.

The march did not increase public awareness of rape, nor did it discourage any perverts from future assaults. It also revived bad feelings and

memories of the past. My question remains, what did it accomplish?

Sincerely,
Stuart Chase

Ask Mr. Irving

K.C. Irving, a former chairman of the UNB Board of Governors, is the richest man in Canada. Also called Mr. New Brunswick, he is reported to be worth 8.9 billion dollars but, wisely being a Bermudan citizen, he does not pay taxes either in Canada or Bermuda.


Nevertheless, your front page article entitled "Libraries in danger" failed to establish any connection, let alone stress the paradox, between our richest New Brunswicker and the disastrously impoverished University of New Brunswick Harriet Irving Library which was named after K.C. Irving's wife.

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