

BLOOD AND THUNDER

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Sense out of nonsense

For reasons that are not too clear to me, I was not stupefied after my perusal of the leading article in vol. 126 (2) of our weekly *Brunswickan*. During my sojourn here, I have observed and heard so much, that like people who nature has bestowed upon a similar uniform to put on, and have been here years before me, many strange events are considered "normal". The troublesome news report carried by the Brunswickan is just another occurrence, a "normal" experience, in a myriad of intrigues that envelope the life of a class of people.

Obviously, it is premature to express a tangible opinion on the issues raised in this important article since, I understand, the case is still under investigation by the powers that be. However, it is fit and proper to draw attention to Dan Coleman's report on this sad case. In the concluding statement of paragraph 13 of last week's leading article, Coleman was quoted as follows: "However if (the professor) did actually forget making this statement, this suggests that he did not attach much importance to it." The statement referenced is "Kiss your God if you get a C in this course" allegedly made by a 'very important lecturer' in the faculty of Business Administration to some students from abroad.

Teacher Coleman in my opinion is one of those who try to make sense out of nonsense. An acting Dean of the Business Administration Faculty, a man who is supposed to be the minister that all students should go to in trying times. But Professor Coleman through his report has betrayed the confidence some students repose in him. Dean Coleman has turned an interpreter that interprets what only the heart can see. Coleman, the ardent defender of the establishment, in his report has overtly endorsed the use of discriminatory and degrading languages in the classrooms. The interpretation of Coleman's conjecture is that no harm is done when the lords in the lecture rooms and seminars bombard their poor foreign students with verbal missiles, heartbroken statements and gestures. Mr. Coleman ridiculously asserted that no importance should be attached to a goofy and highly insinuating remark. What a Dean! What a farce!

Coleman and his clique may not attach importance to discrimination,

but small people like me will attach seriousness to Coleman's conjecture, without caring the price and penalties. While professors of construction busy themselves forming minds, their counterparts in destruction move in double steps towards annihilation of minds. Instead of encouraging destiny teachers of destruction kill destiny. I ask teacher Coleman, the professor and interpreter, how may foreign students' hearts have you ploughed.

"We can avoid going to clubs, bars, parties and some other social gatherings because of intolerance and prejudice, but we cannot avoid going to classes."

We can avoid going to clubs, bars, parties and some other social gatherings because of intolerance and prejudice, but we cannot avoid going to classes. Stop the insinuation, throw the intimidation into the garbage, let the crap and the accompanied interpretation cum justification stop. After all, whether privately or through the generosity of the Canadian government and their agencies, we all pay to receive education.

Edet Foluso Archibong

Fact or fiction?

Dear Editor-in-Chief, *The Brunswickan*,

After your newspapers [sic] financial problems last year, I would like to think that you had learned your lesson. However, your front page feature, "Brunsbits: Deficit Stats" demonstrates you should probably take a first year accounting or finance course before you begin printing articles with numbers in them.

FACT: The deficit for *the Bruns* last year was \$15,162 not \$14,000.

FACT: Although you probably feel able to edit a daily paper, *the Bruns* is only published weekly during the academic year. It took 27 weeks (plus some capital expenditures in the summer) for *the Bruns* to achieve this deficit not 365 days.

FACT: Deficits and losses are two different things. The loss for Blue Rodeo was \$10,765. The deficit for

the concert was \$6,765. The loss for *the Bruns* last year was \$46,162.

"Questions don't hurt, ignorance does."

FACT: The last time *the Bruns* misrepresented the facts, it cost the

undergrads at UNB over \$1,200 in legal fees.

FACT: Ten minutes was all the time it would have taken one of your reporters to correct the errors in this feature.

FACT: Questions don't hurt, ignorance does.

If *the Bruns* needs a calculator or a lesson on the difference between deficits and losses, please make an appointment to see me - and soon!

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