

# Blood and Thunder

## Is Live Music Dead?

Editor Brunswickan,  
 Excellent points made by Chris Vautour last week about the state of "Live" music. "Live Music", in it's most forms, is an endangered species and he's absolutely right about all the imitations and this top-40. What I'd like to know; can most students identify Jazz, German Oompah, Dixieland, Marches, Waltzes, Tango's? Can anyone do the jitterbug? Recognize a touch-dance? What's a Riff? What's a cello or violin? I'd love to give you all a weekly 1/2 hour credit course in "Live Music".  
 Nicholas deVries  
 P.S. Did you know that, capital city of N.B., no longer has a Chamber Orchestra because of the lack of interest or "leadership"? Sad!

Yes, the Editorial by Kwame Dawes also was excellent. I'd give you both in the "nineties" And I'll proofread for you anytime.

## Confusion?

I have been involved with the the Engineering Undergraduate Society as a council member for three years and thus have been involved in the organization of Engineering Week for three years as well. Each year attempts have been made to have coverage in the Brunswickan regarding Engineering Week and each year the Brunswickan has let us down.

In 1987, two articles were submitted prior to Engineering Week but were not published due to some "confusion". In 1988, the Brunswickan assured the EUS President that Engineering Week would receive some coverage. Nobody told him, however, that it would be in the form of letters similar to this one after the week had passed. This year the EUS Vice-President External submitted articles and photographs to the Brunswickan to be printed before Engineering Week but they did not appear. Was it a big surprise that the articles did not appear? No not really.

Even if certain things change from year to year at the BRUNS one thing does not. Engineering events will not be covered except in the form of paid advertisement. This seems to be true for many of the clubs and societies on this campus.

Lee Ann Johnson  
 President SSEE.

## Brunswickan Bitten by Boiling Bridge Bull

I am not sure what the excuse is this year, but the Brunswickan has managed to ignore Engineering Week again! Last year, when they failed to cover any of Engineering Week, we were told that they were understaffed and that we should have written an article ourselves.

Well, we can understand that kind of a problem, so this year I took it upon myself to submit an article, pictures, and a schedule of UNB Engineering Week '89. I was assured by the Features Editor that at least half a page in last Friday's Brunswickan (Oct.13) would be dedicated to a notice of our events, which began on Saturday, Oct. 14. Nothing appeared in the Brunswickan.

Even if this was just an error, I think it's a serious one, considering it has happened two years in a row. Engineering is one of the largest and most active faculties on campus, and we deserve a little recognition in the Brunswickan. After all, a student newspaper is here to serve the needs of the students, not the editorial staff. When is the Brunswickan going to start doing that?

Even if Engineering Week appears in this edition, it is a little too late as it is almost over. We requested that an article be printed last week, wrote the article ourselves, and ensured that at least 1000 students at Head Hall would be interested in it. What does it take to get something printed in the Brunswickan?

Amyl Ghanem  
 VP External

Engineering Undergraduate Society

## Profound Ignorance

On October 6 and 13, the Brunswickan published a response from Mr. Thomas Kuttner of the Law School to my opinion column of September 29, 1989, on Human Rights, in which he says that I have displayed "profound ignorance of Canadian rights legislation and considerable jurisprudence of our courts." He also bemoans that I have abused academic freedom and that I am guilty of "sophism" (fallacious argument), half truth, and innuendo (indirect insulting comment), but has given no examples and has not indicated as to why expressing of my views in the Brunswickan constitutes abuse of academic freedom, but his using the same medium to make unsubstantiated charges against me does not? I challenge him to produce any evidence from my writing for his charges, and I suggest that the readers look at my September 29 column and make up their own minds.

Kuttner talks about Canada's human rights legislation and its liberal interpretation. I have read the New Brunswick Human Rights Act and the 25 page judgement of Mr. Stuart G. Stratton, Chief Justice of New Brunswick, and am familiar with the relevant jurisprudence.

As for ignorance, it is essentially a pre-requisite for one's presence at a university. Obviously, the students come to a university to reduce their ignorance with the help of the faculty, and implicit in the faculty's goal of seeking

knowledge and enlightenment, is the admission of ignorance. It is only a matter of degree; we are all ignorant in some way and nobody is an exception. I hope that any future correspondents would confine themselves to the subject matter and avoid making personal remarks or unsubstantiated charges.

Kuttner gives sexual harassment in an office as an example of human rights violation. No one would disagree. But how can the writing of such books that cannot be banned under the hate literature laws, be considered as violating the human rights of a father whose children are in a school system, in which the author happens to be a teacher? Especially when he does not teach what he writes about and the children have never been in his class? Is it not stretching things beyond the realm of reason? Also, is it not true that the students are far more interested in drugs and sex than the writings of Malcolm Ross?

One of the main charges against Malcolm Ross is that he is "anti-semitic". But this expression has no precise meaning, and has become a code word for condemning anyone who dares to criticize the Jews or Israel. The word has some historical connotations which have no parallel in present day Canada. For example, where in Canada are the Jews living in ghettos? In what sense of the word are they being persecuted? Are they not better off than most Canadians? Is it not true that they have far more economic power, political power and influence over the media than their numbers would warrant? The holocaust of the Second World War has become synonymous with the death of 6 million Jews, while the rest of 45 million or so killed are somehow ignored or forgotten.

Discrimination does exist in Canada and there are oppressed people who deserve attention and relief, but Jews are not one of them. The native people will have to be on the top of the list. Kuttner's "enlightened judiciary" still has judges who can try a Micmac Indian (Donald Marshall), put him in jail for more than 10 years, and later blame him for his misfortune when he is found innocent of the crime. No doubt there are judges who respond to fear and political pressures.

Malcolm Ross's views of or about the Jews do not disqualify him as a Math teacher, and no school board should have the right to monitor a teacher's thinking which does not directly affect his performance as a teacher, especially in our society, where the concept of a role model for the children is so liberal as to allow even the lesbians, homosexuals or any sex deviate in the class room, in spite of the fact such individuals are the fodder for hell according to the religious beliefs of many parents.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rm.35, Student Union Building, UNB Campus  
 DEADLINE: 5 p.m. Tuesday MAXIMUM WORDS: 300

## Nauseam!

I have a few beefs over the content of the "struggle for Life" letter to the editor dated Oct. 13th.

It amuses me that author took it upon herself to represent the entire gay/lesbian population and to then describe "The homosexual relationship" in length. I doubt that the entire world's homosexual population would share her contempt or enthusiasm.

A number of heterosexuals, through no conscious decision are offended by homosexuality. Call it irrational, if so desired, but it is real. The feelings a heterosexual can get when confronted with homosexuality may range anywhere from anger to nausea. I fall in around the nausea category and cannot be blamed for that. There are no aggressive feelings, just icky ones.

Homosexuals, in the Oct. 13th, were described as warm, understanding and caring. Surely a person of such virtues would not wish to provoke feelings of nausea or anger on anyone. By advertising homosexuality (i.e. "coming out of the closet") homosexuals are revealing themselves to the "gay bashers" of this world, and I don't think that government or societal support can protect homosexuals from this method of discrimination.

Richard Hall

## Unenforced Rules

I do not smoke, I do not enjoy inhaling other people's smoke. This is likely where smokers will stop reading. This is OK, I know the smokers I am concerned with cannot read anyway.

We all see them. Once a day since classes started, I've seen someone enjoying a smoke in the SUB Cafeteria. Today (Oct. 11,89) I saw two. I usually tell people to stop, but today I went to the SUB Office, where I got a "... not enough staff, we do not enforce the law until 4 PM..." response from SUB Staff. My immediate reaction was to suggest removing the signs until 4 PM.

Maybe a better solution exists: Hey, smokers! You have no right to foul the air I breathe. That is assault and it is wrong.

A friend says "... let's make a list..."

How to stop the problem of those persons who insist on smoking in a smoke-free area:  
 Before 4 PM

1. Ask the smoker to stop. Don't be afraid, the SUB Staff will support you.

2. Remind the smoker that it is illegal to smoke in the SUB.  
 After 4 PM

3. Get a staff member from the SUB office to help.

I won't be cute and say I realize it is hard to stop smoking. I know lots of people who have done it.

Maybe someday, these silly people will realize they do not have a right to pollute the air I breathe.

Hey, SUB Staff: Don't impose a rule you are not prepared to enforce.

Ken Knight  
 at the SUB Cafeteria

## Face The Facts

Dear Editor

Regarding your article on the "sex" pamphlet. The people who are upset at the terminology used in it should open their eyes to see the real meaning of this pamphlet, which is the threat of AIDS. In using this terminology they got across the point, in terms that everyone will understand. For example, if they were to use the proper term for anal sex, which is sodomy, most of the people would not understand what is meant or would not bother to take the time to look it up in the dictionary and find out. This means that there is one way people don't know if AIDS is transmitted through this practice.

These people who are so upset should grow up and face the facts as AIDS is becoming a growing concern for everyone.

Scan Hogan

## Express Yourself

Dear Sir,

A young black man has his brains beaten out with a baseball bat in New York because he was caught on the wrong side of a white/black boundary line.

The young Osbourne lady is stabbed over 12 times, and no legal action was taken for 16 years, and a man named Donald Martial goes to jail for a crime he did not commit for the simple reason that they were "Indians".

A French speaking Canadian has his/her accent made fun of because of his/her ability to speak in a different language is poor.

I have a question I would like to pass to the writers of the two Gay La articles in last weeks paper. Why is it so important for you to make a spectacle of your sexual preferences? Is it for religious reasons, heritage, language or race? You say you are struggling and fighting for your lives. The examples given above have two things in common; (1) that their difference from the majority cannot be "hidden in the closet", no matter how hard they try. (2) They all have religious and or familiar backgrounds that gives them a sense of culture and history that has obviously been infringed on.

The Jewish people were forced