

Blood and Thunder

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Shame on you

To the editor,

I would really like to meet Mr. Dan Gillcrst, author of "Shame on Team Canada". By reading the trash that he spilled-out, I can conjure up an image of him. I will lay high odds that he doesn't play hockey; ie. team sports (probably not physically active whatsoever). He would probably watch his good friends (if he has any) get beaten senseless because of the possibility of reprimand. He was not at the game. He obviously did not watch the game. He never saw (or is ignoring) the Canada-wide poll that indicated that 91% of those polled backed the Canadian team's actions. You don't have to believe in "goon" hockey to support the Canadian team. Any person with a decent set of morals, in that situation, would have acted in the same way.

Just imagine if the Canadian team had stayed on the bench, leaving their own players and dignity on the ice to be battered, outnumbered 4 to 1. Anybody who thinks the players on the ice wouldn't have been beaten senseless should question their sanity. If the rest of the Canadian team had stayed on the bench, I can guarantee that 91% of Canadians would be completely outraged while 9% of the morally weak would swallow their pride because... CANADA WON THE GOLD!

They didn't "throw it all away" as the author states. Rather they can be proud that they didn't let the possibility of an international gold metal blind the team's loyalty, pride, and humanity. Of course the team regrets what happened.

You do not represent Canada's personality of pride, loyalty, and determination Mr. Gillcrst. Rather you represent the few that sit on the sidelines making mindless observations.

he is a greedy, materialistic personality that needs his ego fed with medals, prizes, and bottom lines (earned by others); with total disregard to the occurrences along the path of achieving them.

Sincerely yours,
Bob Robinson

P.S. I hear Brain Williams is single and looking...

And again

Dear Editor:

This letter is directed towards Mr. Dan Gillcrst.

Dear Mr. Gillcrst:

With respect to your letter last week, I must commend your efforts. The beginning of each sentence was capitalized, and the periods were placed properly. However, I read the content of your article both in disbelief and with disgust. Your reference to the Canadian-Russian brawl as being "an embarrassment to all of Canada" was absolutely pathetic. The act of defending a teammate is certainly not an "embarrassment" to the "all of Canada" that I am part of. You also noted that "Surely they (the Canadian players) should have been able to restrain from doing so (leaving the bench) for at least another thirty seconds or so." Do you realize how much bodily harm twenty angry Russians could have inflicted upon the six Canadians in "thirty seconds or so"? Obviously you have no idea. When I reached your paragraph stating, "Those Team Canada uniforms should be burned...", I suddenly realized that your *entire* article was a complete farce. By the way, Don Cheery would be extremely honoured to know that you named a river after him!

By Tim Lynch

Who wants controversy?

Dear Editor,

I hope your readership will excuse my prolonged participation in what is more properly a UNB student's issue but if a staff member is going to all that trouble to answer me than perhaps I have stuck a nerve. So here is my reply to Mr. Robichaud.

No, I'm not in favor of controversy for its own sake. I don't even like it. Nobody does. It is unsettling, confusing, painful, and stressful, but it is often an essential part of the process through which our society decides what is right

and hopefully, gives justice to everyone concerned.

I realize there are many controversial issues in every individual's daily life that confuse them to the point of frustration.

I know, too, that many students at UNB are frustrated by the Student Union battle, but your solution of ignoring the controversy in favor of "getting on with the work" seems no more rational to me than an ostrich burying its head in the sand under the tracks to avoid the train.

A newspaper's "work", as I understand it, is to report on a controversy in a way that fairly represents all the actions and positions of the individuals involved in order to clarify the situation for the readers.

If an obvious injustice or piece of irrational thinking seems evident, the editor may wish to write a reaction to point it out to the readers.

Now, I'm usually in favor of being constructive, Michael, but when a builder finds a rotten "foundation" she or he tears it down and starts over again so that what is built will have value for the investors.

Generally I favour co-operation, too, but I don't co-operate with a thief in order that my pocket may be successfully picked.

I agree that my letter was somewhat fatalistic in tone, but if your coverage of the CHSR Directorship contro.er... situation is any indication, it's difficult for me to trust the Bruns to be fair.

The fact that Bruns editor Karen Mair has accepted a position on that board as the Student Governing Councils' representative indicate to me that she may not be unbiased in her approach to the story.

The UNB Board of Governors just expelled a student representative for not declaring a conflict of interest so I trust the conflict of interest concept is not considered an unconventional one.

Again, Michael, I'll assure you I don't like controversy, but if you ignore it then Justice is often a victim and when there is no justice good people suffer.

If Justice isn't important to you, you should, at least, be honest about it by making the Bruns a literary supplement.

Then you and the rest of the Brunswickan staff can rightly claim to get on with your work and at the same time, stop confusing students by posing as a newspaper.

Sincerely,
Neil Toner

Got any questions that you are afraid to ask? (i.e. Sexual, Political, Medical, Personal) If so then write to Sharkey, care of the Bruns, Rm. 35 in the SUB (UNB).

P.S. We have qualified advisors, so serious questions only please.



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