

Blood & Thunder

Letters to the Editor must be signed and contain a phone number where the writer can be reached. **Deadline: Monday 5:00pm**
Length: 300 words max. The Brunswickan reserves the right to edit for clarity, grammar and length.

Pro-hemp literature should be authorized

Editors:
In last week's Bruns (Oct. 1), an article by Jonathan Stone pointed out that pro-hemp literature has been handed out on campus. I am somewhat concerned by the probability that the material would not have been authorized by Campus Security. By disallowing the distribution of hemp literature, the university is implicitly promoting the continual destruction of our forests for paper, the consumption of environmentally infeasible petroleum-based fuels, and the prohibition of an effective anti-nauseant medication for chemotherapy patients and an environmentally efficient source of dietary protein. I understand the university's position on this matter in light of the illicit recreational use of hemp; however, the public has to start realizing that this is a separate issue. Industrial grade hemp has a very low THC content and, thus, could not realistically be used for recreational purposes. In my humble opinion, the prohibition of hemp has been perpetuated

due primarily to propaganda funded by large paper and chemical corporations who stand to lose millions of dollars if hemp is legalized for industrial and medical purposes. It's called HEGEMONY, folks. If you haven't studied sociology, look it up.

We need more people to say "I want hemp legal for paper, food, and medicine". It doesn't have to be legal for recreation if the people don't want it to be. But for the sake of the environment, the hungry, and the sick, let's make industrial hemp legal.

By the way, the possession of hemp products other than marijuana is legal; only their production is illegal. So, if you're really serious about helping to preserve our forests, order yourself some hemp paper from some country in which hemp is legal (and it wouldn't be a bad idea to use it to write the next PM about hemp and other environmental issues).

Michel Aubé

Thank-you to considerate motorists

"Dear Fellow Students, Faculty Members and University Staff,
As a student at UNB, I am a

frequent user of both the vehicular and pedestrian highways & byways of the Fredericton Campus. In my capacity as a *pedestrian*, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the drivers of the many cars, trucks and other motorized vehicles which routinely stop and allow me and my fellow foot-sloggers to traverse the road unimpeded; this quite often even where there is no evidence of any marked crossing. Considering eight-thousand kilograms of

books and other student paraphernalia, your courtesy and kindness are very much appreciated.

As a *driver*, I too try my best to yield for the ever present pedestrians. In this latter capacity, I would like to thank, very sincerely, the three or four pedestrians since the beginning of this year who have acknowledged my own courtesy with a wave, a nod of the head, or a smile. To the hundreds of

others who have trudged by without nary a glance I have to ask, "why so glum? Surely life at UNB is not so onerous that you cannot afford a wave, a nod or, heaven forbid, a smile! As attributed to George H. Powell (1880-1951) in a popular, although now little heard, song:

"What's the use of worrying?

It never was worth while,

So, pack up your troubles in your old "student" bag,

And smile, smile smile..."

Rod Smith

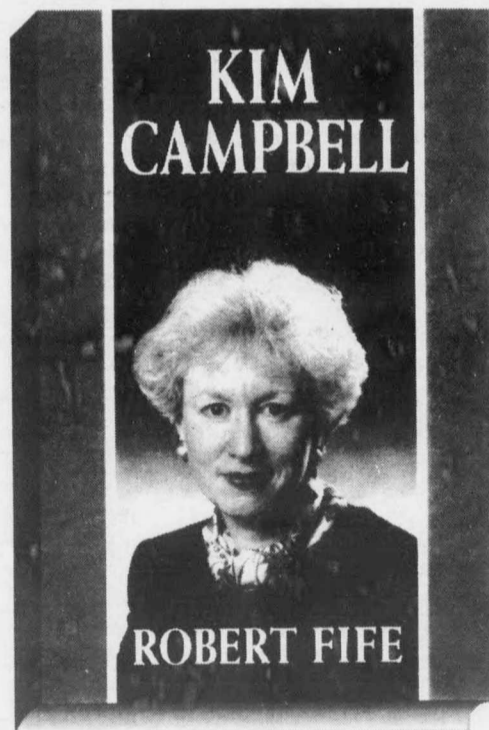
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They must include your Name, Student Number and Phone Number or they will NOT be printed. Letters should be no more than 300 words in length. We reserve the right to edit for brevity only (*chainsaw editing*). Names May be with-held upon request (*May, not will, valid reason required. I don't want my name used doesn't cut it*). We do not correct your spelling mistakes (*sic*) so be forewarned. All copy must be double spaced, and one side of the page, or it will not be printed. The Brunswickan will not print letters that are racist, homophobic, sexist or contain attacks of a purely personal nature. Fax copy is not acceptable.

Before you vote on October 25th, we think you have some reading to do.



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