

Blood and Thunder

misunderstandings that may have been created by the concerns raised in that letter.

The survey was originally suggested by a committee representing students, faculty, staff and administration of the University. It was planned and coordinated in consultation with faculty members with expertise in the methods of survey research and the field of sexual harassment. The questionnaire was reviewed and approved by the University's Committee on the Ethical Acceptability of Research Projects.

The simple reminder letter that was sent out on November 1st emphasized the importance of the survey and encouraged participation. It contained no demands and, in fact, underlined that participation is voluntary. The use of such a follow up is standard practice in survey research. Confidentiality was not compromised because, as was explained in the first questionnaire sent out, a double-envelope system was used.

Sexual harassment is a very serious topic. It is also complex and not easily reduced to solid objective facts. The survey explores subjective understanding and experience, and the results will be reported as such.

I should take this opportunity to thank the more than 1400 members of the University community who have responded to the survey. I would also like to express my respect for the decision not to participate. The analysis of the responses will provide all of us at the university with a better understanding of the issue of sexual harassment.

Sincerely,
Maureen Magee
Chairperson, Sexual Harassment Advisory Committee

Greater Efforts

To Keith Morrison of Neill,

[House, School] Spirit is defined as an enthusiastic loyalty of courage to an institution and its people.

WEBSTER'S

If the Boys of Neill ever get anyone to read this to them, I hope they are smart enough to be ashamed.

Let me explain: Neville House organized our second annual Bed Push from Fredericton to Saint John to supply children with gifts and the homeless with food. As a matter of course, we contacted the residences by polite letter to ask for donations to our cause (Empty-Stocking Fund and Fredericton Food Bank).

Neville received generous donations from Aitken and Tibbits, and Jones donated on their own (thanks, everyone!). Other houses (except one!) offered us their positive comments; we accepted those, as well!

Only one house was heard who thought our cause stupid

or silly. Only one. NEILL! Neville's Bed Push co-ordinator received a one-line letter in response, and I quote, "you can't be fuckin' serious??? Hal! Hal! unquote!

If this letter is indicative of the house, residence, or UNB spirit in Neill, then I'd be very ashamed to be a resident. Further, if this letter (signed by President Keith Morrison) is indicative of the feelings of Keith's voters, then I'm even more glad I was placed anywhere but Neill.

Ignore anyone who tells you that you were "cool", Keith... they are probably as insecure as you are.

I'm sorry to see that young Keith can't see beyond his Frosh Week's trivial house rivalries to see the greater good of our efforts. Don't worry Keith, we'd be pushing that bed even if it were you or your kids we were feeding!

Merry Christmas, all! Especially Neill!

Henry Poppanopolous
and the MEN of Neville.

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Answer to Complaint #3 (from Mugwump)

Any Business student (I though you were a Business student Mel) can outline the economical reasons for delaying payment of one half of their tuition for one term. To begin, it is only economical if you live on campus because the \$20 is charged regardless of what your outstanding balance may be. For a person living off campus, this outstanding balance would be approximately \$1,000; but, for a person living on campus, the remaining balance can be as high as \$2,300. Applying a 7% annual interest rate to these balances for a period of 4 months we can see that interest revenues are as follows:

Off Campus: \$1,000 x .07 x (4/12) = \$23.33
On Campus: \$2,300 x .07 x (4/12) = \$53.67

Subtracting the \$20 fee from these figures, you can see that on campus students stand to save \$33.67 by delaying their payment while off campus students can only save \$3.33. With our personal exemption as well as our tuition deduction, this interest would be tax free (unless you happen to have earned over \$6,400 for the year).

Sincerely,
David Nelligan

Open Enrollment

Dear Editor,

I wish to make a point of clarification with respect to the article in last week's Brunswickan, ("New Limits on Arts Enrollment"). The table reprinted on page 6 is accurate insofar as it represents the ratio of full time enrollments to

faculty members "actually teaching", however, the statistic is not meaningful. The Faculty of Arts teaches courses to students enrolled in many of the other Faculties, and consequently, the more meaningful statistic would be number of registrations to actually teaching members of faculty. In addition, the Faculty has lost several members to the Faculty of Science due to the transfer of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Recognizing the insufficiency of the statistical data, Council struck the sentence referring to the student/faculty ratio in adopting the recommendations of the Committee. The Student Union remains committed, however, to the principle of open enrollment in the Faculty of Arts.

Yours sincerely,
James Gill

Propaganda!

Dear Editor:

Just a few words to Marcel Lebrun about his piece "Homosexuality: A Lie".

Four years ago, in Toronto, I almost got "gay-bashed". It was late, walking to the subway from the pub, only to be overtaken at a corner by five guys, very drunk. One of them turned and said, "Look at that queer".

This raised the What's-Wrong-With-This-Picture flag. You see,

I'm not gay.

The verbal abuse escalating, "physical abuse" soon to follow, I knew I hadn't a prayer of convincing them that I wasn't gay. So, I did what anyone in that situation would have done: I started to panic.

Then, (with impeccable timing) a police car stopped at the light. The droogs scattered, I collapsed down the wall they had me pinned against, and spent twenty minutes slowing my heart down and talking to the cops. I had nightmares for a week.

Now as I said, I'm not gay. But my ticket almost got punched because five goofballs BELIEVED I was. They also believed that the only right and proper thing for them to do was to righteously and properly pound me into the damn sidewalk!

Now where (I ask) do you suppose they got such a silly idea? Might it have been...oh, I don't know...maybe...SATAN?!?!?

Apologies to the Church Lady aside, it's people like yourself, Marcel; good, pious, moral people, who keep on saying that homosexuals are nasty types who don't deserve the right time of day. And do you know what? Some people, (like my five scumbags), WILL ACTUALLY BELIEVE YOU!!!

And when they do, they WILL be more likely than before to hunt up a homosexual and give him (or her) a bloody taste of their "moral" outrage. And, (God

love 'em) they might even pick on the wrong guy.

Marcel, take a bow: they owe it all to you, and people like you. Telling people that God is on our side, and God loves us, and there are things that are naughty in God's eyes, and God will love us MORE if we do something about them, is a surefire way to get people killed. It cuts NO ice to deliver a fiery sermon on the evils of homosexuality, and then say, "Go, and do no harm". Don't you sin by writing the picce?

The sole purpose of propaganda, says Jacques Ellul, is action. It's meaningless to change someone's mind with propaganda if their actions don't change. You've written anti-gay propaganda. You may have even changed some minds. But precisely what action do you wish to promote with this propaganda? Does it include people getting beaten up? Or killed? Do you actually believe that you can write anti-gay propaganda without these consequences becoming more likely?

Marcel, I believe that you are skating on very thin moral ice, and I hear crackling. Keep it up, and it's only a matter of time before you may have to donate blood. Please think before you write; getting people killed, even indirectly, is also naughty in God's eyes.

In closing, people choose homosexuality like elephants choose to fly. Talk to an elephant, talk to a homosexual; see if I'm right. I look forward to your response.

Fred Brown

