

BLOOD AND THUNDER

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Disgusted with column

Dear Editor,

This is the second time I have been disgusted with the column "Bad Coffee, Bad Grades & Japanese Monster Movies" but only the first time I have worked up the spirit to complain.

The journalist (?) (Not), Nick Oliver has really pushed his luck with the quality of the column. Last week (issue #7) was centered around the stench of a urinal and the proper method to urinate. This past issue (#8) he describes how he feels overweight and then writes about his obvious *fantasy* of horny young undergrads with an appetite for revenge, cheap sex, corn chips, fudge and beer who are watching pornographic movies in his apartment. Let's come back to reality!

I think you missed the idea when the conflict arose over the use of certain words in the Aquinian. The editor may have missed it or maybe not. Who will ever know? Did someone miss the whole article Oliver wrote? Get with the tour Nick, *the Bruns* is not a way to make public your sexual fantasies or your difficulty with urinating properly. It is a *newspaper*. If you can't control your problems, see a specialist, don't ruin a respectable paper.

Disgusted,
Steven E. Douglass

Column offensive

Dear Editor,

We are writing in response to Nick Oliver's "Bad Coffee, Bad Grades and Japanese Monster Movies" appearing in *the Brunswickan* Friday, Nov. 6th. We speak for all of Tibbits when we say that the latter portion of the article was offensive, sexist and blatantly ignorant. We are shocked that Nick Oliver had the gall to step foot in Tibbits Hall the evening the article appeared in *the Bruns*. Luckily! Noone knew or wants to know him. Obviously, he is not welcome in this house!

What literary qualifications does Nick Oliver possess besides the ability to enrage and insult people? What exactly does Nick Oliver know about "Estrogen Overload"? Since when did *the Brunswickan* hire gynecologists to write columns insulting females in such a derogatory manner?

Perhaps Nick Oliver's problem is that his sources of information are too limited. It has come to our attention that his ignorance is based on the attitudes of only a few "unhappy" residents. With regards to "the girls who hate it there" and to their joint conclusion that, "there is enough yeast in that place to brew their own beer", we have one question in response: What exactly are they still doing living here?

Residence life is an enriching and fun filled experience, but like anything you must make some effort to "make it" exciting. The majority of women in our Residence will tell you, the good times, the

friends, the memories, they are all part of what makes Tibbits such an unforgettable experience.

Anisa Pynn—President
Melisa Henry—Vice President

Unclassy article

Dear Editor,

I just happen to be visiting some of my fellow TIBBITS WOMEN this past weekend, when I was made aware of a very unclassy article that you chose to publish in your last running edition of *the Brunswickan*.

As a UNB ALUMNI and a TIBBITS HALL ALUMNI, I would love to have had the opportunity to discuss Residence life at TIBBITS HALL with Mr. Oliver and some of the girls he "talked" to. Mr. Oliver's last paragraph of his article would have read differently. I am honored to have been a part of TIBBITS HALL for the past four years, but deeply ashamed to see that some people with narrow minds have nothing better to do, than write columns that are offensive and sexually discriminating to the Women of Tibbits Hall and any woman who read it.

Mr. Oliver should sign up for Psych 3343 and learn a little bit more about the female sexual anatomy, before making suggestions that there is enough yeast here to brew our own beer. If he knows any such female with that skill, I would be interested [sic] in meeting her.

As for the girls who Mr. Oliver talked to that apparently live in Tibbits Hall, I feel very sorry for you. Residence life is what you make of it. You can't sit around and wait for things to happen. I only hope that you figure that out before you hit the real world. If you really don't like it at Tibbits Hall, I can only suggest that you move back home with your mommies, so they can give you everything that makes you really happy.

I always thought that the Editor of a paper knew the difference between a good piece of literature and a slanderous, sexist, poorly written piece of trash. You are as much at fault as Mr. Oliver for the upset and insults that this piece has caused. Your credibility as a good journalist is very questionable, when pieces like Mr. Oliver's are published. I hope that in the future you learn to question articles like Mr. Oliver's before you publish it!

ALWAYS A TIBBITS WOMAN
Sherry (Bull) Flynn

Appalled by article

Dear Editor,

Since we realize that you will no doubt receive more letters of this nature we will be brief. As members of Tibbits Hall we are appalled [sic] at the lack of discretion on the part of *the Brunswickan* staff. We fail to understand how Canada's oldest student publication, one who

has had a remarkable record in reporting newsworthy items, could print such complete and utter nonsense as the Nick Oliver article entitled, "Bad Coffee, Bad Grades, and Japanese Monster Movies."

We understand that Mr. Oliver intended this article to be an exercise in humor. Well many members of Tibbits Hall are not laughing.

It would seem that *the Brunswickan* staff have forgotten that this newspaper reaches more people than those on campus. In fact, it is my understanding that this paper has a wide circulation, including parents and alumni [sic]. Also, this paper is distributed at various points throughout the city. As with any avenue in the media, this paper has considerable potential to shape people's opinion. With the comments on Tibbits Hall, therefore, Mr. Oliver has attempted to comprimise [sic] Tibbits reputation. Although his attempt as [sic] resulted in failure, I fail to understand how *the Brunswickan* could allow such drivel to be published.

I trust that an apology will be forthcoming. Everyone is human and therefore entitled to make a mistake. However, we hope that *the Brunswickan* will use more discretion in future endeavours.

Nicole Cohoon
Jody Vail

Cartoons disgusting and in poor taste

Dear Editor,

Ever since I started U.N.B., I have read and enjoyed every issue of *the Brunswickan* until now. I was disgusted when I read the October 30 and November 6 issues of *the Brunswickan*. In both issues it was a cartoon that I found offensive. Neither of the cartoons were humorous, in fact, I thought that they were in very poor taste to be included in any kind of newspaper. Whoever drew them and the person who decided to include them in the paper should really go for counselling. If you do not know which cartoons to which I am referring, they are #1. the boy standing on a desk urinating on a book and #2. the Enviro-Man cartoon depicting a bullet passing through a deer's head. What kind of standards does *the Brunswickan* have? Obviously the same as E.R.T.W. since it includes numerous cartoons degrading Arts students in each and every issue. Please raise your standards so we can enjoy all of *the Brunswickan*.

Disappointed,
J.L. Mawhinney

Oliver's comments obnoxious

Dear Editor,

I am astonished that *the Brunswickan* would actually print the obnoxious, offensive and intolerable comments that appeared in

Nick Oliver's column "Bad Coffee, Bad Grades and Japanese Monster Movies" (Nov.6).

Even if I did not live in Tibbits Hall, I wouldn't want to read in *the Brunswickan* that a particular building on campus had "enough yeast to brew beer". I can vaguely recall hearing similar vile comments back in junior high school. They were made by boys in puberty, which makes me wonder about Mr. Oliver. After some thought, I concluded that one of the following must be true.

a) Nick has been shot down by someone in Tibbits.

b) Nick is having severe difficulties leaving behind that junior high school mentality and hormonal troubles.

c) all of the above.

I chose option c.

Nick, if that is your idea of wit and humor, give up your journalism dreams before it's too late. Spare yourself and others the pain mental anguish, and humiliation.

Rosie Rocca

Social retardation

Dear Editor,

The following letter is addressed to the executive and members of the U.N.B. Undergraduate Biology Society.

Dear Executive and Members, Congratulations on a successful turnout at your latest social event, the Halloween Camp party. As a past member and president I know how important and difficult it is to organize truly successful events. Unfortunately, I believe that your society still needs some practice in this area.

Perhaps many of you spent the night as high school students in disguise, after all, it was a Halloween party. The attitudes and behaviour of many of you made high school students look like senior citizens. Two groups of partyers are responsible for this obvious social retardation. What I would like to know is where were the executive when the pumpkins were being smashed, when ornaments were being knocked down by cone-heads, when CDs were being dropped kicked across the floor and when the camp was obviously being destroyed. I thought you people were there as party hosts and crowd controllers. Let me tell you that when you are hosting a party and are responsible for what takes place, you don't get to party as much as everyone else. Try to separate yourself as a friend and be a crowd controller. If you are unable to do this, hire some CPs, at least they will keep things running smoothly. I guess you didn't feel the need to help clean up the next day either. From past experience I know that magical, little janitors don't just appear to clean up the spilled beer, empty bottles, puke, and other treasures left by many party goers. Maybe the owner of the camp said not to worry about the mess, but shame on you, it wasn't just their responsibility, after all it was your party.

I can't understand the mentality of many of the partyers either. Show some respect for other people and their belongings. For those less experienced drinkers, you only need a few drinks to feel good, the other 6 just turn you into complete idiots. I'm not much older than many of you at the party, but I do send out this message - Grow Up!!! I had lots of fun without trashing, breaking or destroying anything.

I hope that this party is not an example of what is left to come for the biology society this year. It took past executives and members a long time to build the society into the great club that it is. Please don't destroy several years of hard work in just a few months and a few bad parties. I hope that the rest of your year goes well and that you will take immediate action to correct the wrongs that have occurred.

Sincerely,

Danielle Ingraham
Biology Society President 1991-1992

Conduct at party inexcusable

To the editor,

I feel compelled to write this letter to express my feelings of surprise and anger towards two different groups of individuals who attended a Halloween party at Lake George on Friday, October 30. I am finding it difficult to write this since I was not there. However, I have received many accounts from several different reliable sources and have come to a general understanding of what occurred that evening. If I have misrepresented the facts, please let me know.

The first group of individuals are those who enjoyed damaging the personal property of others at the party. I am referring to the tossing around of cd's and pumpkins and just the general destruction of the camp of the person who was nice enough to allow you to party there. Why don't you people grow up and show some respect for others? After all, you are supposed to be adults.

The second group of people are those who were "responsible" for the party. From what I hear, you were anything BUT in charge. As organizers of an event, it is your responsibility to keep things under control. However, I have been told that nothing was done to try to put a leash on those who decided to trash the place. These people should have been ordered to settle down or get out. Further neglect on your part arose from the fact that NOBODY from your organization remained behind to help clean up the mess. That is inexcusable.

It would be nice to see a thank you and an apology to the owner of the camp from at least one of these groups, but I won't hold my breath.

Mary Schousboe

Enviro-Man retort

In issue #7 of *the Brunswickan*, an anonymous author questioned the truth of the text in the Enviro-Man comic strip which dealt with seagull predation and waste management. The author stated, "perhaps a bit of background on the subject is required", obviously believing that most members of the gull family do not engage in predatory behavior. However, before submitting the comic strip for print I contacted Mr. Tony Lock to verify that the statements made in my strip were correct. They were. Tony Lock is the "gull man" for the Canadian Wildlife Service (C.W.S.) at the Bedford Institute of Technology in Dartmouth, N.S.

I would like to direct the attention of the author to the following two papers, with the hope of alleviating his ignorance. *The Atlantic Region Management Plan for Marine Terns* (1992), and *Gull Management Plan for the Atlantic Region* (1990). Both papers are available through the C.W.S.

Richard Hall

"I have to put up with shitheads like this every friggin' day!!!"

Enviro-man