

Reader counsels Bosnitch and Murphy

Dear Sir:

For the past two years I have faithfully picked up and read every square corner of the *Brunswickan*. I enjoy spending my free class on Friday reading the paper. Never, until recently, have I felt compelled to write and express my views about subjects appearing in your paper.

First, I would like to tell John Bosnitch to stick with one job and one job only.

John, I voted for you in both of the previous presidential elections. I voted for you because of your interest in student needs and because

your performance as SRC president. This job in itself takes up more time than any other student would want taken up.

The president, as I understand it, is allowed to take at most three courses per term. How can you successfully do all the duties that a president should do and at the same time run CSL, the SUB, etc. You've shown you can't run the SUB, SUB Holdings, and the SUB Board as efficiently as it should be. The auditor's report, among other things, exemplifies this. Maybe your friends were at fault, I'm not sure.

I think you should do well at one position and one position period, in the interest of students. You make a good president. Depending on the competition, you have my vote again.

Secondly, to Kathleen Murphy, I would like to say enough is enough.

I am almost certain that Paul White did not intend to offend you or anyone else, male or female, with the Ka-Ching cartoon. The point is you were offended and expressed your view. Paul gave a "rebuttal" and you responded. Are you trying to get the last word or what?

The little picture of Mr. White was childish. If you think his cartoon is a chosen piece of immature behavior, then what is yours? How can anyone take you seriously?!

You probably will say that this is a conspiracy by the World Organization of Repressive Male Sexists (WORMS for short) to discredit you. This is just not so.

True, rape is not a laughing matter and is a serious problem for females in our society. On the other hand, so is nuclear war, child abuse, wife AND husband battering (I don't want discriminate anyone here), murder, violence, vandalism, alcohol abuse, and a pot-smoking premier. I don't see you writing letters about these subjects when they appear in cartoons similar to Mr. White's.

In order for people to have a really fantabulous life, they must learn to laugh at themselves. Human have multitudes of faults and some are rather humorous. Rape, and the others I mentioned, are not humorous. But, when a word like "rape" is used in a comic, in the context of Mr. White's cartoon, DON'T TAKE IT SO SERIOUSLY!!

If you or anyone else are offended, or dissatisfied, by Mr. White's cartoon, then express your dissatisfaction in a mature way; DON'T READ THE COMIC STRIP. Better yet, write your own cartoon. No one is forcing you to read the cartoon or *The Brunswickan*. Most people like Mr. White's cartoon, including myself.

Again, you will probably say that this was written by a male sexist pig, who doesn't understand what you were trying to say. That's fine. I can handle it.

So, Miss Murphy (OOPS how sexist of me; Ms. Murphy), please stop writing to this paper and make the space available for something more useful such as this letter (Har!Har!).

To Stephanie Towers, if Paul White is taking chances fantasizing about you, I'll take the risk.

Impeachment procedure

Dear Editor,

This article follows a motion moved on October 30, 1984 by a council member to impeach the President of the Student Union on the grounds of dereliction of duty: contrary to By-Law section 14.6.

Without having to recapitulate the disjunctive opinions expressed by the various parties, it may be said that what truly transpired from the deliberation was not only the clear rejection of the charge, but to a policy analyst, the situation indeed revealed that there is a real need to bring about a fundamental reform both in council structure and procedures. Structural weaknesses gave way to unorthodox approach which obscured the facts and procedures as well.

These issues are the cardinal consideration of this article. It is not however, an attempt to defend or clarify any arguments that were addressed to or by the parties involved.

Vulgar

Red 'n' Black

Dear Sirs:

I'm a feminist who hates any guys who talk dirty and drool at women! I heard that this year Red & Black has a bunch of hill billy chauvinists who drink, cuss and talk filth about women. I would like to express my deepest concern about such a vulgar degrading display of sexism. Let's all go down (take our boyfriends too) and observe this horrible show of maleness at its worst.

A concerned Feminist who hates guys that drool and talk dirty

Bertha McFiddle with yours

COUNCIL STRUCTURE

The submission that was given for consideration to impeach the President, who is an elected member, failed on matters of content and procedures. From the onset, if the members of council, for a fundamental reason, not of belief, have or did find the President of the Student Union impeachable on a point of law, it is in the opinion of the writer that certain procedures as it would be written in the constitution, should have been followed very strictly.

The structural defect in the council's corps is self evident. It emerges from the accessible avenue whereby council appoints itself as quasi court of law and self appointed judge to settle a matter that it thinks is of utmost interest of the student at large. This is akin to a student who goes to University takes his own course; makes his own assignment; writes his own final examination and grades it and then goes to the registrar's office and requests that an A should go into his record!!! The point of conten-

tion is this: because there is a paucity of members' accountability vis-a-vis their obligation to the student body, one is wondering whether or not the gathering with all its publicity was not an abuse of the democratic process, and the rule of law to try an elected official arbitrarily and groundlessly? Has not the law constituted safeguards that protect the rights of the individual that to be found guilty of an offence it must be beyond reasonable doubt?

Are these not malicious actions of blindful recklessness as to whether harm occurs or not? In the opinion of the writer, these tactics can be looked at as burgeoning prac-

tices of those who are frustrated by intelligence and talents and who prefer to resort to unorthodox approaches. The danger is not to the man that was impeached, but it sets a precedent of which future elected officials may be intimidated or continued to be impeached on groundless charges or fabricated evidences. The danger in my opinion is to the institution and the useful instruments of the democratic system. For it can go so far as to change not only the basic values but it can alter drastically the entrenched rules of the game wherein a public official needs not only a high insurance premium, but such a person becomes a pawn and it is at the mercy of his opponents' whims.

It is clear that the submission shows structural cracks in the student council. The council is not a unified body. It is made of two separate bodies. The office of the President which is responsible for "order and good government" and the office of councillors which acts as a rubber stamp. This view was self-evident when the application of the law to the facts was so confused that no councillors could unanimously give effect to the language of their own law. This division arises from the structural weakness of the student council.

Maurel Lamour

P.S. I hope that my analysis is not construed as politically motivated in support of or in search of an electoral ticket. I sincerely believe that the circus must be stopped. My article is more an academic approach than anything else - I hope it is not going to be altered - thank-you.

Bosnitch and Burns act up at STU meetings

To the students of UNB:

As president of the St. Thomas Student Union I would like to inform the students of UNB of the immature antics of the President of the UNB Student Union at the last STU/SRC meeting, dated October 23, 1984.

Mr. John Bosnitch and Dr. Clayton Burns attended the meeting uninvited. At this particular meeting the STU/SRC had a very important issue to discuss and these two individuals totally disrupted the meeting.

I am outraged that Mr. Bosnitch and Dr. Burns decided to concern themselves with any St. Thomas Student Union business. I don't appreciate them "sticking their nose in where it doesn't concern them." They repeatedly disrupted the meeting and were asked to leave by the Chairman. Since they refused to leave, we were left with no

other alternative but to call UNB security to have them removed from the meeting. In

doing so, we had to suspend the meeting for some time so that the chairman could call security. Finally, Mr. Bosnitch and Dr. Burns left the meeting before security was called.

After they had left the meeting they stood outside the council chambers with a camera and proceeded to take pictures of the council members for whatever reason, I do not know.

This type of behaviour from these two individuals is totally irresponsible and unacceptable to the St. Thomas Student Union. I appeal to the students of UNB to insist that the President of the UNB/SRC and Dr. Burns only attend STU/SRC meetings upon a personal invitation from myself, and when he is in attendance that he behave in an appropriate manner, with respect to the St. Thomas Student Union.

Yours truly,
Mary Laslo
President

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