

# EDITORIAL

As you have undoubtedly heard, there is a possibility that *The Brunswickan* may be sued because of last week's cover story on the Campus Discovery Calendar. I hope it doesn't come to that but I think that the students of UNB, whose fees pay for this publication, deserve to know how and why *The Bruns* managed to get into this rather unpleasant position.

First, and probably most important, all threats of lawsuits were made before the story was actually printed: One was strongly implied in a phone conversation I had with a concerned party, and our legal counsel was similarly notified that legal action would be taken if any story was printed. This all happened before anybody but myself had even read the story.

So, why did we print the story regardless when we could have done the "safe" thing and not run it? I can assure you that if we would have been the least bit unsure about the seriousness of the people we had interviewed, the story wouldn't have run, but we weren't unsure. We even went to the extent of having the story proofed by a libel lawyer and getting signed statements from the people making the allegations we printed.

When the time came to decide whether or not to run the story I decided to go with it. After all, the story was about UNB students and had been brought to our attention by some students who felt they had been given a raw deal by the contest organizers. If we had been scared away by the possibility of a lawsuit and not printed a story that directly involved our primary audience then what would be the point in calling ourselves a Newspaper? I've always thought that in our country you could print anything you wanted with facts or testimony. I hope I am not proved wrong or even have to contest the issue.

*Stephan*

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## Mugwump Journal

by JANE ARNOLD

It's Thursday noon-time and I'm sitting in the Campus Entertainment Office writing this very journal. Gosh, I keep thinking what if I had only been given this opportunity last year as President of the Student Union? WOW!!! Scary thoughts come to mind buds... Anyway, enough dreaming and on to business.

Have you ever noticed when it rains it pours (no, I'm not talking about last Sunday's weather!) The events that happened on campus last week were amazing - of course the attendance at some events leaves something to be desired - I can't believe all 6200 of us had midterms this past week.

The *Bruns* made ATV news this past week. I hope everyone had the opportunity to catch Stephane's "cute" MUG on the news. Leave it to "Scoop Comeau" to break one of the most exciting news-worthy stories the *Bruns* had ever covered. Don't forget to send donations to the Save Our Steph Fund!!

The Iran Conference held over the weekend was extremely impressive. By all accounts, the organization and participation was excellent. Thanks for the invite Melynda.

As I said before, I'm writing from the Campus Entertainment Office... You know, the office which tries to bring events to campus so students can have a social life along with their academics. On Wednesday night, Mike Duffy, one of Canada's most highly recognized and respected journalists, spoke at UNB. How many people showed up? NOT MANY!!! I was embarrassed to be a student at UNB WHEN I saw the few dozen people sitting there in an auditorium which holds over three hundred people. Obviously, guest speakers should be questioned along with live entertainment. What do you people want?

I guess the Student Union Elections are happening on Wednesday, November 2, 1988. Of course, you wouldn't know it would you? I've seen so much advertising for it...

The Red and Black Revue is here once again. The show's organizers certainly have worked hard to put on the best show possible but now its up to you... Special thanks to Peter and Bruce for the hours of work and worry. Nice hair Timmy T-Shirt!!!

I hope everyone had an opportunity to listen to the Federal Leaders Debate on Tuesday. "I love Canada"...right on boys!! Free Trade is quite the issue eh? Speaking of debates, the Student Union is busy organizing a debate between the Federal candidates for the Fredericton riding on Nov. 1 here at UNB and Nov. 10 at the Fredericton Motor Inn. This is your chance to ask questions about your education (Student Aid and University funding) and your future (Employment). Take some time to listen to them.

Jammin' Aid is still rocking!!! Tim Judah and Chris Nakash have been working so hard on it. Congratulations boys and thanks for giving a darn...

Halloween will be here and with it comes "Andrew Cash and Corky and the Juice Pigs"!! Aren't you curious to know what or who the Juice Pigs are? Maybe, just maybe, they are somehow related to the SMART-PACC PIG - you know how hard it is to keep track of relatives.

I'm off to Ottawa for 10 days for the Canadian Federation of Students conference. I'll tell you all about it when I get home!! On a final note, I just want to say to the three special buds that work in room 126 of the SUB.. "Thanks for everything MOMS!!!

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