"Childishness displayed" protest--one more time

Dear Editor:

It is only due to standard courtesy that I use such a civil salutation. The article "Childishness displayed" seriously calls into question your ability as an editor, much less one of integrity and honesty.

As a freshman, I have been so long bombarded by such displays of gross inefficiency and damaging inaccuracy from "Canada's Oldest Official Student Publication", that until that infamous article of January 23, I was numbed to further assinations of character, name and stand.

Other than your ambiguous all to general preamble or prattle with its "gee - what happened to fun", theme the only line of truth that appeared was "several residents of Tibbits Hall taken to the infirmary for treatment".

To begin with we are not the horrible "over a hundred". Perhaps some could say naughty ninety-nine but on that night the participants of Jones numbered only in the twenties. They were joined by at least four other residences, male and female.

Watching them leave with their "deadly" arsenal of shaving cream, computer punchings and the occasional roll of "dangerous" toilet paper, I did not get the impression that my fellow residents of Jones were the animals you made them out to be, leaving an uninformed reader in the dark as to the true situation. Why is Jones singled out in your literary piece of trash? Why must we take the journalistic blame for others' actions as well as our own?

Next, the Jones House Men who are indeed more mature than the simple-minded adolescent who must have written that "editorial", (best guess, Tom Benjamin) did not want "to restrict pubs in a nearby building". Our position was to support other residences who found they were suffering damages due to pubs in that "nearby building". Yet Jones is dragged through some muddy typescript to answer for this too. How an issue as remote as this, fanned initially by the media to the point where it came close to splitting off an on campus student feelings and togetherness, is brought in and blamed on us, I'll never know. If you would care to check your misinformation (which is doubtful) the Board of Dons would surely set you straight.

As for our alleged special treatment in discipline, I would emphasize that members of Jones are treated no better or worse than any other student on or off campus. You imply that being in residence makes us immune to ordinary proceedings. As you are well aware but saw fit not to print this is not so. You also seem to advocate, in your closing sentence that especially harsh treatment is our just due. Would boiling in oil or merely a flogging suffice? Forced reading of the Bruns is out though. That would be classified cruel and unusual punishment.

That an editor who will soon head C.U.P. would write and publish an article of this kind is a horrifying thought. If that article is any example of "stories... written with an analytical perspective", one shudders to think of the future of our national student press.

We are due an apology of the most open kind. It will be noteworthy if someone really takes responsibility for that article and apologizes to our residence with some show of real feeling.

It is also interesting that a quote from Benjamin Franklin should appear in headlines in the same issue. Tom, my advice is to forget it. You just proved you aren't and never will be old Ben reincarnate.

Yours sincerely,
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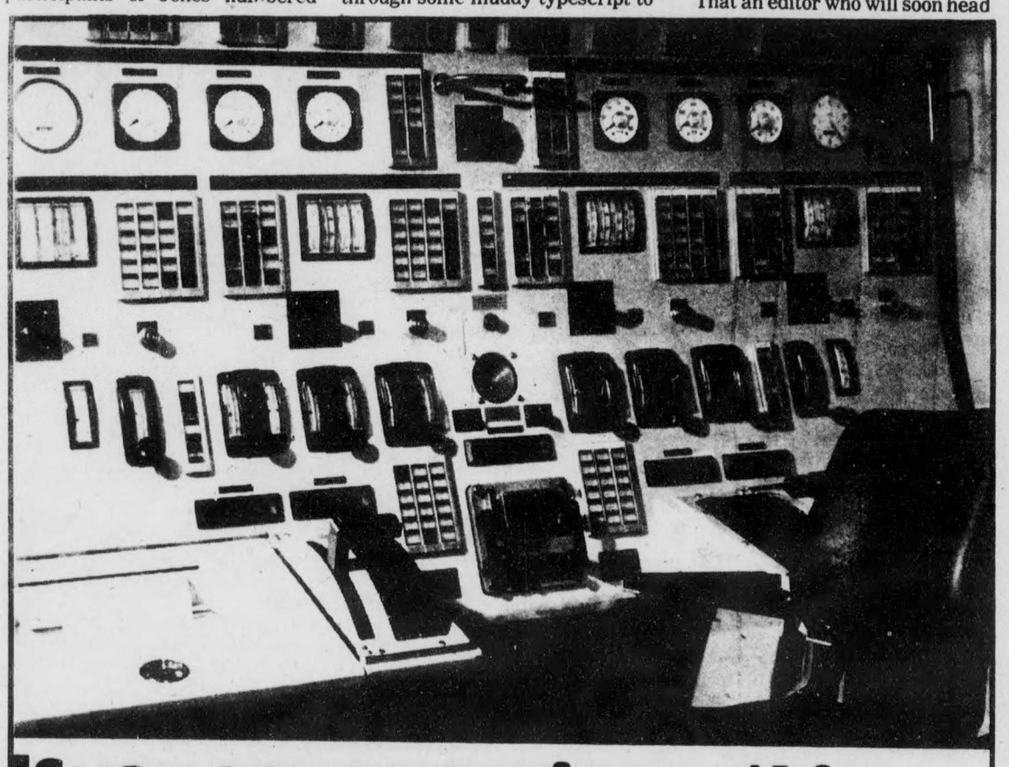

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Play it again Mike

Dear Editor:

In response to your editorial of January 23, "Childness displayed", I suggest you get your facts straight before you use any example of resident students' behaviour as a leverage to express your own dissatisfaction with the residence system. As a Gentleman of Jones House, and one who did not participate in the activity you describe, I am offended and angered by the accusations and inaccuracies contained in your editorial.

You state that "Initiations, razzing frosh and residence raids were a part of university life years ago..." Such things are still part of university life because they still exist. You go on to describe the number of students involved in this incident whom you say are Jones House members. To set you straight, there are 100 men who live in Jones House, no more. I witnessed the number of fellows from Jones House who left to participate in this act of retribution toward the ladies of Tibbits Hall. I can say there were 25 House members at the most. You should find out where the rest came from.

It should be pointed out that the most unfortunate result of the incident was accidental in cause and not deliberate. The ill-fated wrongdoer was not a member of Jones House.

As for your derogatory remarks regarding the characters of the men of Jones House, you may only ask the residents of York Manor in Nashwaaksis what they think of our "maturity and regard for others".

The idea of a double standard existing regarding resident students' unruly conduct and disciplinary procedure is something imagined on your part. You have unjustly moulded this incident, and inaccuracies about it, to express your own displeasure with the residence system. Your argument does not stand. I suggest you get some solid and appropriate facts upon which to build any case to support your accusations (stated and implied). It is unfortunate that we do not have the facilities we need at UNB but directing dissatisfaction of this toward the residence system is unjust, pointless and unproductive.

An apology and a corrected, updated version of the incident is called for.

A Gentleman of Jones,

Mike Mersereau

Editorial from bygone years

Dear Editor:

It seems that this newspaper (if that's what you call it) has returned to the mentality of years gone by, when generalizations, lies, and failure to get the facts were the results of trying to reach publication deadlines, or to put forth an article or **Editorial**, which make the views of the paper known to all.

The editorial last week concerning CHILDISHNESS within the Residence System is just this. The editorial stated "Over a hundred residents of Jones House visited Tibbits Hall last week - with startling results. The event ended with several residents of Tibbits Hall taken to the infirmary for treatment."

The article doesn't mention what the ladies from Tibbit's were doing the previous evening, celebrating Tibbits Week by entering and doing their own little deeds in the Men's Residences, while everyone slept, which is what started the unfortunate incidents that followed.

But to state that all the members of Jones were involved and only Jones members is just pure ignorance of the true facts, or the laziness of the author of the article to check out the facts. There were no more than 20 Jones members involved, the remaining 80 or so were persons impersonating Jones members, I suppose.

What is that crap about the restriction of Pubs at McConnell. No one ever asked my views about the noise or damages.

Also what does "the incident is being handled within the residence system - luckily for the Jones House residents" supposed to mean. Tibbits Hall is a residence as are Jones and the others involved. These incidents do not affect the rest of the University or Students at UNB in the least. It involves only the people in residence. Therefore it's the Residence System's business ONLY.

I hope the writer of the article will receive just punishment when the facts are known, and that it will discourage such similarily poorly written articles in the future. I have never seen such a poorly researched article with so little attempt to secure the facts, and then to write an opinion in a newspaper, which may unfortunately be taken as the truth by some people who read it.

As a Jones House member, I feel justified in **demanding** a full-page correction and apology to the Jones House members by the **Brunswickan, AND** a personal apology signed by the author of the article to be also published.

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235 Jones House

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