

Blood and Thunder

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rm. 35, Student Union Building, UNB Campus
DEADLINE: 5 p.m. Tuesday

Nubile bodies

Dear Editor:

I am beginning to wonder if UNB is an acronym for the University of Nubile Bodies. If the *Brunswickan* is an organization that represents and expresses student sentiment, one might be led to suspect that UNB is a front for Lou's Body Shop or several modelling agencies. I am, of course, referring to the barrage of "beauty oriented" pieces that appeared in last week's edition. It is strange and disheartening to see a university newspaper put greater emphasis on beauty than brains.

Last week's Viewpoint was particularly disappointing. Since this is a university it would not be unnatural to ask for students' opinions on issues such as Free Trade, the Meech Lake Accord or the Central American Peace Initiative. I would have been happier if the reporter had asked "Who has the best mind on campus?" But no, the urgent, critical question of the day was "Who has the best bod on campus?" Deep stuff. Then again,

you may attribute it to sour grapes on my part since my name didn't make it on anyone's list.

Readers were treated to another piece of stimulating, scintillating investigative reporting. The coverage of the two young women's proposed trip to the Miss Canada pageant reflects the *Brunswickan's* continuing commitment to bring serious topical news to our attention. Is the *Brunswickan* trying to aspire to the high standards of journalistic excellence as set by *The Daily Gleaner*? Frankly, I have little interest in the exploits of Miss Conveyor Belt from Yawnsville. Let *The Daily Gleaner* devote a full page to their life stories, adventures, etc. . . Surely the *Brunswickan* can find more "newsworthy" material to report.

Karen Skinner

What fire?

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter in rep-

ly to the comments made in the October 16 issue of the *Brunswickan* in the "Opinion" in page nine.

I was one of the staff that was working in the Engineering Library that night and I wish to clarify the situation.

The alarm went off three times on Wednesday evening (the first two alarms sounded within such a short time of each other that they may be considered together). The fire department was there very promptly. I checked with a security officer, who, along with some other officers and firemen, were emerging from "B" level and I found out that there was a problem with a panel and that I would not have to evacuate the library.

The final time the alarm went off (before I left at 10 PM) was not much before 10 PM. Wondering if this was also a false alarm, a call was quickly made to security who told us that an electrician was working on finding out why the alarm was set off earlier and that everything was OK.

So, an informed decision was made, based on the facts that we had, not to evacuate the library as there was no danger whatsoever to the students. We were aware of the fire procedures, contrary to what the writer says. By checking with those in the know, we would have known, if there had been a fire, which exits to use and which to avoid. This was done because both the firemen and security were in plain view and easily accessible to the staff (or anyone else) for consultation.

In closing, the staff had the situation under control. The jumping to conclusions and the sensationalism by the writer was unwarranted and not appreciated.

Yours truly,

Richard A. Foulkes

Barbarious bulls?

Dear Editor:

I was quite interested in your

analysis of pit bull behavior. I was unaware of your learned background that you could disclaim the testimony of top North breeders and veterinarians. If I seem critical that is because this is a critical topic.

I question the sincerity of your position because of a certain incident last summer. Some friends and I were down on the Green during a Sunday afternoon. The park was crowded with families enjoying their leisure time. As you walked by with your dog, I noticed that your dog would growl when curious children approached. One of my friends had a dog which approached your pit bull which caused you to respond in saying - "Watch your dog or mine will bite its face off."

Not only was your dog dangerous to have on the Green, but the barbarious nature of the dog was reflected in its owner.

Paul Higgins

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