

Blood and Thunder

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Making Abortion irrelevant

To the Editor:

The current debate surrounding the abortion issue is a depression one indeed. As the right-wing fundamentalists throw catsup at Henry Morgentaler, hundreds of women are forced to seek illegal abortions or to travel hundreds of miles in order to obtain one.

The question seems to have no answer. On the one hand, we have the pro-lifers. Do we have the right to end life? When does life begin? On the other hand, we have the pro-choice. Should women be forced to go through with a mistaken or unwanted pregnancy? This is the ultimate dilemma; however, there is a solution:

The government should advocate sex education to the fullest extent, beginning at an early age. Additionally, contraceptives should be free and readily available. It is time that the right-wing fundamentalists realize that kids have sex. Everybody has sex, at least occasionally. Education can teach that pregnancy will occur if proper precautions are not taken. If everybody uses contraceptives when they have sex, they won't get pregnant, and then the abortion question will be irrelevant.

Graham Topp

Candidates for Business Society

Tim Legere for president

TIM LEGERE:
3rd YEAR B.B.A. STUDENT
CANDIDATE: PRESIDENT
OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION SOCIETY.

As a candidate of the UNB Business Administration Society I would attempt to provide leadership and direction when implementing programs/activities that are of interest to Business Administration students. I believe that my experience would be a definite asset to successfully perform the duties of the President of the Business Society:

PRESIDENT: Student Representative Council, New Brunswick Community College (Moncton Campus)

PRESIDENT: Student Representative Council, Tantramar Regional High School
EDITOR: New Brunswick Community College Newspaper.

Regarding my own personal platform I would like to see three major projects implemented.

1. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION STUDENT LOUNGE.

2. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION NEWSLETTER 3. BUSINESS SOCIETY STUDENT ACTIVITY CARD

First, with some 1200 Business Administration students, there is no specific area where a significant number of Business students can meet in Tilley Hall. With such a lounge a greater Business Administration affiliation would be established, informal meetings could be held there, and such a room would serve as a study/reading area. In my opinion the Harriet Irving Library and SUB cannot meet the above needs of affiliation, meetings, and study/reading. The library doesn't provide for conversation above a whisper, while the SUB (Blue Lounge) is normally full during regular hours. When one adds this to the fact that 1200 Business students must go outside their own building to sit, talk, or socialize it becomes more apparent that a lounge is required to meet these needs.

Secondly, communications between Business students could be improved with the creation of a Business Administration Newsletter targeted to specific Business student concerns. As a supplement to the current posters in Tilley Hall the newsletter could provide more detailed information to Business students and faculty activities. Perhaps even more importantly, it would create a feedback system. The newsletter, in my opinion, would not be on the scale of the *Brunswickan* but tailored to meet the needs and demands of the Business Administration students, faculty, and society.

Thirdly, I would personally like to see that all Business Administration students automatically become Business Society members so as to increase the Society's numeric representation. Also, instead of the current \$5.00 Business Society membership fee I would like to see it replaced by a \$4.00 Business Society Card. This would be advantageous to both card holders and the Society. The cardholders would see a return on their \$4.00 investment by the specials/discounts offered to holders (ie--at the Grogs). The society may in fact increase its initial revenue as the lower \$4.00 fee may generate a higher demand.

Finally, besides this article and posters that present my ideas, I am most interested in scheduling a debate and would be very pleased to answer any questions regarding my platform. (Try the Business Society Office -- Tilley 3rd floor, or phone 454-1612).

Tim Legere

Janet Berry for treasurer

Students of Business Administration:

Let me take a moment of your time to introduce myself. My name is Janet Berry, a second year business student, running for the position of Treasurer in the Business Society elections. I believe as an active member of the executive I can successfully fulfill the duties of treasurer and help to organize:

- Field trips
- Guest Speakers
- Improve and Expand Society (ie. Meet the Profs Dinner, Banquets, Pubs, "Social Nights")
- Encourage participation with the Faculty in Decision-making concerning program changes.

Please support me on February 20th.

Thank-you,
Janet Berry

Eric Semple for president

To my Fellow Business Administration Students:

My name is Eric Semple and I am running for the position of President of the Business Society. I was prompted to run for this office because of my concern with the lack of growth and direction that the society has taken in the last few years. The rapid expansion of the Business Administration program has exceeded the present Society's ability to serve the students effectively, but through cooperation, improved communications and hard work the Society can be redirected to meet the needs of its members.

Some of the services that I propose to institute or expand are as follows:

- expanded social program
- 5¢ photocopying
- Lounge/Reading Room for Business students
- improved access to current business publications
- Business or Career Day program
- improved communications through use of newsletters
- tutors
- typing service
- access to typewriter
- text exchange
- expanded speakers program
- seminars dealing with job search, resume writing, etc;
- improved communication with other Business schools

Using my experience gained with various campus organizations such as Orientation, Winter Carnival, Campus Police, SUB Staff, Assistant Pubs Officer, and Student Council, and experience gained in private industry, I have the expertise to aid the Business Society in meeting their objectives.

I hope you will support Eric Semple for President of the Business Society on February 20th.

Eric Semple

GSA prez gives thanks

I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation for those who supported me in the Graduate Student Association (G.S.A.) Presidential by-elections of January 30th. The turnout for the election, 11%, is a response rate I consider neither with dismay or elation, but simply a matter of fact. It's a starting point. After all, it is the first time during my term at UNB (5 years) that the GSA has had elections by ballot. My thanks would not be complete without mentioning Alan Brown, my most companionable opponent who has since been very supportive.

After only a week in the chair, and having had one executive meeting, I already feel awash in the G.S.A.'s problems. I find it appropriate to take this opportunity to point out two major problems which concern me most:

1) I feel out of touch. The executive needs input. It has a lot of potential. So does the G.S.A.. However, it is difficult for the executive to have any appreciable effect on the activities of the Graduate Student body without proper representation. Of eight people on the executive, six are from engineering and two from history. We need officers at large from ALL the faculties: the arts, sciences and education. If you're interested in giving us a hand, please let me know (Campus Mail, Chemical Engineering). I'm not asking for much of your time, just your point of view.

2) Is the graduate student body prepared to form an association independent of the SRC? Is an "independent" Graduate Student Union (G.S.U.) needed? These questions can only be answered if one understands the problems the G.S.A. has had with the SRC, the implications, if any, arising from the formation of a separate union, and how these implications would manifest themselves. In other words, would it really make any difference to you as a graduate

student?

The initial proposal for forming a GSU was partially based on the view that the needs and demands of the graduate student body could be more effectively dealt with by bypassing the SRC. The need for office space is an example. The facilities available to the GSA are quite pitiful, and certainly not up to the level of responsibility the GSA should represent. We don't even have a filing cabinet. The GSA has been voicing its need for office space through the SRC. There has been no response.

From a social perspective, could a GSA be in a better position of organizing graduate student activities? Certainly, there's a need for encouraging greater interaction amongst graduate students of either similar or different backgrounds and nationalities. I consider the recent formation of a Chinese Graduate Student Association as a clear indication that the GSA, under its present demise, is incapable of fulfilling its social responsibilities. There is no focal point where graduate students can meet. Are you satisfied with this? Do you care? If you do, we need permanent facilities. Think about it, and let me know.

Sincerely,
David Wallace

UNB functions not nursery school

Dear Editor:

During the present school year I have noticed the increasing number of high school students attending university functions. I was unaware of the fact that these people are paying tuition. Functions for university students are for registered students and not for nursery school outings. Attending our own functions with such people in attendance gives me the feeling of babysitting a mass of overexcited puppies. This does not make for an enjoyable evening. Many of these children frequent the bar at the events and become even more annoying. They have their own events to release their excitement. There are many people to blame for this such as those who sign them in, careless watch by Campus Police, slack attendance rules, bartenders not checking for wet stamps, and general slackness of all those involved in the events. Lets hope for all those involved that someday university events will be for university students.

Name withheld upon request