

Koncz spreads light on comptroller's actions

Editor:

I find myself in the interesting situation of being on Brunswickan staff and also writing against the Brunswickan. Two weeks ago I wrote a story that was edited and added on to, with myself not allowed to see the final version. The added paragraph was incorrect and I could have been sued.

This week I wrote another news story which was edited, type-set and layed-out. Tim Lethbridge walks into the Brunswickan, announces that it is a personal attack, rips the story off the page and replaces it with a "more important" story on Rosary Hall. Although my story had been approved by the news editor, I offered to cut any biased statements. This was refused and after much argument, I was assured that a comment would be made in Mugwump. Well, not surprisingly, there is no mention of my story in Mugwump. No wonder that the Brunswickan has difficulty finding staff when its reporters

are treated in this manner; or, as in the case of another reporter whose name appears every week on the staff list, who contributes at every staff meeting and who does front page news stories, yet he is not allowed to vote at said meetings.

In an effort to see my story in print, I am submitting it as a letter to the Editor, well in advance of the Tuesday deadline. Lethbridge tells me that it is Brunswickan Editorial policy not to print stories without hearing the other side, but I waited most of Wednesday to get the other side and Kirkpatrick did not keep our appointment.

The UNB Student Union Comptroller, Aubrey Kirkpatrick, has violated the Student Union Constitution by not presenting a financial policy to the council. Kirkpatrick did not present the Administrative Board Minutes as required or keep the summer office hours as specified by motion of Council. Further the

Accounting Clerk was called in to work a week early (she had the summer off) and is kept on as full time, when the position is officially part-time.

At the first regularly constituted Council meeting in September, no financial policy was presented. This violated Bylaw VII, 5, (k): (the Comptroller shall) be responsible for the presentation of the financial policy for ratification by Council at the first meeting of the academic year. At Monday's council meeting a copy of deletions and additions to the financial policy were distributed to councillors. Kirkpatrick was to have an interview with the Bruns but was not in his office and since no copy of the revisions are on file, the Brunswickan can not make specific comments at press time.

The financial policy is important to Student Clubs and Organizations since all budgets must conform to the policy. To date one Organization, the UNB Yearbook has

not submitted a budget because there was no financial policy to follow, according to the Business Manager. The proposed revisions apparently have not addressed the perennial problem the Student Union has in distribution of funds. For example, the Micro Computer Club (with approx. 15 members) had received similar funds as the Business Society (with over 1000 members). Also the Engineering students have hit on the idea of having one organization for each department plus one for all the departments -therefore being eligible for many times the Business Society (both faculties have approximately the same amount of students).

Also at the first regularly constituted Council meeting in September, another Bylaw was ignored. Bylaw VII, 5, (H) of the Student Union reads: (the Comptroller shall) present minutes of any meeting of the Administrative Board at the next regularly constituted meeting of council. At press time, no minutes of the Administrative Board have been presented to Council since last spring.

Kirkpatrick did not keep the office hours directed to him by motion of Council. That the Student Union authorize the employment of at least one Student Union executive (the Comptroller) and others as approved by the Council or Summer Council. Aubrey

Kirkpatrick shall be employed full time by the Student Union in the Union office effective May 1, 1984. Payment is according to terms specified in the Honoraria Schedule: that is, with a wage that is the average of minimum wage and physical plant wage. Office hours are to be the same as those for the academic year. (09 04 1984) Kirkpatrick worked as D.J. at CHSR and was Vice-president of Orientation; unfortunately, at times this left the office closed to students.

The Comptroller also said "I must pat my own back" at the first Council Meeting this fall, mentioning the "hard and excellent" work he had put into his job as Comptroller over the summer. Why the Accounting Clerk was called in a week early and why she is retained presently as full time instead of part-time are questions the Comptroller has not answered. The position of Accounting Clerk was reduced to part-time to save the Student Union money and because the old job description had been reduced; she no longer needs to maintain financial records for Campus Services Limited, a two-entry system for receipts and disbursements has been eliminated through last year's introduction of a "one-write" system, she no longer operates the photocopier and gestetner, and finally does not even have a copy of the financial policy revisions on file (as requested).

Oliver Koncz

Shame, shame on you!

To Kathleen Murphy:

You have declared yourself to be an anti-male sexist. I believe it is time for you to taste some of your own medicine.

Shame on naughty female counter-sexist who does not know the English language. Your high school teacher would probably die of embarrassment if he/she knew that you were accusing people wrongfully of not knowing how to use an English dictionary. I must say, I am not surprised; it is typical of self-righteous people to make accusations without knowing what they are talking about.

Let us discover the meaning of "anti-male sexism" together. Yes, anti does mean oppose or against. Notice the dash between anti and males; that means the two words are connected. It is "anti-male," meaning: against male. The only world left is sexism and you know what that means, don't you? Put it all together and you have sexism against males.

I did not write this letter to defend Mr. Lethbridge—he is quite able to defend himself if he wants to—I wrote this letter to defend men in general. I also wish to make you think.

Just because you think your

goals are noble, it doesn't mean you are a hundred percent fault free. You would do more for your cause by being reasonable and not insulting everyone who happens to think slightly differently than you.

Female activists usually give me the impression that they want the sexes to become undistinguishable. Almost anything which acknowledges a difference between sexes will be considered sexism. That is wrong. Discrimination against a sex doesn't mean that I can't consider girls beautiful. It doesn't mean somebody can't make cartoons of dumb heavy chested women. After all, there are some dumb heavy chested women in real life. Discrimination against women occurs when someone considers and treats females as inferior beings on the bases of their sex; not more, not less. Females have the same rights as males to liberty, love and happiness.

I think what Mr. Lethbridge mean by "a little sexism is not bad" is that he reserves to himself the right to treat women differently than men. Believe it or not, this can be

done without being discriminatory. I believe Mr. Lethbridge is only guilty of an unfortunate choice of words.

The cartoonist of Ka-Ching, Mr. White, is playing the buffoon at your expense. It makes me wonder who is being smarter. It is common knowledge that radicals are usually not prone to letting themselves be influenced by an intellectual retort, no matter how logical. Maybe he just didn't want to waste his time, and bore us all at the same time.

These are only speculations of course. I can't pretend to know what you, Ms. Murphy, Mr. Lethbridge, and Mr. White are thinking, but I would give more thoughts to crying sexism left and right without reasons.

Now, you are probably made at me too; so excuse me if I don't sign my name. I very intensely dislike my name being covered with insults and I don't have time to debate the women's movement with you in the Brunswickan.

Your friend,
Anti-View Point

Dear (Editorial writer of the Oct. 26, 1984 issue)

Re: Outcome of American election will have little impact on Canadians.

As an open-minded student I am more than willing to listen to other's opinions. It is for this reason that I am obliged to respond to your editorial.

The point you so earnestly set out to make, Canada will not be affected by the outcome of the American election is blatantly contradicted in your conclusion, "The outcome of the upcoming election affects the whole world..."

How are we to take an editorial seriously if it is not thoughtfully written?

You insult your audience, you staff and yourself with that standard of writing.

Sincerely,
P. Lyons

Editorial criticized

Thanks

I thank all of those graduate students who gave their vote and granted their confidence for the position of First Vice President of the Graduate Association. I would like to assure the members of this association that many and important changes will come in effect very soon.

First Vice President
Graduate Student Association
Achilles Karagiozis