

# BLOOD & THUNDER

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## Response to Mr. Aguakun

I would like to respond to last week's letter from Mr. Ato Eguakun about how I reviewed African Nite.

I do not think that "providence was being kind" to me when I was "given the opportunity to write the review." I was not "given" anything. In fact I myself asked to write the review because I was truly interested in what Africa Nite had to offer. I wanted to go to experience what it was about and I certainly did not harbor any "pre-conceived prejudices" when I entered the S.U.B. cafeteria. I went with a very clear open mind, expecting to have a good time.

I am sorry if my "performance" was not up to your standard. In fact I was very disappointed in the article myself. It was not my best writing, but I do not "perform" for anyone.

Most reviewers go to an event because they want to experience something that they have never had the chance to before. I can not speak for all of them, but we tend to go in to an event with an open mind.

Some people were not thrilled with last year's reviewer, either. All I can suggest is that if you want the job done properly (instead of attacking someone you do not even know), feel free to do it yourself. Then I am sure you will get your "Money's worth".

As for saying that I have "personal prejudices". You are sadly mistaken! This greatly offends me because you do not even know who I am. Let alone have you ever sat down and had a conversation with me. I am curious to know what kind of prejudices you think I have. If you care to share them with me, I will be more than willing to talk with you. You might be quite surprised. I am usually in the Brunswickan office during the day.

As for the misquoting of Mrs. Kay Nandall, I apologize to her with all sincerity.

Finally, before you accuse someone of misquoting and not getting their facts straight. Please try and practice what you preach. My name is Jodi, not Judy.

Jodi Gay

## The (un) church in the 21st century

The idea for the Unchurch arose out of a desire by students and others working on Canadian campuses to present to people a glimpse of what giving ones life over totally to God can mean. Of course this is an impossible task to perform in an hour, yet we hope to tear down many of the "walls" that have come to stand between many students and the church as a community.

While statistically and through personal experience we know that most of us still believe in God, the relevance of faith, religion and texts such as the Bible on our everyday lives and decisions is hardly evident in campus life. There is, we would like to propose, a huge chasm between the "religion" we have and what is truly available. If there is any merit to belief in God it must be evident in renewed lives and renewed life styles. Sadly, the evidence to the contrary is clear. Reginald Bibby pointed to this fact in his book "Fragmented Gods". Extensive surveys revealed that the attitudes of those who considered themselves to be committed Christians differed little from those of Canadians who professed to have little or no faith in any particular God.

This sort of religion can not possibly interest, let alone excite a new generation of believers, thus an approach that neither leans on society nor tradition must be created.

The Unchurch is part play, part comedy, ...well, it's different. You don't have to sing, or clap, or say "amen", or anything; just sit back and take it all in.

All this will take place this Sunday March 29th in the senior common room, just inside the main door of McConnell Hall at 7:30 pm. Yes, the Unchurch-lady (our mascot/spokes-person) will be there.

Mark (Duke) Crossman

## Discrimination at the Loading Dock?

Upon my latest outing to the Loading Dock located at 375 King Street, I noticed a very large amount of discrimination occurring. Four native Canadians followed me in and were denied access to the pub. I became quite unimpressed with the boy with the earring and the attitude who is employed by this establishment. This fellow ejected these persons for no apparent reason. He showed little respect for the people or himself. He treated them in a fashion I found both distasteful and unsatisfying.

In the past I have enjoyed the warmth and hospitality of this particular establishment. Lately I find they lack both in service and manner. What we, as a purchasing public, need to remind these individuals is that they are here to serve us, not we them. It's about time they started acting this way and treated their patrons with a little more deserved respect.

Shaun Nagle  
An irate customer

PS: a response to this letter would be very interesting.

## Academic reports in the Brunswickan?

There is a section (or column?) that I will like to see in the newspaper. As a student newspaper, there could be a section that briefly discusses major students' projects, theses, dissertations, term papers, independent studies, etc. A section that highlights important findings of studies conducted at the University will be an important idea because it will help students and the university community to be acquainted with what is going on here.

This can be done by including the abstracts of the studies and contacts of the students who conducted such studies.

Who knows, some employer, business organizations or any other agencies for that matter, may pay more attention to the studies at the university if we embark on this.

Enyinda N. Okey

## Only one party?

Many political parties are telling the government that they must either cut services and overhead, or increase taxes. There is only one party and that is the Confederation of Regions (CoR) party who recognizes the fact that we in Canada would have a surplus instead of a deficit if we did not have the horrendous \$400 billion national debt.

The interest load on our national debt is approximately \$43 billion and our deficit is about \$30 billion. Therefore while the federal government collects more taxes than it

needs for programs (1991 surplus: \$13 billion), the surplus alone is not enough to pay the interest on the accumulated debt (1991 interest: \$43 billion).

As a result, the government will borrow enough to make up the shortfall in interest payments, resulting in a deficit of roughly \$30 billion. The annual deficits add to the debt, increasing the size of Canada's mortgage.

To get off this treadmill, it will be necessary to get the deficit down to zero - the point at which taxes are enough to both fund the government programs and pay the interest debt.

This will never happen under the present government monetary policies. As long as there are deficits the national debt will increase, interest on that debt will increase which will require more and more taxes and/or less services until the International Monetary Fund takes control and delegates this great and blessed nation into the status of a third world nation.

If we add to that deficit the Provincial, municipal, and private debt I wonder if we are not already a third world nation.

Elmer Knutson



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