Blood and Thunder

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Rm.35, Student Union Building, UNB Campus
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Changing Opinion

Dear Editor:

I am responding to the anonymous letter entitled "Morality", written in last week's Brunswickan which attacked Marcel Lebrun's article on homosexuality.

I have known Marcel for over a year, and I can assure you that he is not "homophobic". His stand against homosexuality does not come out of personal feelings against gays, but out of a conviction to defend truth. I have known homosexuals myself, and although I have viewed their actions as morally wrong, and even depraved, I have no phobias about them, nor do I hate them. It is possible to dislike someone's lifestyle and yet have nothing against them personally.

Perhaps some homosexuals *are* born the way they are. So are many alcoholics. They are hooked by their first drink. Should they accept their problem and drink up? I think not. Homosexuals should accept, and not deny their condition if they are really born withit. But they do not have to choose it, like it, or be proud of it. Paraplegics may accept their condition, but few would *enjoy* being crippled. To put it another way, rarely does a family enjoy the death of a loved one as "the ultimate form of acceptance".

I think Marcel's last article made it clear that his moral basis was the Bible. The Bible was intended to be, among other things, a timeless absolute moral standard. It was not meant to become "outdated". I am not going to try to prove this; that would involve examining the archaeological and historical record of the Bible, the selection and sealing of the cannon of scriptures, the fulfillment of prophecy, and much more which is beyond the scope of this letter. But suffice it to say, the acceptance of this standard in our culture has characterized the past, and I wonder if we are abandoning this too quickly.

Again, there is room here for the skeptic to disagree, but I think that there is more to consider in the biblical moral system, than in a system of "equality" based on public consensus.

If the KKK wanted to be granted equal rights as a group on campus would we give it to them? What about the Nazis? Or a satanic cult? No, because we view these groups as immoral. Implicit in our use of the term "equality" is "...to those groups who are morally upstanding". This brings us back, full circle, to the question of the morality of homosexuality.

If morality is based on public opinion, we are in a lot of trouble, because public opinions are changed as often as my socks. Thus, we need some way of evaluating our moral standards apart from public opinions or mere feelings. The implications of living in a world with relativistic moral grounds amounts to having *no* grounding whatsoever. And that scares me.

The Bible gives us an absolute framework for morals, which considering this alternative, I think the skeptic should not rule out too quickly.

To end on a Biblical note, Jesus once said, "I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will be any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished". I believe the Bible is still authoritative today.

Gilles Doucet

Ego Trip!

To the Editor:

Being an avid reader of "The Brunswickan" for the past 4 years, I feel it is time I issue a big complaint about your newspaper. What has the Bruns become? A gay student newspaper? I am so sick of seeing the "In the Pink" articles week after week that I simply don't care to read the Bruns anymore. Don't get me wrong. I have nothing against gay people. Some of my best friends are gay. But don't you think your overdoing it by printing a gay column in every single issue? Wouldn't you say your throwing this stuff down our throats?

Many people (both gay and straight) have told me the problem with "In the Pink" is not so much the content of the article but the person writing the column, James Gill. It seems in nearly every issue he is proclaiming he is gay and proud of it. So what!! Do you think people actually care that I'm a straight guy? Shout your sexual preference over the rooftops Gill, see if I care or anyone else for that matter. Seems to me "In the Pink" is simply an ego trip on Gill's part - a sounding board for what his feelings are. Well, I've got news for you. A student newspaper is no place for people to advertise their sexual preference, and this applies to members of the Student Union! As long as trash like "In the Pink" is being written, the Bruns is going to have a lot less readers. The Bruns should start getting back to basics.

Steven Stewart
A disgusted reader

Club GALA

Dear Editor,

Reading through the UNE Beaverbook 1989-90, severa weeks ago, I came across a misrepresentation which at first I took as an error. But after reading the series of articles by James Gill, "In the Pink", in the Bruns, I am beginning to change my thought that the misrepresentation is a deliberate error aimed to serve self-interest.

Information on Pages 53-58 of the annual handbook carried the title "Area of Study Clubs". Among the list of clubs is GALA on page 56. Reading through the 11-lines of this article on GALA, I could not relate the club to any department or faculty in the University. On page 59 of the same book are lists of clubs titled "General Interest". Presumably due to lack of space, these clubs could only get a line carrying just their names. On the contrary, GALA, a club I considered a general interest club gained an eleven line space and to use this space, it has to be called an area of study club.

The questions I want those responsible for the preparation of the book to answer are the following: How did GALA get this 11-line space? To what faculty is GALA associated on the campus? Are we under the influence of the lawyers among us?

This error has been made, the curious public will one day ask us the same question. We should let self-interest take a back seat when serving the public.

Jacob Opadey

Varsity Thanks

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the great fans who have attended our Varsity-Mania events this term. Attendance has almost doubled over last year's averages and it has had a great effect on UNB's Athletic Program.

Also, I must extend my gratitude to our sponsors for their generous contributions: CIHI, Trius Taxi, Coastal Graphics, SMT Buses, Greco Pizza, Travel Cuts, Freddy Beach Collections, Coke, the College Hill Social Club, and Moosehead Breweries.

In closing, I would also like to mention the UNB Student Union and the UNB Athletics Department, who along with Moosehead Breweries, have put forward thousands of dollars to make Varsity-Mania possible.

To all the teams, fans, sponsors, supporters and especially my committee members and the band.

Merry Christmas!!

Carl Burgess
Varsity-Mania Coordinator

P.S. Will be back next term!!

False Rumours

Dear Editor

It has been brought to my attention that rumors are circulating which indicate that the UNB Student Union is considering the withdrawal of funding for CHSR-FM. I would like to expressly and unequivocally state that this is **NOT TRUE** and has never been considered nor discussed by myself, the Executive or Council.

We are indeed sorry if the attention cast upon CHSR-FM, as a result of our Media Fee Proposal and other concerns regarding the perception, promotion and programming at CHSR-FM, has led to the funding withdrawal rumors. Our efforts are intended to be constructive and helpful and we hope that the employees and volunteers at CHSR-FM view them in this manner.

Personally, I am fully convinced of the necessity of having a campus radio station. As well, I am committed to CHSR-FM and believe that we should undertake the steps necessary to address the concerns which have been raised.

I would like to r rate that the rumour is false l that the UNB Student Unio as at no time considered the thdrawal of funding.

Yours very truly

Wayne C. Carson
President

Biweekly Rantings

Dear Editor,

In a world full of problems one UNB mathematician has seen fit to champion the cause of Moncton's best known anti-Semitic, Malcolm Ross. In great peril of revealing his illiteracy, Mr. Yaqzan takes the time to compose a letter filled with a rather odd collection of pseudo-facts and facts taken out of context, on a bi-weekly basis. If I were cynical, I would say that Mr. Yaqzan is revealing more about his inner hatreds and prejudices than he is about the Malcolm Ross affair. Since I'm not cynical I will credit his bi-weekly rantings to severe tunnel vision acting in dreadful concert with a weak intellect. On the odd chance that Mr. Yaqzan can prove my error and write a response refuting the obvious implications of his previous efforts, i.e. either he hates Jews and/or he is brain dead, I look forward to his future letters. Since in all probability he will not be able to do either, I suggest he save his letters for one of the publications run by neo-nazi groups. I'm sure they'll welcome the insight and matching intellect that this mathematics professor brings to their cause.

Yours truly
Patrick Clement

A Serious Topic

Dear Mr. Dawes,

The November 24th issue of The Brunswickan included a letter regarding the UNB Sexual Harassment Survey. I am writing to clear up any

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