

EDITORIAL

Hard work, hassles, and no thanks...

As most of those who read the editorial usually read the front page first, you probably know the details of the Aquinian's editor and staff's resignations.

The STU SRC has tried to dictate the content and editorial direction of the Aquinian. *Jawohl, mein führer.*

Were I in the Aquinian's position, which could conceivably happen with some of the power-hungry people at UNB, I probably would have done the same thing. Fought for what I believe is right, that freedom of the press is vital to its existence. The STU SRC seem to want a press release type of newspaper. One that prints all the good news about them, but miraculously forgets that they are in debt to the tune of \$6300 and that the auditor says the SRC is to blame. Would the SRC's paper have run such a story? Would they feel that such an issue is not of concern to the students that they claim to represent?

How does the majority of students feel about the Aquinian? Should it be an SRC rag or should it run stories by a staff made up of a number of students with differing viewpoints whose aim is to bring their fellow students news of concern to them?

Do the students know how much money the SRC wasted by paying C.P.'s to sit and watch over the Aquinian office? Did the students feel that such an action should have been taken? Did the C.P.'s enjoy being paid to play cards and listen to Ex-Aquinian staffers talk about their next class? Hey, who wouldn't? I'd love to have been paid for "work" like that.

This type of harassment is nothing new to the Aquinian, who have had to endure a great deal of this type of interference over the past two years. Calling for Neil Toner's resignation, which has happened twice in the last two months, for reasons which appear to be groundless. In a letter that was sent to "Barb McBrine, Acting Editor", Kathy Wright, St. Thomas' SRC Comptroller, threatened her with legal action if Wright's orders weren't followed to the letter. This letter was received the day after a notice of motion was put forward by Greg Davis, SRC Prez, to ask for Toner's resignation. They seem to be jumping the gun, don't they?

Those who resigned from the Aquinian have stated that they will continue. It is my hope that they do, and I would encourage anyone who believes in Freedom of the Press to help them out.

The students of St. Thomas are as much to blame for this happening as anyone else. I've heard nothing from any STU students either for or against the Aquinian, and now it's a little late. To them I would say, "Support the Aquinian as a free entity, and get involved at least to the point where you have an opinion on the subject." The staff of the Aquinian have gone through hell with the SRC, resigned, and are working as hard as humanly possible to continue to bring the students and community of St. Thomas the news.

It's about time they were thanked and shown that those for whom they do all this work actually give a damn.

Calum Johnston
Editor



To start off, I think Mike Bennett deserves a pat on the back for bringing off the Willke-Pro-Life Lecture series. When Bennett first said that he was going to attempt to bring Morgentaler here, there were doubts that the other side would be represented. Mike has certainly dispelled any of those rumours, and he and his Academic Commission have done an excellent job. Kind of renews your faith in student government, doesn't it? Well, sort of.

Destroying any faith in student government are the ever-"dependable" Johnny Bosnitch and his protege, Hugh Brown. Together, they managed to get the winter carnival committee to resign and set up the carnies as they see fit. I hope it comes off if only to ensure UNB's SRC from losing money that it can't afford to. These two are busy putting up posters and harassing Brunies to do offset for them when they could have delegated the work to interested students and kept their own time free to do whatever it is they're supposed to do.

The UNB SU had decided to divest. It will be taking its account out of the Bank of Montreal which has investments tied in with South Africa. A good move. John promised to do this at Candidate's night months ago. He said it would be a priority. I wonder when he gets around to the unimportant stuff. But aside from this, I'm very glad that they seem to be taking some sort of stand on the issue of apartheid. It may not be much, but it's something that we can do to show how we feel. Now it's time for the University's Board of Governors to divest. Students pay thousands of dollars to come here, and they should have some say where their money is or isn't invested. Speak up! Send a letter via campus mail to the BoG asking that they divest. Rumour has it that they have struck a committee to investigate the matter. Investigate away. I hope they have completed their investigation soon. What they are investigating I don't know. Is Apartheid bad? Is racial discrimination wrong? Will divesting affect UNB? What will they do with the investments that they divest? Put it into Star Wars research? Probably.

Enough, this is depressing.



THANK YOU MOOSEHEAD! As the photo suggests, these are four happy people. From right to left: John Woods, Moosehead Representative; Ken Quigley, Brun Sports Editor; Derrick Stanford, Moosehead Representative; and Me, Brun Editor.

The Moosehead Rep.'s presented a \$ 700 cheque to the Brunswickan in what hopefully will become an annual donation. The Brunswickan presents "Moosehead Standings", a column of intramural standings.