

Blood and Thunder

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Why do workers have to pay?

Dear

Editor;

Why is it, when overhead costs increase in today's business world, that the employers look at the employees and say, "YOU'RE PAYING"? You're paying in the form of concessions and frozen wages.

When I think of the strike at Chippins Bros. another question comes to mind. Those workers have modified their monetary proposals down to a one year wage freeze and also concessionary increases for the next two years, yet the strike lingers on...., my question is, why?

The fact remains, that the company is presently expanding its abattoir (slaughtering facilities). Chippin Bros. has

also invested plenty of money in a chain link fence, a boarded up school bus, surveillance

cameras, and hired an around the clock security firm. I wonder how this helps to defray overhead costs? More to the point, are the returns for these "investments" monetary or strictly for the purpose of Union Busting?

Why must the workers have to fight to gain so little? Why must the workers have continually to defend what they already have? Why do I feel the only way I can make the

statement to Chippins that I disagree with what this employer is doing, is to refuse to purchase Chippins' products? Why do the workers always have to pay? Why them?

Yours in solidarity,

S.B. Brewer

Supervision needed

Dear Sir,

This letter is directed at the entire student body of the University of New Brunswick.

For this past holiday season the U.N.B. Physical Education Society tried to add a little life to this dull campus by decorating the Lady Beaverbrook Gym. Our main objective was to make the lobby and outside of the building more appealing to the people of UNB and to keep people in the Christmas spirit during the exam period. Unfortunately, our decorations did not last beyond the last day of classes. Even now we cannot understand why people would insist on vandalising Christmas decorations.

Let us explain the circumstances. On the outside of the LB Gym, we went to great effort putting up a Christmas

tree on the overhang of the entrance. The tree was decorated and had a nice yellow spotlight illuminating it. On the night of the last day of classes, the tree disappeared and the spotlight was broken. "Maybe it blew away," is the most popular explanation, but not the correct one. The tree was secured on all sides and could withstand very strong winds. The correct explanation was that IT WAS STOLEN. The wire holding the tree had been cut and the tree was nowhere to be found. It baffles us why someone would go to all the trouble of climbing the front of the gym, cutting a bunch of wires, and stealing a Christmas tree. What would they do with it?

The decorations in the lobby of the building were destroyed by a group of junior high school students participating in a volleyball tournament.

The issue arises that if the University facilities are going to be used by the community, then some kind of supervision must accompany this use. Young children have this desire

to destroy things and unless this destruction ends maybe the University should discontinue the loaning of facilities.

We would like to end this letter by stating that apathy is the biggest problem of this school. The Physical Education Society tried to brighten up this campus and because of a few troubled people it didn't last. Something has to be done about this problem and we would really like to see it happen soon.

The Executive of the
Physical Education
Undergraduate Society

All letters to the editor must be typed or printed legibly and double spaced, and signed along with a daytime phone number. Names may be withheld under extreme circumstances, include a note with the letter requesting such if you wish. The Brunswickian will refuse publication of letters with libellous, sexist, or racist material. Letters over 250 words may be edited for brevity.

