

Blood and Thunder

The horrible truth

Dear Editor:

Yes folks it's true! In last week's *Brunsw* you all found out about the horrible truth my House had been trying to hide. However, the articles were too simple in pointing the finger to Aitken House. Please allow me to unfold for you our plan that backfired on us, the plan was to envoke chaos at the Sacrifice.

It all began over a year ago. It was then that we told some of our more crazy house members to, in the following year, join other houses, but stay alumni with Aitken; this was a key part. With these members in other houses we thought we had our plan covered, however, somehow it was discovered. Here is how it was to work:

With these members in other houses they were to strike Aitken House, thus allowing us to later reek havoc in the name of revenge later. Phase one of our plan called for one of our alumni in another house to throw a beer bottle through one of our windows at 22:30 hours. It was purely a bonus that the bottle almost hit someone.

Phase two was to have someone enter our basement, and at 23:30 hours pull a fire alarm. This part of the plan also called for the two criminals to be caught. As planned they said they were from another house when questioned by security, thus once again in the name of revenge we could reek even more chaos. (Note the men caught were plants, you know, alumni from last year).

Phase three: Oh, mon Dieu! Yes "Appreciative Spectator" the boys from Aitken can count to three. This phase required us to have in our House that night over 200 people; while we only have 96. We did this so that no one would know for sure if it was an actual House member causing havoc or not. Yes of course we threw everything we could of our windows; the screens on them aren't real.

Phase four called for all of our House members to go through the crowd and take every egg or projectile that anyone had. This would assure that only our House members would have anything to throw. However, our men had strict orders not to start the barrage until one of our alumni from another house started firing. Thus we would be able to blame another house for

it starting. It backfired. Somehow someone found out he was an alumni.

The last phase called for us to attack our own House with eggs, apples, oranges, bottles... It was hoped that all the debris on our walls would be a good cover-up. No pun intended. We also tried to knock the lights out of our sign. We have since cleaned the dozens of projectiles off of our roof that remained after our own attack.

Yes folks, you are on to us and our alumni. We started it and were the only ones involved. We do hope that some of you out there felt it wasn't Aitken that caused all the trouble. If so, you are the ones that fell for our multi-phased plan. However, it seems most of you were on to us.

Before I close I would like to tell you all that next year's planning has already begun. We may even dynamite our own House next year to make us look innocent. I would also like to invite Peter Thompson to come and be a part of it next year, instead of writing about what he "heard."

A Man of Aitken

Mark Lockwood

Tag-team correspondance

Dear Editor:

Since the commencement of the current academic year, a small group of individuals has conducted a "tag-team" letter-writing campaign in the pages of *The Brunswickan*. Consistently, their letters have been full of innuendo, misleading information, and inaccuracies. The groups' claims ranged from the preposterous to the silly.

For instance, last week's installment rather selectively compared the Student Union executive to the professional student politicians of the past.

To be more clear let's take a look at the facts that the letter's author conveniently failed to mention. First, the criticism which she references was levelled at student politicians who after more than six or seven years at UNB and a number of years in student politics had not received a degree. Second, the current student executive does not consist of people who have "nothing better to do": one executive member is enrolled in an honours undergraduate programme, two have completed honours programmes and have returned by choice to

obtain other degrees, and the president, like many other student association presidents across the country, has chosen to sacrifice a year of her life to serve the student body. Third, the current Council has incorporated safeguards into the system to prevent the abuses of the past: all candidates for office must not be on academic probation and there are limits on the number of times an individual can serve as an executive member of Council.

In spite of the advances of the past year, the same old group has continued to perpetuate the worn-out slogans about "palace coups" and "governing councils". Both their attempt to mislead and misinform people and the slogans they use tell us more about them than the objects they attack.

Yours sincerely,
Laurence Hansen
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UNB Student Union

Sexist joke?

Mr. Kane:

While I speak only for myself, I am sure that I am not alone when I say that I felt your ICU cartoon "strip" of 30 October, 1987 was sexist and thereby offensive and insulting to women. So that you will not flatter yourself, Mr. Kane, I assure that I view your type of "humour" as just one more thorn of many in the lives of women on this campus. Your little "joke" is like a rock in my shoe - it is irritating, slows me down, and annoys me but is not life threatening. Further, your brand of "humour" is no different from what I encounter in various forms every day of my life - sexism, "humorous" or not, is part of any woman's daily consciousness.

Everyday, in any place you care to mention on this campus, I, as a woman, am subjected to outright discrimination solely on the basis of my gender or, at the very least, am subjected to some form of sexism. In the mornings, I can look forward, with more anticipation that I am able to express, to the prospect of being ogled and giggled over by the men of the Physical Plant - it is only when one's blood pressure hits 180/140 that one knows one is truly alive. Thank God Singer Hall has finally been completed. I can actually walk to the library in peace without being

subjected to verbal torment by construction workers. Once in the library, I glance over the daily newspapers to read of men talking to other men about things that are of interest to men, as if such things could not possibly be of interest to the other half of the world's population. Sure, women make the news - ever hear of Jessica "I am not a bimbo" Hahn? or Donna "I Make No Excuses" Rice? The recipes, advice columns, engagement and anniversary announcements found in the Family Living Section, aka Women's Page are particularly stimulating. As most editors are men, I guess this is their idea of things which women find interesting. Having read the papers, I attend classes as I have done for the last four years. In my classes, I get to hear the opinions of men as they expound on the literature, history, philosophy, science, art, and culture of other men who are, for the most part, white, affluent, and educated. It is interesting to note that 9/10 of the world's population does not fit in this category. In order to "lighten" the content of these classes, I have been treated to every professorial joke there is on women, the nature of women, the morality of women, wives, mistresses, ex-wives, mothers-in-law, and all forms of femininity in between. At lunch, I get to hear all the gory details of last weekend's big score from the men at the next table - I can assure that these men are not joking about hockey. Even in the sacrosanct offices of the *Brunswickan* am I "entertained" by jokes which concern Nancy Reagan's recent mastectomy!

There seems to be no end to the "jokes" which degrade, denigrate, or otherwise devalue women. These jokes are not to be taken seriously and yet have pervaded our culture to the point where such "humour" has become part of "non-conscious" ideology...in which women are portrayed as foolish, stupid, or incompetent, and in which members of both sexes learn that women are inferior (see Bem and Bem, 1970, and Zimbardo and Meadows, 1974). Because only ball-breakers and poor sports dare to attack such humour, such jokes are tolerated and are allowed to flourish to the point where they have been totally inculcated into our concepts of gender.

You will find, Mr. Kane, that much of what you and other "comedians" like you consider "humorous" can take on new

meaning when examined from another side. Even "humour" has its darker underbelly. Further, if racist humour is no longer considered socially acceptable, why should sexist humour be treated any differently?

Karen-Jean Braun

Hunting half-truths?

Dear Editor:

For the past two weeks, I have read anti-hunting articles in the *Brunswickan* (Cumming, Oct. 30 and Banks, Nov. 6). Everyone is entitled to their own opinion and there are even a few (very few) good points in these articles. However, the majority of both articles consists of half truths and outright B.S. It would seem that neither of these people know very much about hunting or wildlife in general.

I enjoy hunting. It is a difficult to explain why I do, but in any case, I do not feel that I must justify it in any way.

There are so many questionable or misleading statements in both articles that I am tempted to write for pages and pages, however I feel that it would be more effective to express my opinions vocally.

The Wildlife Society has invited Prof. Cumming to speak on this and other related topics on Wednesday, November 18 (watch for posters). I urge everyone who has an opinion on this subject to come out and be heard.

Sincerely,

Mark Phinney
Vice President
The Wildlife Society

Nazi flag

Dear Editor:

Walking throughout the residences can reaffirm one's patriotic feelings toward Canada; for proudly displayed in the windows of Aitken, Harrison, Neill, Jones as well as in a number of other residences is the Canadian Flag.

To my utter amazement and disgust another flag is being displayed from a room in Bridges House. The flag is the same flag that once represented tyranny, human slaughter, and the suppression of rights and freedoms. The flag is the Nazi Swastika.

I find it incredible that someone could have the audacity

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