BLOOD AND THUNDER

Letters to the Editor reflect the views of our readers and not necessarily those of the Brunswickan. Letters may be sent to Rm. 35, Student Union Building. Deadline: 5 p.m. Tuesdays. Maximum length: 300 words.

Lost Wallet

It has been a whole week now since I have come right out to ask you to return my wallet. I know you have had a good time spending the great amount of money that was inside of it. I hope you know that I have not been able to pay my rent or buy some food. I had to beg for some food this past week. Obviously you need the money a lot more than I do, otherwise, you would have returned my wallet.

You know very well who I am for all my ID cards are also inside. My picture is on some of them.

I may never see my money or wallet again but, at least I can get this message off my chest and continue on. Can you do the same, guilt free? I don't have to know who you are. I don't want to know who you are but, please could you at least return all the other things that are of no use to you.

You may return it to the police station or the CHSR station where they can get in touch with me.

I thank you very much for this.

Upset with you.

Dixie Paul

"TAKE OVER"

Dear Sir:

In regards to the issue of the take-over, merger, or "controlling interest" in the College Hill Social Club (CHSC) by the UNB Student Union (SU), I would like to bring up a few points. I feel that Mr. Bourque and Mr. Braithwaite are contradicting themselves when they deny that they do not want to take-over the CHSC. They say that they "only want to reconstruct the current Board of Directors" and would not have a monopoly of the votes on the Board. If they do not have the majority of the vote on the "new" Board of Directors, then how can they assert the possible changing of the membership policy in the CHSC? If they do not have the majority how can they firmly say this will happen? Also in the proposal, the SU wants to open the membership to all students, having them pay $10 directly to THEM and the privileged membership that is now in place, be still intact and charge $20. If the SU is not interested in the money aspect of the club, why have the open membership of $10 paid to them. Also what about the under-age students and the students who do not wish to be a member of the CHSC? Should they be forced to pay the $10 open membership fee if they are not for it and will not frequent the CHSC? Another point with the "so-called" new membership policy, the line-ups to get in the CHSC would become substantially longer. And how can the SU possibly fit all of the student population ("the open members") into the CHSC? There is already a problem of over-crowding on the busy nights with the limited 2,500 current members of the CHSC. What will happen when the membership is 7,000 plus? In my opinion, the SU should use some of their money that is tied up currently in legal fees and the several thousand allocated to educational propaganda as a start towards the SUB Expansion to open their own club if they desire. This would offer them an opportunity to demonstrate their much publicized ability to provide better entertainment and a better representation to the student population. This new club would give students a choice on where to go on campus, provide more room to socialize and encourage a healthy competition between the club and the CHSC.

In closing, I question the SU's motivation in their "acquiring a controlling interest" in the CHSC. I would also like my student fees spent on worthier projects and projects that I may support.

Catonia Whaler

FORUM ELIMINATION

This is in reference to "Not Normal" published in Blood & Thunder of the Brunswickan, October 26, 1990.

I am in my first year at UNB, and I am shock (sic) that the Brunswickan finds a place to express the views of the gay community. The Gay Forum should not be published in our student paper. Homosexuality is not exceptable (sic) in my views and in the views of my friends.

I would encourage other (sic) who express an opposition to Homosexuality to also write in to eliminate the Gay Forum. I am not a religious person, but I'm sure you will agree that "If God would have meant homosexuality to be normal he would have created Adam and Steve".

Lloyd Chambers

OKA

Dear Editor:

Re: "Oka, The Turning Point". It looks like John Valk is down to his usual depth of understanding regarding political issues. For whom was Oka a turning point? Oka was the partially successful attempt by a small number of American malcontents (who, by the way, are wanted by the FBI for shooting down a U.S. National Guard helicopter in Vermont and killing its occupants) to divert attention away from a smuggling operation that netted them hundreds of thousands of dollars by illegally importing drugs, cigarettes, and automatic weapons. Most of the other locals (including some from Akwasasne) were in complicity with this operation, had been bought off and as a result, 'ran interference'. If these two elements are combined with a large number of Indians who have been pampered by Government of Canada leaders with enormous bleeding hearts and a need for self flagellation, more "Okas' will occur. The only 'turning point' here is Canada's laudable willingness to use military force to deal with organized criminal terrorism. Attempting to equate events such as Oka to policies in South Africa is absolutely ludicrous; the unwillingness of Canada's native people to assimilate into Canadian society, their willingness to maintain small pockets of racist enclaves and to leech off the rest of the nation has no equivalent context in South Africa. Perhaps Canada's native population should have been forcibly assimilated 200 years ago; surely if the French had been assimilated in 1759, the 'Quebec problem' would not exist today. John, get it together, eh?

Sean M. Maloney

SMOKERS

Dear Sir:

No less an eminent personage than Mr. Peter Gzowski has characterized the prevailing attitude towards smokers as "the tyranny of the self-righteous."

Second hand smoke is about as deadly as unwashed carrots. According to Harvard University, 200 smokers in a thousand will die prematurely as a result of their avocation. Only two in a thousand people who live with a smoker will die before their time. In plain words, second-hand smoke is a full one hundred times less hazardous than smoking itself.

The bottom line is this: smokers have an inalienable right to smoke; non-smokers have an inalienable right to smoke-free air. The sensible, cheap, and non-tyrannical compromise is obvious: erect a glass wall (with a double-door entrance) across the eastern one-third of the cafeteria, and install a small fan to slowly vent the air from the smoking section to the outside air.

Thank you,

Wm. M. Stewart

SU FORUM

Last Friday afternoon an information session hosted by the Physical Education & Recreation Society has held at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym. This forum saw a large number of students show up to hear the pros and cons revolving around the current SU & CHSC issue. It should be noted that a large number of non-physed students also attended. They were predominently (sic) CHSC staff members and a some SU councillors.

At this forum Kevin Bourque and Marc Brathwaite informed the crowd about the Student Union's position on this matter. In attendance also, and given equal time, was Matt Harris who spoke for his five board members who could not make the noon-hour meeting.

After both parties presented their concerns some questions were fielded. Some of these questions struck me as being rather trivial and off-base for this forum. For example: Why doesn't the Student Union stop worrying about the CHSC and start concentrating on other things like lowering tuition! This really upset me for last year I campaigned tirelessly throughout my faculty to get them to march in a protest rally to the legislature. This march was to show the government that we the students didn't want the GST, the 3% Loan Tax, or cuts in Federal Transfer Payments (which would raise tuition drastically!) Thus we see that the student Union does lobby the government (as it is now) and will continue to do so.

This is just a small sample of what the Student Union provides for the present and future students of the University of New Brunswick. To those of you who maintain the Student Union dabbles in "petty politics", I offer you my apologies for not taking advantage of your student fee to find out what the student Union is doing for you.

One must remember that it is far easier to bitch from the sidelines than it is to help in the field!

Kimberly DesRoches

Controlling Interest

Until I read last week's issue of the Brunswickan, I felt it inappropriate for me to voice my opinion on the matter of the Student Union "acquiring a controlling interest" in the College Hill Social Club because of my employment at the Social Club. It was the Student Union Update, found on the Student Union Page, of the November 2, 1990 issue of the Brunswickan, that let me to change my mind.

While scanning this "update" I realized I was in fact reading something very similar to what I had previously written for the Social Club. The Student Union had apparently copied the format of the Social Club Members Update. When I wrote the Members Update on behalf of the Club's manager, I pointed out what the Social Club was doing for its members: whereas the Student Union points out what it is doing for students in the exact same fashion. It astonishes me to think that the person who wrote this for the Student Union, and I presume it was approved by the executive of

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AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

THE AWARD is dedicated to the late Dr. Allan P. Stuart and is to honour persons who are representative of outstanding teaching achievement at the University of New Brunswick.

ELIGIBILITY: A candidate must teach at least one 3 credit-hour undergraduate course during each term of the academic year at the University. It is not expected that the nominees should excel in all criteria listed on the nomination form, but they should be qualified in most categories. Individuals are not eligible if they have been previous recipients of the Award.

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The basic information required is contained on the Nomination Forms, which are available from the University Secretary, Fredericton; the Dean of Faculty, Saint John; the Student Council, Saint John or Fredericton; and Faculty offices. No one may nominate or support more than one candidate.

Send nominations to the University Secretary, Room 110, Old Arts Building, UNB Fredericton, or to the Dean of Faculty, UNB Saint John