

The secret history of The Brunswickan

The Brunswickan (or 'The Bruns' as it is known affectionately among the Brunies (as the people who refer to it as 'The Bruns' are known...)) is the oldest official student publication in Canada. It initially appeared at UNB back in 1867 as *The University Monthly*, before changing to the weekly broadsheet that we all know and love.

Over the past 134 years, the public face of *The Brunswickan* hasn't really changed as much as you might think, but, behind the scenes, there have been countless events that have quite literally changed the course of world history.

Without *The Brunswickan*, history would have ground to a complete halt in the early 1900s. When armed with their weekly copy of the newspaper, the people of Fredericton had the moral fibre that they needed to go on. They were able to fashion papier-mache houses with older issues of the newspaper, gain enough nutrition by eating the remaining pages and were also kept abreast of current affairs on campus. Informed, safe and well-fed, UNB thrived.

The year is 1951. The city of Fredericton has finally begun to evolve into the thriving Metropolis it is today. A brand new cub reporter has just starting writing for *The Brunswickan* and is somehow managing to get exclusive stories about the many spectacular rescues of people in peril. His name? Clark Kent, and his incredible relationship with Superman helped to

put *The Brunswickan* on the map. Other Brunies with a similarly impressive relationship with the so-called super-heroes include Peter Parker, Bruce Banner and Bruce Wayne.

In 1972 when US President Richard Nixon was ordering the many illegal activities at The Watergate hotel, it was again *The Brunswickan* that broke the story to a largely unsuspecting world. Single-handedly, we brought down Nixon and ensured that people would no longer put up with world leaders who lied and cheated. Apart from Clinton. And Chretien. And all the others.

When the future of Canada was teetering on the brink, thanks to one of the many referendums that rear their head from time to time, *The Brunswickan* was the single polarizing factor that made everyone see the folly of their ways. Finally both sides had something to unite behind and suddenly solidarity seemed like the only option. Make no bones about it - *The Brunswickan* saved Canada.

Every year, the incredible journalistic feats of *The Brunswickan* are recognised by a large stack of awards, including 29 Pulitzer Prizes in the past four years alone. So if you want to make a difference on campus and also gain experience and respect as a journalist, come and join *The Brunswickan*. The future depends on you.

• Michael Edwards



The Brunswickan
What many don't know is that before becoming the broadsheet it is today, *The Brunswickan* was actually an amateur football team.

The Brunswickan (the not-so-secret version)

The Brunswickan, Canada's oldest official student newspaper, is currently entering its 135th year of publication. *The Bruns* is put out weekly by our staff, which is comprised mostly of UNB students (STU students are welcome as well), plus a few "lifers", those who have graduated and still like to stick around.

The *Brunswickan* main office is located on the bottom floor of the Student Union Building in Room 35. This is where all the magic happens. We have a fleet of Mac computers upon which we do layout, scan in and alter pictures, and anything else in order to put together each issue of the *Brunis*. Staff members are more than welcome to come in and hang out, check their e-mail, or even do some homework when our computers are not being used for paper production.

How do you become a staff member of *The Brunswickan*? To become a valid voting member of *The Brunswickan*, you must be a student at UNB (we will make exceptions for STU students) and you must contribute to at least three issues of the *Brunis*. However, you don't have to be a staff member to write a story or come to staff meetings.

Don't have any experience in journalism or even with computers? Our experienced Editorial Staff is always willing to help you with writing, editing, photography or even just using our computers.

Who should you go to for help? Editor-in-Chief, Cindy Brown, overall is in charge of layout and editing of the paper each week. She is the one who has to use a fine comb to go through the final version of each section and make sure there are no blaring errors. She also has to cover other sections, such as the News section, if there is no editor to do the work.

Our Managing Editor, Patryk Reid, is in charge of the financial well being of *The Brunswickan*. He is also in charge of managing the staff and editorial board and making sure we all stay in line.

Next in line would be Photo Editor, Kevin Forneris. Kevin is an excellent photographer and great in the darkroom. (At developing film) The photo department is equipped with cameras so you don't have to worry if you don't own one. Kevin and his experienced photo staff would love to show you how to handle a Pentax (camera) and even how to develop your own shots. Unfortunately, our darkroom is only equipped to develop black and white film, so we have to take the color film to a processing lab.

Sean Patrick Sullivan is our prestiged Entertainment Editor. When not out battling crime or climbing buildings you can find him nestled in his corner of the office. He looks after anything related to entertainment, and often has to be warned to "be less Sean." If visiting, you might just want to grab a CD to review or natch a story or photo assignment from one of our lovely editors.

Last but not least is our Sports Editor, Maria Paisley. Being a member of the Sports Department at the *Brunis* will enable you free access into most sporting events on campus, as long as you agree to write a story about it or take a couple of photos.

Other important sections in *The Brunswickan* include the News section. We cover mostly campus news but there is room for important stories within the city. The News Editor position is currently vacant so the Editorial Staff can always use help with story ideas, layout and story writing. Get involved, you may find yourself wanting to be the News Editor, gaining valuable experience for the future.

International News is a section we hope to make stronger this year. We like to cover events around the world so the students of UNB know what is going on. Managing Editor Pat Reid used to coordinate the section until he became ME and although he still tries to make it a major part of the paper, he could really use your help.

The Games Section, coordinated by "lifer" Michael Edwards, consists mostly of reviews of Playstation games and some PC games. Reviewers get to keep the games as long as they write an article to contribute to the *Brunis*.

In upcoming issues of *The Brunswickan*, we would like to include special features. This features would be one page or even one section of the paper and would be about such topics as sex, education, and possibly even a literary supplement where talented (and even untalented) students could submit their poetry or short stories for print.

So why am I telling you all of this? Mainly because *The Brunswickan* is a student newspaper. Every year, included in your tuition is a media fee which helps pay for the newspaper. *The Brunswickan* is a student newspaper run by students for students. *The Brunswickan* reports on issues important to the student, to you.

If you are interested in joining the *Brunis*, writing a single article, passing along a story idea or suggestion, or just saying 'hi,' our door is always open. Just because you step into the office does not mean you have to commit to anything. You're more than welcome just to stop by and just hang out and meet new people. Our office is in Room 35 of the SUB.

Give us a chance, you may just get hooked.

• Cindy Brown



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*We love you guys. Really, we do.
More than kittens.*

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All members of the University Community are encouraged to contribute to The Brunswickan. However, only students are eligible to become staff members and hold editorial positions.

While we endeavour to provide an open forum for a variety of viewpoints and ideas, we may refuse any submission considered racist, sexist, libellous or those containing attacks of a strictly personal nature. The Brunswickan reserves the right to edit for brevity and even levity. Letters to The Editor generally shouldn't exceed 300 words in length, though exceptions may be made. All submissions must contain your name, student number and a phone number where you can be reached or the submissions will not be printed. If you wish to withhold your name from a submission, you must make this request along with your submission.

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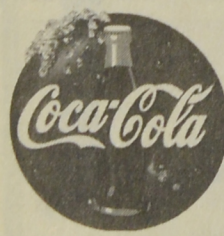
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