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by **journal**  
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With student elections a scant two weeks away, this is the perfect opportunity to reflect on what those students already elected have accomplished. The student body presently has a student representative council, two members on the Board of Governors and six members on the University Senate. [Among others!]

These people were in part elected and in part acclaimed. But let's look at what's been going on since they were elected.

The SRC. Perhaps the biggest criticism which can be made about this organization is that with the exception of a very few, most have not done what they should. A quick glance through SRC meeting minutes shows an appalling rate of absence among many members. It is my experience that there have been times when representatives have had to be telephoned in order that there is a quorum so the meeting may start.

While the executive has been at fault at times, they at least turn up for meetings. In addition the fault for neglect of duties can not always be laid at their door. For representatives, according to the SRC constitution are not only supposed to turn up for meetings but also supposed to take their turn on the various committees which are formed. Few have done so. As students, I ask you, have your faculty representatives on the SRC kept you informed? Do you know what occurs in those meetings? Do you know what issues may directly affect you? If not, then your representative is not doing their job and should be brought to task.

The Senate: As a student senator I too, along with my fellow senators are at fault. Not only have we failed to keep you properly informed on what transpires at Senate meetings, but the student voice on the senate has been sadly quiet. I can say with some confidence that this has been in part due to the lack of issues affecting students but the fact remains that more information, should you wish it, should be forthcoming.

The BOG: I perceive the two student representatives on this body as the most important voice the students have. Yet again, where is the information about meetings? I feel quite strongly about this issue, as once a motion has been passed at the BOG it's done and nothing [almost] can be done about it. Yet our BOG reps are very quiet about anything which transpires here. I regret to add that not only have they kept their mouths shut, but there have been times when they have opened them that maybe they should have kept them shut. A cursory glance at BOG minutes shows that at the occasion has arisen when student reps have actually acted against the interest of the students.

I think it's time a long and careful consideration is given to what it means to elect a student representative and what they should be doing. Candidates should realize that they have a responsibility to and are accountable to the student body. They should thoroughly investigate what their duties will be should they win the seat they wish. Once this has been established they should make a promise to themselves and to their electorate that they intend to fulfill this responsibility.

Years ago the positions which students now occupy were fought long and hard for by former students who cared what happened to this university. Students who had enough guts and will to overcome problems which may have at the time seemed insurmountable. Yet today the very thing for which they fought seems drowned in apathy [for lack of a better word] and the misconception that a position means power and a point in favour on the job application.

I sincerely hope that students reassess their views. I hope they realize what they are getting into and are willing, even eager to do what they should. And to those of you who intend to vote, think long and hard about who you are voting for. Take the time to read and listen to what your candidates have to offer. You are electing a voice, make sure that voice has your interests at heart.

In this issue of the Bruns Susan Shalala, VP has asked students for comments on student aid. Please take a few minutes to write your comments, criticisms or desires on this issue and either drop it off at the Bruns or send it here via campus mail. Student aid affects us. It's an issue which many have put a lot of time and effort into, and since after all that has been done for students, take the time to help yourself.

# sound-off

## Varsity booster club

To All Concerned:

Last year our Society Executive wrote into the Brunswickan explaining our feelings for the need of a common varsity team's nickname. Whatever good our letter did, it wasn't good enough to see an effective change made last year.

This year we once again feel that there is something lacking on this campus. Unlike last year, we hope this letter will evoke immediate positive response.

We, the Physical Education Society, being both in close contact with the varsity teams and with the student body, feel that the UNB campus is now ready for a Varsity Booster Club.

"What is a Booster Club?" you might ask. In our eyes a Varsity Booster Club might just be the kind of club needed to make the relationship between the general student body and the athletic community even closer than it is. The goals as we see them might be as follows:

- 1) to encourage crowd participation at games,
- 2) to lead pep rallies,

- 3) to meet visiting teams, and
- 4) to keep the student body in touch with the athletic community.

Of course there are other possibilities, which those of you who are interested in being in such a club might originate.

This type of club will be open to all students and staff attending UNB, both male and female. You needn't worry about any special talent because none is needed. We are looking for people who would like to commit some of their time to organizing a new club and to seeing its initiation carried through. The Booster Club will be some hard work, yet most importantly a lot of fun. If you are looking for some worthwhile activity, seriously consider becoming a member of the Varsity Booster Club.

We are holding an organizational meeting for all those interested on Wednesday Oct 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge (2nd floor) of the L.B. Gymnasium. Even if you aren't sure you are interested, but would like to know some more about the club or would like to bring some of your suggestions

along, you will be more than welcome.

Why not be a part of something new at UNB? Come help make it a success; the more the merrier. Bring a friend and we will see you next Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Yours sincerely,  
Bob Skillen  
President  
Physical Education Society

## Public Debate?

Dear Editor:

I challenge anyone to a public debate:

Resolved, the most intelligent people at UNB teach and learn in Head Hall.

I'll take the affirmative.

Sincerely,  
Maurice Spiro

## Catch 22 situation

Dear Editor:

Last week Chief Williamson's annual comment on sexual assault on campus again displayed a blatant lack of sensitivity and understanding regarding this serious issue. The attitude represented by the statements of the Chief of Campus Security puts women on campus in a classic Catch 22 situation.

On one hand he states that he is annoyed with "people who don't use the due process of law to combat a crime." In addition, he states that such people should not be "molly coddled". However, given this insensitive and negative attitude, it is highly unlikely that a woman who has undergone the traumatic, degrading experience of a sexual assault will turn to Chief Williamson and the Campus Security.

Another statement made by Chief Williamson was "Hogwash, as far as we know, there aren't any attacks on campus." This comment reflects the erroneous assumption that no reports to Security means that there are no sexual assaults on campus. To illustrate the faulty logic behind this assumption, we reiterate the discrepancy between the statistics on sexual assault which were collected by the Fredericton Rape Crisis Center versus the statistics collected by the Fredericton Police Dept in the year of 1977. As Susan Shalala reported in her article of last week: 30 "present" crisis calls were received by the Center and only 7 were reported to the police.

What must also be kept in mind, as experts point out is that for every one call that is reported, there remains anywhere from 4 to 20 that go unreported.

Since Fredericton is fortunate enough to have a Rape Crisis Center, there is no need or excuse for a lack of awareness of the issues surrounding sexual assault. Anyone interested in raising their level of awareness should contact the Fredericton Rape Crisis Center by phoning 454-0437. In our opinion Chief Williamson should not only be interested in learning more about this issue, but should consider it a part of his duty as the

person in charge of security for all of the women on campus.

In conclusion, we would like to thank Susan Shalala and Sheenagh Murphy for a sensitive and thorough coverage of this important topic.

Marilyn Smith  
Debbie States  
Members of UNB Women's Organization

## United Way kicks off

Dear Editor:

The Fredericton United Way Campaign "kicks off" on October 2, 1978. Again this year, UNB has been identified as one of the Campaign's special groups.

The "Up The Hill" Campaign is scheduled for October 2 - 21. During this period, those working on the University campaign hope to achieve a goal of \$28,100. Last year the University's goal was \$23,025 and a total of \$24,282 was realized. The University was one of the few sectors of the Fredericton Campaign achieving its quota.

Last year's success, in part, was due to the excellent support of some of the student groups on campus. Student activities were responsible for raising over \$2,167 toward the 1977 campaign. It would be very encouraging if the student groups could surpass last year's total - such a task will not be easy and will require more participation by a larger number of student groups.

This letter is to solicit your assistance by making a financial contribution towards our 1978 quota and promoting the United Way Campaign on Campus. Funds raised for the campaign will help provide the services listed on the back of this letter.

If you have any questions, require additional information, or have suggestions for promoting the campaign, please contact me. Contributions can be forwarded directly to my office or to Mr. Hartley Morehouse, Assist. Comptroller, Campus Mail. All donations will be acknowledged and special arrangements made to publicize the support of the various student groups.

Thank you for considering this request to aid the worthwhile activities of the Fredericton Area Agencies.

J.D. Rogers, P. Eng.  
Chairman  
UNB '78 United Way Campaign