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Last Monday night's SRC meeting was nothing short of amazing. SRC President Perry Thorbourne was nearly impeached. One or two votes more and he would have been removed from office. Both sides in the dispute have had their say. Several councillors have been unsatisfied with the performance of Thorbourne for some time. Thorbourne for his part had the chance to justify his position against many accusations. The aftermath of the impeachment proceedings is what should now concern all of us. It takes no genius to proclaim that Thorbourne has obviously lost the support of the representative council. Ten of fifteen councillors at last Monday's meeting voted no confidence in him. In the next several weeks he must seriously reassess his position. Hopefully he can again regain the confidence of council. The task will not be an easy one.

A committee of the SRC has been appointed to look into all aspects of the new student disciplinary code. Councillors Bannister, Quigg, and Hughson have been appointed to the committee and public hearings are scheduled for next Thursday, October 9th at 6:30 p.m. in Room # 103 of the Student Union Building. Several objections have been raised about the new code. This will be a good way to air grievances and make changes when necessary. It will also be the first time that council and students in general can have input into the process. After all this new code will affect all of us.

Dean of Students Barry Thompson has been asked to look into matters related to the Ache'n Wake held recently. It is to be hoped that the investigation can resolve problems that occurred. "This is a routine investigation" according to Eric Garland, vice president of UNB. Closing the Aitken Centre to these events is not the answer as Gord Lebel, director of the Aitken Centre seems to suggest.

Aitken Centre Director Gord Lebel informs me that a new basketball floor has arrived and is scheduled to be assembled this morning at the Centre. The floor is reported to cost \$38,000 and should be a welcome addition.

Is the SRC losing money again folks? I think so. Have you noticed the show cases by the smoke shop are not filled with information on local pubs like the Arms etc. One wonders when someone will be appointed to sell this advertising space and bring in some dough for the SRC coffers. I'm sure SUB Director Cindy Stacey would like to make use of them, if our own SRC doesn't need them anymore.

As mentioned in this week's edition, a special three man tribunal has been appointed by the Board of Governors to hear Kevin Ratcliff's appeal. The three persons appointed to the tribunal should provide a fair hearing for Kevin. If past reputations are an indication, Mr. Hoyt, Mr. Coughy and Prof. Edwards will ensure that this is the case.

Guess what? As can be seen on pages four and seventeen of this week's edition it is student election time at UNB.

Well almost, SRC elections are being held October 22nd. Positions open include two seats on the Board of Governors and two seats on senate. In addition seats on council are open in Arts, Business, Engineering, Forestry, Law, Nursing, Physical Ed and well just about every faculty. The positions of President, Vice President and Comptroller of the student union are also up for grabs. Student government is important. Let's see some interest in these elections, and some real strong contests. You might even get your picture in the Bruns.

How many students attend UNB? The registrar has informed me that nearly 5,350 students are attending this humble university this year. Enrollment is up approximately 2 per cent when Fredericton and Saint John enrollments are taken into account.

A great big thanks to Sue Montague of Theatre New Brunswick for providing tickets to the Reveen performance at the Playhouse Monday night. Staffers I talked to really enjoyed the show.

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Mr. Chairman:

As I will no longer be a student at UNB, I must resign my position as arts representative to this council. I regret having to do this because I have found that serving on the SRC has been rewarding. Before accepting my notice of resignation please allow me to comment on some matters of vital interest to the SRC and of great concern to myself.

Since the time I first involved myself with student politics, I have been plagued to some degree by the cancerous affliction that threatens the very existence of student government. I am sure that most people present will recognize this plague as being the campus media, which has continually sought to disrupt and undermine the legitimate functioning of this student council. "Freedom of the Press" had been stretched to the extent that the Brunswickan and CHSR have as much credibility as the *National Enquirer*. Those who have control of the campus media have about as much regard for the truth as an alleycat has for a marriage licence. In my opinion, this petty underworld must be fumigated to rid it of the vermin which infest it. The result could be a media with a good reputation for credibility and responsibility for good reporting. Such a media would then be an asset to the

student body and to this university.

Secondly, Mr. Chairman, allow me to refer to the council itself, for it too, is not without fault. There are only three or four councillors who I would consider to be sincere about their positions. The others seem to believe that a council meeting is simply an exercise of their ability to argue, which stalls council proceedings and makes a mockery of their system. Please, don't misunderstand my intent: I believe that argument is healthy to a democratic system, but not when it becomes subversive. I would be as bad to have a bunch of "yes" men (or "pro" men, if you wish) as it would be to have a bunch of "con" men as we have now.

Finally Mr. Chairman, I would like to comment on some of the external affairs of this council. At this point in Canadian History we are faced with a potential explosive situation, and this council should become directly involved with the matters. Contrary to the attitude taken by the Canadian Press, I believe that all is not quiet on the "Eastern Front." Reports given in the news referred to the Referendum results of last spring as a "stunning defeat" of separatist courses, or a "Whopping victory" for national unity. The truth is Mr. Chairman, if one pauses for a minute to ponder the

results, the gap was not so great. The results were about 60 per cent no, 40 per cent yes. This is only 10 per cent away from a 50-50 split, which indicates that nearly one half of the people of Quebec are discontented. I hope that this council will openly support Canadian Unity at every opportunity in the future.

I do not believe that unity can be achieved by giving more power to one group than another, or by only recognizing one official group as legitimate (English aside, what about the Italian minorities in Montreal?) A common complaint of the French in this country has been that their cultural rights were downtrodden by the "English." It quite possibly may have been downtrodden to some extent but I don't think it was the entire fault of the English. It could likely be pinpointed to the spill-over of the English speaking American culture. In fact, the "English" of this country are nothing more than a loose group of non-French speaking Canadians, speaking mostly English. In the West they are Ukrainians, or in Vancouver they are Japanese or Chinese, East Indian or Indigenous Indians, all with different cultures but with the same language. French is the largest culture in North America. The only true English in Canada

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