



mugwump journal

Mike MacKinnon

Once again the SRC had set a new precedent. Randy MacDonald has been acclaimed as the science rep. Isn't he the SRC chairman you ask. Right you are. Apparently certain councillors feel it perfectly acceptable for a representative to also be the chairman. I don't. Though there may not be actual motion forbidding this common sense is enough to tell you that there is definitely a conflict of interest involved. But then what can one expect from council. I will be greatly disappointed if a motion is not brought up to reverse this decision.

In the Soundoff section there is letter from Koncz, Brodeur and Roulston containing their impressions of what exactly the Brunswickan is supposed to do. I suppose the fact that all three are SP is irrelevant but it is an interesting coincidence. But I digress. First I would like to point out a number of incorrect statements in their letter. It is definitely an error to say that no student contribution may be edited. If that were the case the Student Union would be open to many a libel case. The Editor-in-Chief is not the only person who can conduct this editing. The Brunswickan has no obligation to grant more free space to clubs and organizations. I would hope that one page was enough for the Student Union to communicate with the students.

In attempt at fairness, we at the Brunswickan wrote up a referendum question to be brought to council through Popular Initiative. This question was designed to find out from you the students, just exactly what you wanted on the information page. We were quite willing to abide by your wishes. The motion however was designed unimportant by council. Why? If they are so interested in doing for the students what the students really want they would have passed the motion. They did not. This can only mean that your wishes are not the concerns of council. Could it be that they are afraid of finding out just what you want? It may, after all, not fit into their plans.

Question for the week: How many times must one attend a SRC meeting before one can be considered a "constant" presence?

I was not surprised when I found out that the CSL board of directors was stacked with SP members. With the exception of Lethbridge and Evans the rest belong to the SP. How many more committees are left to be filled with SP'ers?

We have a correction for the University Bahai Club Fireside ad in the last issue. The topic of discussion is Progressive Revelation, not Progressive Revolution. We apologize for any inconvenience this error caused.

The Grad Class Executive would like to announce that they are holding a Grad Mug Logo Contest. Prizes for the winner will be four mugs and an Extravaganza ticket. Entries can be submitted to:

Grad Class Executive
c/o SRC Office, Room 118
Student Union Building

Deadline for submissions is Friday, February 11.

The deadlines for news and entertainment has been moved up to five o'clock Tuesdays. This is to help us get the paper out earlier.

soundoff

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No "odder" than most

To the Editor:

In response to "Dancin, dancin' at the disco" I am one of those people who "think this is a stupid argument against Mr. Bosnitch. . ." but, as well, the arguments presented against Mr. Bosnitch are ill-informed, narrow minded and show little insight of the concepts of islands and communities.

The first issue to be clarified is that Mr. Bosnitch and myself were personally invited by the management i.e. the manager, to attend the club (Ziggy's) earlier in the day. He was informed of the reasons we were visiting Moncton and seemed pleased that representatives of UNB were interested in visiting his club. In fact, he gave us a tour of the premises.

The second point which must necessarily be addressed are the "antics" and appearance of Mr. Bosnitch. His dancing abilities and appearance were not any "odd-er" than the 30 or 40 other people on the dance floor. What strikes me as very "odd" are people who frequent clubs designed for dancing but don't dance. What kind of limited social perspective do these people have? I hope that the two former UNB students who observed Mr. Bosnitch did not wear anything associating them with the university thus causing people to think that they are social misfits, have no dancing abilities or are afraid to be recognized as dancing UNB students.

The final issue of great importance is D. Le-Blanc's understanding of islands and communities. The point is well

taken that UNB is part of a larger community. But what does he mean by saying these islands of communities must interact. Does he mean sitting in an obscure corner meditating on his inability to dance or does he mean socializing? Mr. Bosnitch's interacting at Ziggy's and the N.B. Coalition of Students conference provided some very

concrete developments. The Coalition adopted a constitution, students from coast to coast will be made aware of the developing political participation of UNB students and a number of U de M students have become interested in UNB student politics and hope to follow our example.

Randy E. Brodeur
SRC Councillor

Willing artists wanted

Dear Editor,

A lot of students have been complaining that the eating area outside the science library is lacking quite substantially in color, appeal and atmosphere. It only vaguely resembles the original plan of construction as the University ran out of money while it was being built. The art forms that are present, beautiful as they are, are rarely observed, for they are too far above one's head.

This area could be dramatically improved with relatively little effort. I fully realize the absence of money

for any extravagant projects, but with a group of willing, enthusiastic, and artistic students, a few days or evenings, and some paint and paintbrushes, this area could be totally transformed into a place more appealing and colorful.

We are also in great need of more tables and chairs, as most students have to sit on filthy steps while eating their lunch.

If there are any students willing or able to submit mural themes, or their artistic talents, please contact me.

Come out and give a hand. It is your University and the atmosphere you create can be made more enjoyable by your contribution to it.

Jennifer Noble

Pornography is real problem

Dear Editor,

Pornography has been an issue of concern to women in Canada for decades. One of the major arguments supporting First Choice is based on free choice and the rights of the individual. If sexism and

the exploitation of women is the right of the individual, then it would follow that racism and the exploitation of other minority groups is also justifiable.

Can we really say that turning off our TV is any kind of solution. This represents an in-

dividual solution to a problem that can not be addressed effectively on an individual level. The effects of pornography, violence against women and the objectification of women have far-reaching social ramifications. The solution therefore, must come at a broader structural level. Until we address more blatant forms of sexism, we can not hope to affect any change in the sexist ideologies which are more subtle in nature (i.e. Three's Company, Benny Hill. . .)

The first step is to recognize that pornography is harmful, not only to women but to society in general. Only with this understanding can we institute the necessary changes.

Diane Beattie
Sandra Harder
Lisa Bamford
Debbie Beattie

1984...one year away

Dear Editor,

Did anyone take the time to read "SUB for use of all people?" in last week's Bruns? The person (M.K.) stated his objections to privacy saying that what people do in private has "repercussions on others."

I find it hard to believe that there are still people around who think that way. Maybe this person would like

surveillance cameras in people's homes to ensure they're not performing something naughty. 1984 is but one year away.

University is supposed to broaden one's way of thinking, and increase awareness of alternative ways of life. I guess this person has a lot to learn.

Graham Topp