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# Bulletin . . .

Math lecturer Gerald Pacholke demonstrated at the library today that playing "bookie-book" does not necessarily cause the library to close. He tried to sign out 135 books this afternoon without an ID card and was refused each time he approached the desk.

There was no confrontation with the administration, library staff, or security police. Pacholke said he tried it as an experiment to show that if there is no confrontation there is no reason to close the library. He said it proved Dr. Strax alone did not cause serious enough disruption to close the library and the administration must share equal responsibility for any disruption.

## think tank sank

The Think Tank at Oromocto last weekend said a lot about what students think of their SRC.

The Think Tank was advertised as an opportunity to talk about the SRC's future, and especially the question of voluntary student unions.

Voluntary unions made it to the Saturday agenda, but that's as far as it got. Fewer than ten people made the Saturday seminar, and by evening it was all packed up.

Granted there was no transportation available to the conference. But the turnout seems to be a fairly good gauge of how much people care about their SRC. Nobody cares whether it changes its structure of what it does. Council should stop worrying about whether or not it should be voluntary.

The best thing it can do this year is to provide as many services as it can—like the directory—and give a few worthwhile organizations "growing money".

Because nobody really gives a damn about them.

## the budget was sloppy too

The budget proposal submitted to Council at Sunday's meeting was nothing short of preposterous.

Thousands of dollars of revenue were completely overlooked. Thousands more were allocated for items such as "other conferences", Winter Carnival, Orientation Week, Think Tank, "SRC summer employment" and "SRC travel".

Organizations like Radio UNB and the Drama Society, which provide very definite results for the student body, left the meeting with their requests virtually unheard.

Some organizations which provide services for a very small proportion of the student body were awarded money.

While the two weeks before the final budget meeting leave time for repairs, it was a sloppy piece of work and reflected a complete absence of any sense of priorities. The entire Council stands responsible for that budget.

## can't he take a hint?

Everyone knows how J.C. (Charlie) Van Horne returned to New Brunswick last year from his 'place in the sun' to lead his party to political power in the province.

But New Brunswick's citizens, it seems, thought that the Robichaud government was at least a better choice. So they re-elected a Liberal government and sent Van Horne down to personal defeat in his own riding.

Van Horne is coming back for another try in Restigouche county. While we do not claim that the Robichaud government has performed miracles for the province, we are sure that Van Horne is not the man to perform any.

This paper hopes that the Progressive Conservative Party is able to field a worthy candidate, and may the best man win.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Questions admin morality

Editor:

I refer to the section in the Brunswickan Oct. 1 issue subtitled "Fees". It is apparent that mid-June was not the earliest date at which the University could have announced the fee increase. My only reaction, having read this paragraph, was to question the administrative morality of those that inferred that this was the earliest date for an announcement.

Anthony Britnev  
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### Ole UNB Survives

Editor:

Congratulations to those who heckled the Strax demonstrators. What courage it took to shout insults from the anonymity of the crowd; how brave they were to gather in the presence of such dangerous radicals. Tradition, law and order have been preserved at Ole UNB. The establishment can relax — their successors are ready and waiting.

John R. Earl  
Economics and Pol. Sc.

Editor:

I am distressed to hear of Dr. Strax's suspension, and urge you to reinstate him.

The university is denying the right of dissent to those within the faculty, and this is not tolerable. I speak for myself only, when I say that you have violated a right belonging to every human being.

I challenge the remarks of the Dean of Education made to my class last year, that a teacher must confine his "out-of-school" activities to those acceptable to the institution in which he is teaching. Dean Love's assertion that the teaching profession must maintain the status quo is contrary to the main concern of teaching — the welfare of people.

It is time to place people

first, and to become less embroiled with efficient administration and the maintenance of the status quo.

Michael Peacock  
Phys Ed 4  
(President, Student Athletic Association)

Editor:

This academic year has, most certainly, begun with a number of events which appear to be, and should be, of concern to the student body of New Brunswick University.

During the first week an obscene circular referring to the I.D. cards was distributed by students. The repeated use of this four letter word is unattractive and I found the layout of the circular deplorable. "Bad language" plays an integral part in everyday campus conversation. Therefore, I feel that this one circular, and let there be no more like it, has been of therapeutic value in that many have reacted towards it in a manner that may well be of significant value in criticizing themselves.

Shortly, following the distribution of this circular, a demonstration was held at the library against the administration stipulating that the new I.D. card is the sole form of identification that may be used for the purpose of signing out a book, and also against the I.D. card system itself. The demonstrators have some valid points behind their action. Further, I understand that the demonstration did little to disrupt the library for I am sure that the number of books returning to the building in any one day in the coming few weeks will far exceed the number brought to the desk for re-distribution to the stacks by a handful of demonstrators during the first week of the academic year. The demonstration did not disturb work in the library until a confrontation ensued as well as the decision to close the library. Why did they not wait for an hour or two for the library to officially close and let demonstrators and others depart to their homes in peace and quiet? Perhaps this could have been followed up by an official closing of the library for the next day encouraging demonstrators to meet with the administration in order to debate and voice

their complaints. More important the S.R.C. did not determine by vote what administrative uses the student I.D. cards were to be put to. The President, Mr. Cox, said that he "acted in good faith" in the connection. I resent the fact that my member on the council did not vote on this issue; why did he not vote? I think that Mr. Cox acted admirably in respect to the use of I.D. cards in McConnell Hall for the 'number' and 'punchcard' systems were being abused in the past, but I would have preferred a vote. In connection with the library I fail to see why it is necessary to show this one I.D. card should a person object to the sole use of this card. I understand, from an answer given to me by Mr. Cox at the last S.R.C. meeting, that any person from the City of Fredericton may sign out a book from the library. It is important that the library takes immediate steps to curtail future theft of books and the most expedient method is to demand some form of identification. Are non-students from Fredericton required to show identification? If the library wishes to prevent theft identification must be a rule for all. Bearing these facts in mind coupled with the methods of signing out a book, whether the same or different for a student and non-student, it should be apparent that it is irrelevant whether you identify yourself with the University or not. I agree that the I.D. card will be of convenience to me and many others just as it is for discounts at shops in Fredericton and student activities.

Regarding the suspension of Dr. Strax I have some questions and comments to make.

Have you attended any of his informal discussions and teach-ins? His subjects and topics are varied and should be of interest to many and I feel confident in adding that it is for this very reason that he attracts a good cross section of the campus and not solely SDS members to his meetings. What other faculty member devotes so much of his free time to sharing his interests (outside of their academic field) or hobbies with students?

Has Dr. Strax met his obligations to the University as a professor of nuclear physics? I understand that his 5th year students would welcome him

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