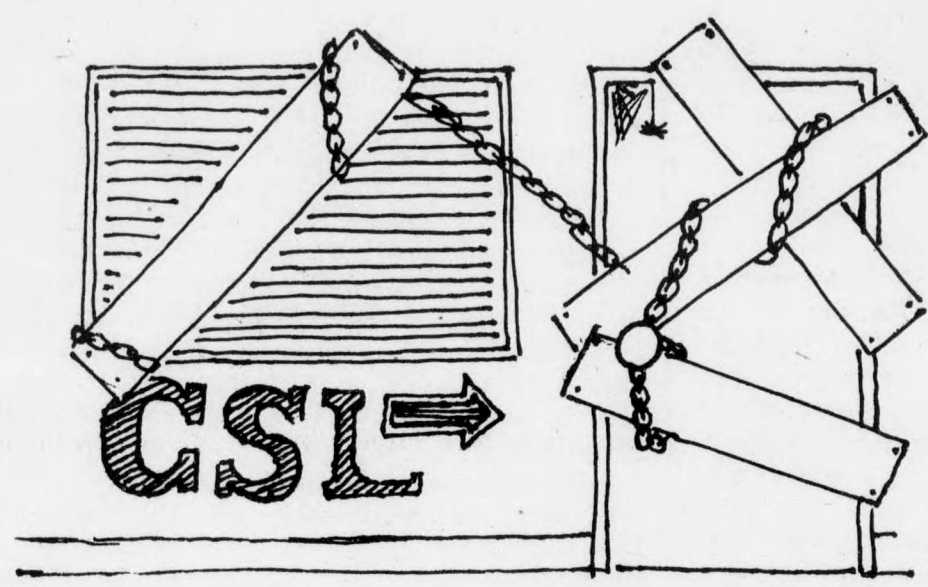


EDITORIAL
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Two scenarios for re-opening CSL Store



The CSL Store was forced to cease selling all merchandise on Wednesday, December 12, 1984. The store closed down for a few days but re-opened, a mere shadow of its former self, as a photocopying service. Many students, embroiled in the fever of Christmas exams, may have not even noticed. And, since the **Brunswickan** had already ceased publication for the term, there was little chance for a public hue and cry.

The deed has been done, and all the blaming and vilifying among the Student Union and the Administration will not bring it back. We saw it coming, though up until the week before the closure, there was a chance the store could have stayed open until the end of the term, with its re-opening in January provided CSL could ensure the confidence of the SUB Board of Trustees that it would be run properly. We failed to impress upon the powers that be that the business was in order.

There are two scenarios for gaining back that confidence and reclaiming the right to run a student owned store. The present Student Union executive, if they had have continued in power, would have confronted the SUB Board, demanded the space, demanded the right to sell food and sundries, demanded everything under the sun, and blown them out of the water with their debating skills. Perhaps it would have worked.

The incoming executive have another plan. They do not want to re-open the store under the aegis of CSL at all. They feel it best to form a new corporate body for the store alone. Another part of the their plan is not to re-open the store in that space at all; instead, the store-room will be used for executive offices. Incoming VP-Finance Doug Burgess does not want to demand the store re-opened immediately, in hopes of appeasing the administration, so they will give serious consideration for a tender bid for the space currently occupied by the Smoke Shoppe.

Proposals for leasing the Smoke Shoppe are due to the SUB Board in March. At that time, Burgess plans to submit a serious, well-reasoned bid. The successful lessor can take over the space in August and keep it for five long years. Burgess said there is no way he will demand to open the store in a few months, if it will jeopardize having the store in a better room for five years.

Two different plans, two different approaches, two different group temperaments. Students will not be pleased in waiting for August (potentially) for a student-run store, but I think patience will rule the day. It's time for something around here to work, and to last.

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Listen. Did you hear that? That loud thunk, clunk, bang? That's the machinery of government. It usually runs smoothly, even when power is passed from hand to hand. Here at UNB, however, the machinery of our government has long since thrown a rod. Consider the situation of the CSL store. Consider the whole atmosphere of the Student Union.

This atmosphere is not likely to change in the near future. There is already a battle to call an emergency meeting which resulted in a lot of back-room political dealing and a lot of front-room political squabbling.

It seems that nothing can get done smoothly. John Bosnitch and Larry Fox are arguing over the allotment of offices for the new executive. With four vice-presidents taking the place of a vice-president and a comptroller, some people will have to double up in their offices. Who will be setting up where has already started a fight among the new and old executives. It is hard to have faith in our leadership when such relatively minor things cannot be solved without a fuss.

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I hope the Christmas season was good for everyone. You will need a sense of that wonderful Christmas spirit to keep you going though the return of classes, midterms, and this bloody cold weather. I feel sorry for all of those brass monkeys out there.

All of us at the **Brunswickan** wish to thank Beaver Foods for catering our Christmas party. The food was excellent and overflowing. In the words of someone who was once famous, "I can't believe I ate the whole thing."

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Many of you saw news stories over the holidays on the emergency airlifts to Ethiopia. It should all give us a good feeling to know we have helped with donations to Richard Hutchins's hunger strike and the many drives of Students Help Ethiopia (SHE). Remember that the fight against starvation in Africa is not over, and please keep this in mind whenever you feel generous. Relief efforts have gone a long way, much too far to stop now.

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Our condolences to the family of Sheri Lynn McCordick, a 19-year-old student of UNB who was killed in a traffic accident this week. We at the **Brunswickan** know there is no way to ease their grief, but we urge the Provincial Transportation Department to learn from this tragedy and impose tough regulations on securing loads on flatbed trucks. It always takes a tragedy to change safety laws. We think the price is too high.

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Wednesday night's Nazareth concert was a great success for the Saint Thomas Student Union. Reports have it that they made at least \$6000 on the event. Any chance we can draft you guys for UNB?

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Welcome to 1985, everybody. George Orwell, go back to sleep.