

Letters Cont'd

Sir:

The *Brunswickan*, the voice of an enlightened few, is not alone in its plea for personal freedoms for the university student. The Canadian Union of Students has recently passed a bill asserting the students right to be treated as a citizen rather than a student in an educational institution. The message is clear; let us stand together and fight against a common foe who is wielding unfair authority to smother our development in an unnecessary mass of rules and restrictions.

On this campus the personification of this restraint on our personal freedom is the University Senate and the bone of contention is the question of open rooms in our men's residences. The problem has been blown up out of all proportion and in reading between the lines of many articles appearing in the *Brunswickan* I sense that many students feel that the Senate has no right to inhibit a reform which the majority of students demand. For those of you who may be misinformed the Senate does have this right and at present it is exercising this right to go against the student body. The students of this university are here primarily for an education. Many of them feel that their success in later life is dependent on their relationship with the university, their fellow students, and their professors whom they depend upon to instill them with the knowledge which they will need in years to come. In spite of this fact most of the students at this university are hypocrites in that they respect the knowledge that a university holds, they respect the tradition of learning, but they are rude and disrespectful of the opinions that the possessors of this knowledge decree.

It is not my purpose to support the stand of the senate on this matter nor do I wish to point out that the Senate is the governing body on all matters of university policy and on the matter of open rooms they feel that it is not in the common good to all resident students to relax the residence restrictions. It also seems to me that the issue in many students minds is not to obtain a more liberal open rooms policy but rather to bully the Senate into submission and thereby proclaim that a student majority has been able to force its will on the Senate. At the present time the senate is the only court of appeal on the matter of open rooms. Any change in the present system will have to start from here. As David Hallam suggests a student referendum will indicate exactly what the majority of students wish in respect to a more liberal open rooms policy. If the majority do wish more open rooms and feel that by taking on additional freedoms they will not jeopardize their prime reason for being at the University of New Brunswick then they should be allowed to prove their convictions.

If however, the experiment does not work and the University is forced to fall back on the present policy it will be a step backwards in student administration relations and we can be assured that any further reforms would be met with even greater skepticism than the present issue has caused. In short, referendum will only work if we have a green light from the Senate before any voting is done and the results of this referendum are the honest opinions of those students who are unfortunate enough to be living in our residence system.

— John McKee

Sir:

Allan Pressman said it in his statement — "No longer should a meaningless gesture of appeasement be accepted and then forgotten". Dr. Mackay has again offered to set up yet another investigation into the question of open rooms which will delay any final solution for another year. In his statement, Mr. Beach said — "Hopefully, the committee's work should be done by Christmas and changes could be forthcoming after Christmas". This I know will never happen and have the word of the President on it. As a House President I had occasion to sit and listen to Dr. Mackay for about two hours and he stated that one does not make a policy and change in mid-year. He made reference to a change in fees and said that if a decision to alter the fee structure was reached in mid-year the change would go into effect for the coming fall term. This example was meant to show what action would be taken regarding open rooms and any statement about changes after Christmas may be ignored.

Inasmuch as the Ryan report has not been made public there is indeed room for conjecture but from the text of Dr. Mackay's letter one may assume that reference to Friday and Saturday and entertainment of guests was mentioned. Personally, I find it difficult to believe that there was this feeling "unanimous in expressing the view that there should not be any change..." within the entire Senate. Surely there must be one enlightened individual who helps to direct the university.

Having reached another impasse the students must act to effect change. Mr. Beach hopes the students will not take "radical action" while Mr. Pressman suggests the necessity of "massive demonstrations". The only place all students meet regularly is in the dining hall but a senseless "food riot" is the last thing that will help us gain our objectives. With an act of childlike tantrum Dr. Mackay has visible support for his accusations of student immaturity. We wish the privilege of living like men so must act like men in any demonstration to be conducted. I urge that the House Presidents continue meeting as the Residence Representative Council in an effort to bring pressure through organized demonstrations, publicity, or other adult means at their disposal.

Respectfully,
J. A. Reid
Past President, Harrison House
Harrison House

ORIENTATION '67

Dear Sir:

We would like to express our thanks to all those who helped to make Orientation '67 the success it was. The program that we undertook this year required the efforts of a great many people. To each of you — from the members of the faculty and senior students who led Orientation groups, members of the administration, members of the Frosh Squad, and the cute little Freshettes who helped decorate for the ball on very short notice — we extend our heartfelt thanks. For without help of many hands our task would have been impossible. Once again thanks.

Yours truly,
Orientation Week Committee

BEACH AND ASPREY OUT OF LINE

Sir:

It was obvious at the informal SRC meeting last Sunday night that the SRC has a bad year ahead. Part of the reason for dragging two agenda items to nearly three hours was incompetence of the chair. I would further suggest that Mr. Beach and Mr. Asprey take their power struggles outside the SRC meeting. No "think tank" is capable of solving this.

— Tom Murphy

JELLYBEANS

by Tom Murphy

EXPO '67 - MAN OUT OF HIS WORLD

The idle but enjoyable chatter going on around campus since opening has been centered on Expo '67. It was a grand show. It has superb architecture, excellent performances, fantastic cinemas, and all the etceteras and adjectives one would care to use. One thing it definitely was not, however, was *Man and His World*. If anything, Expo '67 was Man Out of His World.

And what then constitutes Man and his World? Man and his world is a cry of help. It is a cry for understanding. It is a pregnant fifteen year old girl whose "lover" ran away. It is two white men beating up "you filthy goddam nigger". It is two smiles over a birthday cake. It is a blind woman being struck by a hit-and-run driver. It is an American shooting a Viet Cong guerilla fourteen times in the head until his brains drip out, "to make sure that he's dead." It is a husband telling his wife and kids that he finally got the raise. It is a man without a grade four education also without a job. It is a crystalline tear in the eye of a four year old girl whose only fault is being an Indian or a Metis. It is climbing a high mountain for the first time. It is jumping off a high cliff for the last time. Man and his world is love, hate, bitterness, happiness, hypocrisy, it is life. It is death. It is.

Man out of his World (i.e. Expo '67) was purely an expression of what was best in this world. The only major semi-exceptions to this were the Indians of Canada pavilion, and the Christian pavilion. (What happened in the Christian pavilion, however, was a showing of the reverse, the worst in the world with a total neglect for the "in-between".)

The best of Persian rugs was shown in the Iranian pavilion. The Czech display was of the finest native glasswork. Both the Russian and the West German pavilions laid on the best hardware of the country (most of which was quite beyond me.) The American pavilion was a unique farce. No exception was the Canadian pavilion along with the provincial efforts which were primarily tangible reflections of what was considered best in "our home and native land". The Theme pavilions, though futuristic, still bragged of the present technological best, our present state of scientific knowledge. So no matter how you may want to twist it, the best of the world is Man out of his World.

... Which presents an interesting question. Should Expo '67 have been "Man and His World", as it called itself? Financially speaking, the answer is too obvious — No. Of course people won't pay to see the world as it is. Why, a primary objective of people is one of escaping from the reality of the world. This assumes, however, that they were at one time, part of the reality, which could be a grossly inaccurate assumption. And a worlds' fair like that would be such little fun — and what bad color slides it would make. Why, it's hardly worth the bother to snap pictures of starving Asian children — such skinny little kids — why don't they eat more? — here, you stand there little boy in front of that dreadfully bony cow — George, look at all those filthy flies crawling all over him — why, I don't believe he washes regularly — ok, little boy, ready — smile now — say cheese — George, tell him what cheese is — oh never mind — George, he's crying. I don't like to see him crying — oh my goodness, he collapsed, and I didn't even get a picture — I was going to give him a quarter for posing — Oh well, I didn't want one anyway — George darling, what is that beastly looking architecture over there — and over there too — they look like slum houses and straw huts — you think a world's fair could come up with something better than this. ... Let's get out of here, this is making me sick. And so they retreat in their little Olds V-8, to their ticky-tacky little old suburban house, safely away from it all. And no color slides to show. Tch, Tch.

As it now stands, Expo '67 is one of the greatest shows on earth. It has done a lot for Canada. No doubt, political scientists will coin a word like "exponentialism" to describe the sort of loose bond that it has brought to Canadian unity. I enjoyed it like most everyone else. But I refuse to hear it labeled, "Man and His World", when I know that it is just not so. It is "Man Out of His World." Any other tag is deception.

Staff Meeting:

The *Brunswickan* will hold a staff meeting in the Conference Room of the Students' Centre on Wednesday, October 4th, 1967. All those who have expressed an interest in working for the *Brunswickan* are requested to attend.

Time: — 8:00 p.m.