

More Blood and Thunder....

Please sign all submissions.

Senate and I am also the founder and chairman of the Senate's Students' Council. Our purpose is to serve the interest of the students we represent. However, we can't always do that if we're not sure about what those interest are, so I'm going to ask a favour of you.

Of the six student members of Senate, four are Arts students and none are engineering students. I note that you are a fourth year engineering student. Obviously, you are familiar with problems that we Senators are not. We want to help. I can tell by reading your letter that you are a very intelligent and articulate person. If you could express to me some of the problems encountered by engineers that the Senate might deal with, or any concerns that you have as a student, I would greatly appreciate it.

I have enclosed a self-addressed envelope for your convenience. If you prefer to contact me by phone, please feel free to do so. I thank you for your assistance in this matter. And remember, as an elected representative, I am here to serve all UNB students - not just the feminist ones!

Sincerely,
Susan J. Forestell
Chairman
Senate's Students' Council

Apathy Speaks

Dear Editor:

You can consider me "miss apathetic" since I have not been involved in too much over the past three years. I mind my own business, try not to get in trouble. Hey, what can I say, I am a true blue Canadian. But, there are times when one has to rise above this and say something.

Last week's "paper" included a letter by a fellow named Josef A. Pach. Now, I am not a communist, Mr. Pach. Sure, you have a right to your "opinion" but, the comments you made about Miss Forestell are quite foolish. Do you know her? Have you talked to her? I have and I think that she has a "right" to write what she damn well pleases. Don't get me wrong, so do you, but the next time you write a letter at least know what the facts are before you blatantly accuse someone falsely.

From reading the letters and the two columns she has written, I find

no overly "feministic" attitude. At least she is paying attention to what is going on - are you? I am speaking as one who doesn't really care one way or the other about what is going on.

I pay my dues and I am graduating this year. That does not stop me, however, from admiring a person like Susan who is trying to make life in general better. Frankly, I don't care if you have had enough. Sure you can print it, but your opinion is only one. (I hope other people have more insight than you do.) How many students take the amount of time that Susan Forestell does out of their busy schedule to work on Senate, committees, and write a column plus letters? Very few, I am afraid.

I assure you, your letter has fanned a flame but not of feminists in particular. Any human being, male or female, who is basically literate can see that Susan only wrote one letter about feminism - applauding a heroic attitude. I, for one, am glad one student has enough guts and energy to do what Susan does. People like you don't make life any easier. To tell the truth, if you are so high and mighty, why don't you get involved? I am sure the student population will be thrilled with your educated opinion.

Lorraine Poirier

desired.

With a midterm on Friday morning I had no choice but to park in a Faculty parking lot, risking the chance of getting a ticket. I pay a lot of money to this university, so the next time it snows get your act together and clear the student parking lots within a more reasonable time.

Thank you,
Neil Morehouse

The Write Stuff

In their infinite wisdom, UNB's athletic department named assistant coach Phil Wright, the man to take over the struggling men's basketball program and lead them to the promised land (the AUAA's) when hoop "Guru" Don Nelson takes a long overdue Sabbatical next season.

Now there are two distinct lines of thought on this questionable decision by Athletic director Jim Born. On the one hand, "the Deke" will in fact return to UNB after a year's absence to do what he does best, lead a talent thin troop of disgruntled players to another, in a long line of disappointing seasons. If this is indeed the case, I suppose it would make little sense to bring in a qualified basketball man from "the great outside," (anything which is not within the perimeters of UNB campus) if he is just going to be pushed aside when Nelson returns. Wright is undoubtedly the best qualified individual to keep up with the "great" tradition of Red Raider basketball which Nelson's legacy has left behind. However, if the rumours which are making the rounds are true, and the old coach won't return, then our Athletic Director has done a grave injustice to the basketball fans of Fredericton yet again.

Year after year, hoop spectators have been shown just how inadequate the coaching of both Nelson and Wright really is.

Players are shuffled from the playing rotation to long stretches of doing little more than passing white towels to other players coming of the floor and guzzling Gatorade, without explanation.

Recruiting trips are taken, and players are brought back who have little or no impact on the program due to a number of reasons; poor grades, personal problems, or the harsh reality that many of these players are simply not good enough to crack an already thin-

talent poor varsity line up.

The inadequacies of both Nelson and Wright are plentiful, and painfully evident when one scans through a program of the players now wearing Raider red.

Players are often given 45 seconds to show what they can do, and if they fail to impress, are sent back to that dreaded limbo known as the bench, for games on end, or until the coaching staff remembers the unfortunate player's name.

News out of Saint Thomas says that Al McAdam may well be on the way out, due to the hockey Tommies' lack of success this year on the ice. If only UNB shared this philosophy. For years Nelson has shown the fans nothing other than new ways to mismanage a ball team, alienate countless players, and bring in players who can't play or never get the chance to contribute any way.

The Raiders have little direction, no ideas about their specific roles on the team, and as a result of this leaderless void, have little dedication to their sport.

How can Wright, who has been as responsible as anyone for this blatant mediocrity, even be considered an answer to the Raiders' plight? Of course, he shouldn't feel any pressure in fulfilling promises of new spirit and competitiveness, for if the UNB athletic department runs true to form, Wright will probably be given twenty five years to carry out his mandate.

UNB's logo for varsity sports is "in pursuit of excellence," however, those words ring hollow when Red Raider basketball is the topic of conversation, and Phil Wright's appointment as head coach confirms the fear that this will undoubtedly be the case for many more years to come.

Ron Joe



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SNOW JOB

Dear Editor:

I have a question for the University Administration. Why is it that the student parking lots are not plowed until well after the storm is over? On the morning of Friday, February 5 I arrived to find the students' parking lot on Windsor street full of snow, while the Faculty parking lots had already been plowed. Why the outright favoritism? Are the students not worth the effort? I paid for parking privileges at this university, so I cannot understand why Faculty parking lots were cleared early Friday morning while the students' parking lots were not plowed until late Friday night.

The great quote of the morning was "Classes are still on, but students should not bring their cars." Are you kidding? I live about five miles from campus and it is just too far to walk. Furthermore, have you ever tried to get a taxi on a morning such as that Friday? Both the waiting and the cost leave much to be