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Koncz sets the record straight

Dear Editor:

As always, it is a task to find time and force myself to submit a letter to you. Unfortunately, the raving, half-truth and unfactual letter from Brent H. Bartley and D. Thompson prompt me to reply to set the record straight. I refer readers to the Bruns issues of March 16 and 30.

I do admire President John Bosnitch in the way he constantly works to better campus life. Now, on top of all the work he is presently weighed under, come the duties of vice-president (chief electoral officer, public relations and chairmanship of two S.R.C. committees). Anyone who has worked with John will testify that he is dedicated to the students. They are neither "worshippers" nor are they "being blindly led along". In fact, he always has been open to construc-

tive criticism and takes his job as student advocate seriously.

First, I would like to reply to Brent Bartley, who in my mind, misrepresented the students as (former) chairman on the Student Union Building (S.U.B.) Board.

Second, unlike several of the "leaders" at the University, I welcome the opportunity to hear anyone's (notice the plural form) opinion on a subject before forming my conclusion. Mr. Bartley abused the chairmanship by cutting people off and not allowing some to speak. Robert's Rules of Order were indeed designed to facilitate a meeting's progress but were not designed to cut-off a speaker, rush through a motion, or cut-off someone's input to a meeting. If some leaders cannot spare the time to listen to all aspects of a situation or have their

minds totally made-up before discussion, then they should not be in any position of power. Narrow-minded, short range ideas are the last thing the students need.

Third, I would like to address Mr. Bartley's "facts". These facts are merely half-truths and I would like to add the second half. Perhaps Mr. Bartley did not actually speak with U.N.B. Vice-President O'Sullivan but it was on the recommendation of Mr. O'Sullivan that the S.U.B. Board increased the administrative fees with little discussion. On the same topic, the fee increase was passed without any advance warning, and without looking at the cost of management, at the need for a new van, at the actual increase needed, or any other possibilities. To quote *Mugwump Journal*: "Despite the fact that it will

be the students who are going to feel this increase the most, no public notice was given. Why not? This is just one more example of students at this University having no say in what happens here." Unfortunately, 9 out of 11 S.U.B. Board members are, in fact, students. Only two members of the (old) Board, Andre Faust and John Bosnitch, argued for a delay and a full investigation. (The same Mr. Bosnitch that was berated in last week's *Mugwump* for his "petty attitude". If this is a simple case of "personality conflict" Mr. MacKinnon, why don't we ask that Mr. Bosnitch back off and give up).

Finally, letters such as the one by D. Thompson do not really need a reply, but since I am already this far, I will clear up the facts? presented. I was not aware

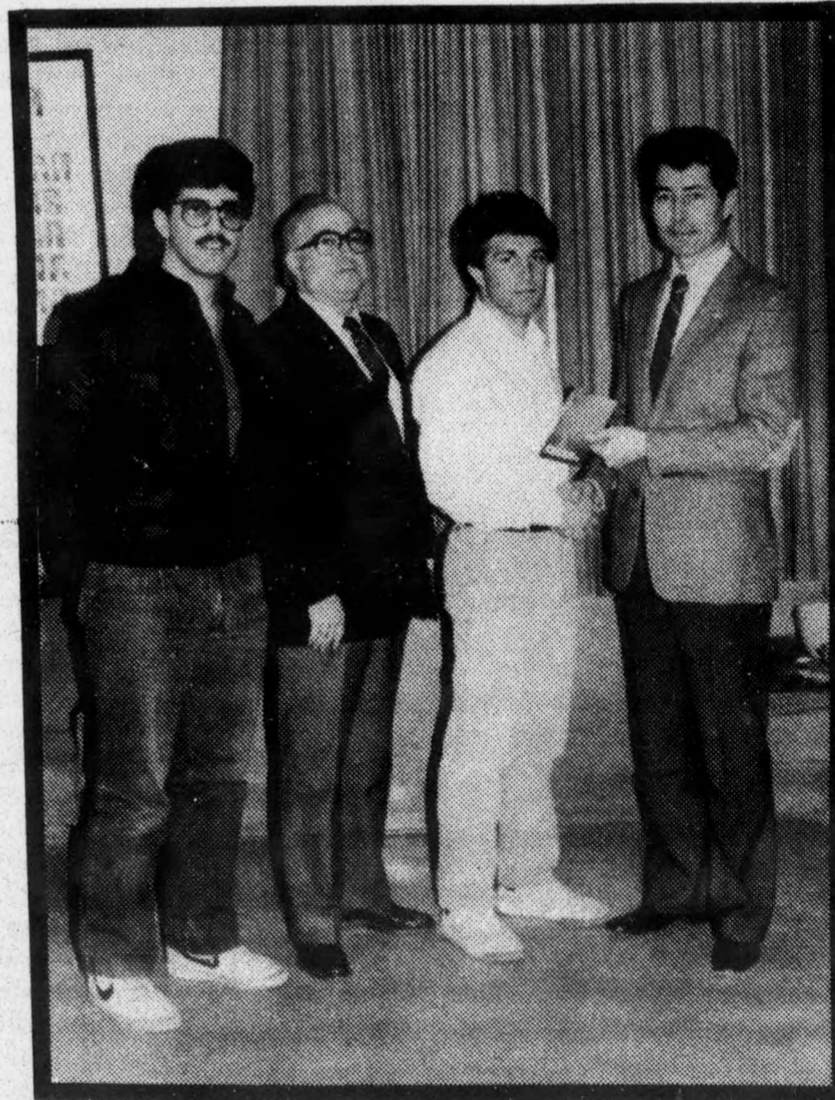
that being socialist made one "dangerous and harmful to anything he touches". Actually, John Bosnitch has been called almost every political label because he uses the best elements of each to further his political conviction that democracy is the best system. Further, the 37% of the vote that Mr. Bosnitch (a student) received in running for mayor of Fredericton against the incumbent (businessman, 10 years as mayor) certainly does speak for itself. Also, the "outrageous" price charged for rent in the S.U.B. is \$6.50 per square foot. I would encourage the present tenants to rent comparable space anywhere in this city for less.

I hope that many students took this opportunity to get the full facts. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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