

we await more white briefs

There's a new white journal circulating around campus designed to breach the wide communication gap which developed over the years between the students and the administration. To his credit Acting President Dineen seems to be trying to breach the gap both with his stance on student Senate representation and supposedly with the University Gazette.

The Gazette, we feel will not accomplish much along this line for by its very existence as an official mouthpiece for administration policies, it loses all critical value. Articles will contain, if the first issue is any indication, only pro-opinion and could at some future date under different editorship contain misleading propaganda.

The Gazette is hardly an original idea, since many colleges have been printing such a publication for some time. Maintaining UNB's traditional record of following where others have lead, the Gazette becomes UNB's official Administration information sheet.

It's rather ironic that the first edition is dedicated to Dr. Norman Strax for his recent disagreement with the University policies in all probability hastened the arrival of the official version. To be fair the reporting is objective as only Court Stenographer Records can be.

First impressions are poor impressions but if the Gazette is ever to achieve any sort of credibility it must lose its "our version" stance. We await more white briefs.

house initiation disgusting

The beanie concept disappeared for the first time this year as the Orientation '69 committee decided to emphasize a more mature and friendly aspect of university entrance.

Since the beginning of residence accommodation there has always been an informal initiation procedure for those students who are spending their first year at university in a residence, and recent years have seen this practice on the increase.

This year saw the residences erupt with a display in the old style.

Many incidents occurred during Orientation, to make newcomers feel at home and to provide a release for oldtimers. However, as one victim said "I didn't feel at home, I almost quit university. They aren't doing it for us, they do it to put us in our place."

One of the incidents involved an upperclassman covering a Kotex sanitary napkin with ketchup, walking up to the SUB and forcing a frosh to lick it off. The SUB was the scene of a second such display as the Harrison House president was paraded through the building wearing only a pair of panty-hose.

A 3rd year law student, John Filliter, told the Bruns that such behavior would normally be subject to prosecution under the Criminal Code of Canada.

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REACTIONS TO THE SENATE'S DEFEAT OF SEMELUK MOTION

REJECTION DISAPPOINTING

Padraig Finlay walked out with Lawson Hunter after the defeat of Semeluk's motion and after presenting the brief which reviewed the situation of the student representation:

"The defeat of Professor Semeluk's motion is in accordance with the recurring pattern of rejection of suggestions and proposals made by student spokesmen. Tonight's occurrence is particularly disappointing when it is considered that UNB is one of the very few Canadian universities without any form of student representation on any of its governing bodies."

LET'S GET GOING

J. Dineen interpreted the rejection of Prof. Semeluk's motion:

"It ended up as a sort of turning... like let's get going. It is quite possible that if the Senate committee can act quickly it will be possible to hold elections and to have student senators by the next Senate meeting on October 14."

DEFEAT IS NOT SETBACK EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED

Prof. Blue, Registrar:
 "The defeat of Prof. Semeluk's motion is not a setback. We hope the joint discussions will produce the details required for the elections. There is no ill feeling on the part of the Senate as far as student representation is concerned."

WIN SKIRMISH BUT LOSE BATTLE

SRC president Mike Start:
 "I am very disappointed. I think the Senate made a very bad mistake. I hope this won't provide an issue to which the students will emotionally react. If this issue becomes a point of pride we might win a skirmish but we will lose the battle. On behalf of the SRC we are exhausting every opportunity available to us."

Dr. George Semeluk, faculty science representative, who presented the motion:

"Naturally, I am extremely disappointed that the motion did not pass, since I believe its passage would have opened the way to a more rapid and lasting resolution of the issues involved. I very much regret that I and those who supported the motion were unable to convince the majority that a magnanimous act would be beneficial at this time, without in any way diminishing the powers, or demeaning the status, of the Senate. It is important for the University community as a whole, however, that this disappointment be accepted with good grace, and that attempts be continued to reach a satisfactory solution."

Letters to the Editor

Sir:

Perhaps I am out of touch with contemporary mores, but I felt that some of the residence initiation activities of last Sunday evening were offensive to public decency.

If the "ritual" was intended to shock, it was a smashing success. If it was meant to be funny, it revealed a perverted sense of humour. Has such utter crudeness a place in an institution of higher learning?

There may be some social value in initiation, but I fail to see any justification for forcing freshmen or freshettes to perform the degrading acts into which some of them were coerced.

How did the victims feel? While some probably did not mind, I suspect that others were compelled to commit actions morally repulsive to

them. What did this accomplish (besides amusing depraved characters, which I presume were behind the scenes)?

What motivated those responsible for organizing the initiations? Why did they desire to humiliate their fellow students? Did it do something for their egos? Would they secretly have liked to indulge in the practices themselves? Were they seeking revenge for past embarrassments of their own?

It appears that each residence was attempting to establish a reputation for itself by "grossing-out" all the others. Perhaps we ought to reconsider the value of such quests for infamy. After all, there is little challenge in becoming notorious...

Initiation has traditionally

been justified on the grounds that it builds house spirit, class cohesion, etc. When achieving such ends necessitates destruction or undermining of individual dignity, I think that the ends should be abandoned.

Steps should be taken NOW to prevent a recurrence of last Sunday's spectacle. Residents should express their displeasure with such abhorrent behaviour, and seek assurance from their house councils that there will be no repetition of it. If such assurances are not forthcoming from student leaders, the Residence Administration should take steps to curtail the practices. Finally, the SRC and/or RRC ought to investigate the possibility of disciplinary action: such socially unacceptable conduct must not be tolerated.

John Filliter
 Law 3

Bureaucracy award for financial responsibility

To Michael Start, President SRC, Brian Sullivan, Comptroller for their financial integrity and wise judgement in renting a Board Room costing \$33.00 to the student body, at the Eden Rock Motel for a quiet top priority Sunday afternoon SRC meeting. The meeting was held to inform returning SRC members of how the SRC executive spent their summer vacation.

We understand that the best way to remove the temptation of constant Coffee Shoppe from our dedicated council members is to seclude them. Regardless of the fact our SUB Council Chambers are available for free.

Gentlemen, please accept this award in the respectful manner in which we submit it.