

editorial

Making Noise About Saving Money

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As we sit down to write this editorial it seems that there are just too many things which bear attention to fit into one issue of the Bruns. So, what we will do is to give everyone a bit of a hard time. Frist, in this time of austerity and cutbacks why is the University buying thousands and thousands of dollars worth of new trucks just to use them for running down motor cycles?

Also it seems that the constant pleading for more library time is now unheard. Doing some checking we have found that installation of coin-operated light meters is a possibility which should be seriously considered. The student could drop a coin of some weight into a slot and obtain a half hour or an hour of light. Why not?

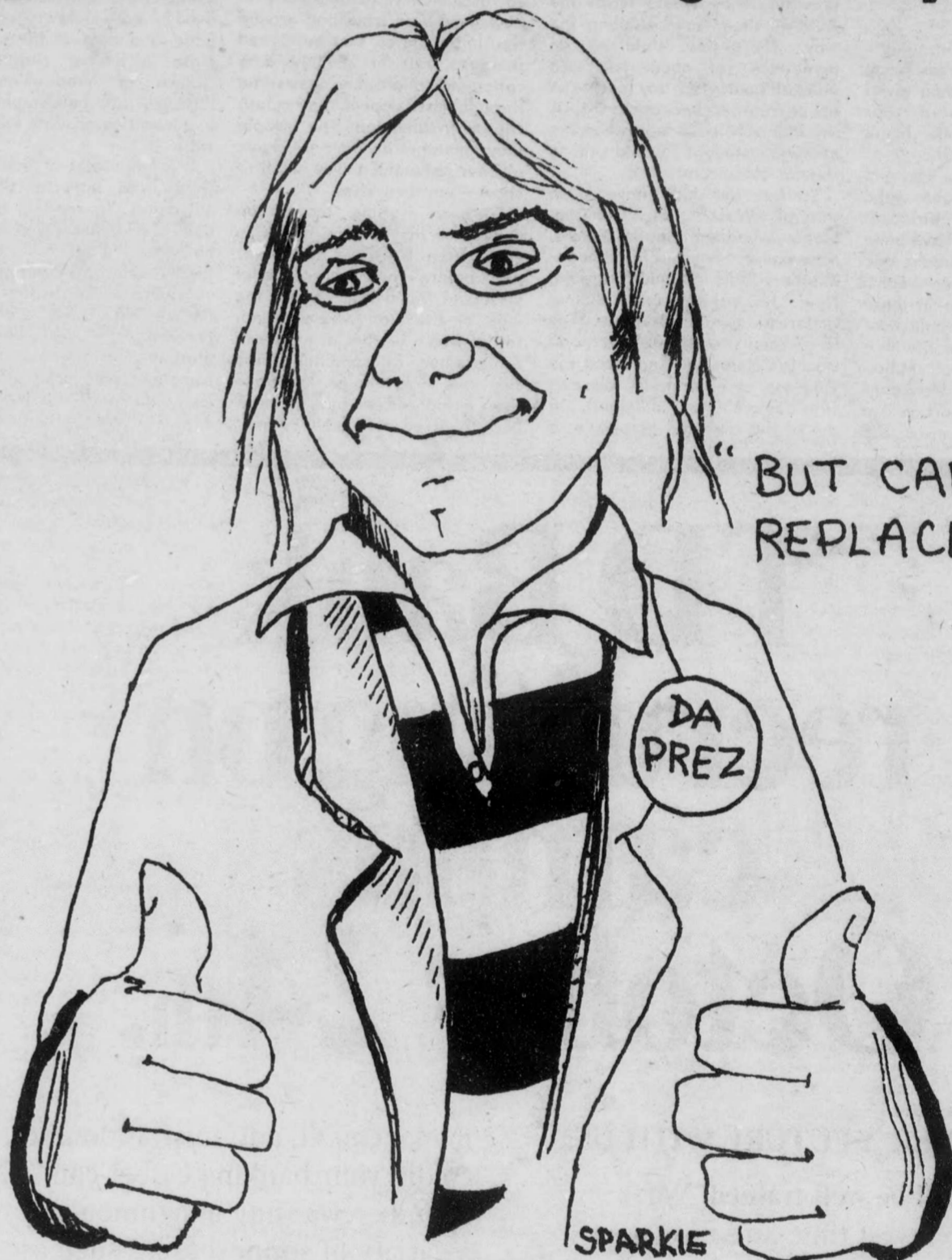
Speaking of lights, did you ever notice late at night (for those of us who can still see late at night) that the university leaves a great deal of lights on to avoid vandalism? This is understandable on the outside of the buildings but why have half the lights inside a building turned on? What a waste!

Talking to a security guard the other day it was learned that at first the suggested rise in parking stickers and tickets would be to twelve dollars but that had been cut back due to a cry of despair. Well, it went up 3 dollars anyway. Now security can have more money to run the huge blue, gas gulping thing they call a car. Why does the university need such a huge car?

This machine hardly ever leaves the campus (except frequently for more gas) and as most would agree is totally unsuitable for patrolling the small paths and lanes of this campus. This thing should be replaced with a smaller vehicle more suited for the one man patrols more common at UNB.

Did you know that 29,000 dollars worth of journals have been cut from the library budget? Now all those professors that give you extensive reading lists will have to stop and think if the article or even the journal is in the library. I know of a couple of faculties who will be hurting quite severely when it comes to doing research projects, eg. Nursing and Engineering, not to mention some of the arts subjects.

Well, I've faked being a Brunser long enough and have filled what I think is enough space. These concerns are real though and soon the university will have to realise that there must be other ways than cutting off study material and educational facilities in order to save money. There will be more.



Try it you'll like it-we're sure

I really can't see why I was elected to beat my brains out trying to convince the nine tenths of this campus that lay in nothing but academic limbo, to step out of their icky little confined 'school careers' and get involved.

I can understand that if your apathetic you're not going to change your habits and jump up screaming "I want to do something to make something out of this joint!" (i.e. UNB).

I've always been involved, and never given a damn for anyone that figures it's not their job to do the same.

There is satisfaction for me when I do something to my fullest capability, because I know its good. It doesn't happen often but it is ecstasy when it

The world isn't working for those that aren't doing the same.

If you never put the extra effort into something, you'll never experience the reward of living.

The reward is not easy to understand unless you really achieve it. You don't have to be a hero, just your best.

More immediate to most, the ones that haven't yet found out, is the prospect of looking back. This route of thought is more easily understood than 'reward'. Achievement lends to dignity and that's better than having nothing...to me anyhow.

As I said previously, it's useless to try and persuade most into activity outside of the unconstructive.

I am, however, going to make the effort to swing a few 'on the verge'.

The election for UNBs SRC, (Student's Representative Council), is on us and half the positions haven't got a single application.

No Vice president external, Arts rep, education rep, computer science rep, engineering rep, forestry rep, and graduate studies rep, for this year.

If you don't think that's going to work for your university, you know how to solve it. These positions are easily filled by anyone. It's always hard to advocate student involvement.

Too bad so much effort has to be spent on it with such little results, especially when it's something that shouldn't need to be done.

Besides, Murray needs help. He'll get old before his time.

Editors Note - The person referred to in the article is a fictitious character, but represents all those who are trying to keep things happening on our campus.