

# EDITORIAL

## The cause in motion

Without realizing it, I became the greatest threat to democracy in this country since the announcement of the War Measures Act. The worst part of it all is that I've become very much like a fish bowl; when you look in you see something. I may move, spin, do circles but if the people looking in decide I'm floating on my back, then there's not a lot I can do to change their minds.

So now that I'm blackmailing the government and throwing the proverbial monkey wrench in the corroded wheels of Parliament and causing wanton chaos throughout the political system. . . why don't we sit back and watch me move?

In a twist of my tail, I announce that my main goal in this endeavour is not to pressure anyone but to draw attention to myself and thus to a cause. I'm not in a fight; I'm deperately trying to make our generation realize that there is a battle to be fought and only they can wage the war.

In a twist of my back and waddle of my fins, I'm circulating petitions around this campus and with the assistance of other student editors, on all the universities across Canada. From there, they will be mailed to Ottawa where they must be, as a formality, entered into the records of the House of Commons.

The move that may have eluded all of you is the inadvertant thrust of democracy that slipped by even the most "observant" of us. What actually is being rammed down the throats of the unsuspecting cynics is a puritan form of democracy last seen through Plato's eyes upon viewing Greece.

But there is the charge that this rather agile fish is imposing morals upon you clear seeing folks, with no better intentions but to evoke guilt in you. But then can demanding that people not be ignorant on issues pertaining to them and their peers be so shameful. In fact, that strikes this fish as the most immoral act of all; to let my own generation fall prey to the jaws of the unseen and the unexpected.

So what's left for this fish of confused destiny to do, if one is molded into an anticipated behaviour, with blinders to the right and left?

What else, but swim and do what must be done. Even if that means passing and circling the cynical who find solace in scoffing at your motions; motions that you feel in your heart are right.

Maybe the best fish would be a deaf one.

## Summer Residents Fee Hike

In a few short hours the Board of Governors for U.N.B. will be meeting in Moncton to discuss and decide the rent increase for U.N.B. residences this summer. The past few weeks have seen little if any real proof that this student body even knows there will be a final decision made today . . . FINAL being the key word.

In case there is the odd student who doesn't know what the present state of affairs of residence fees are here is a brief recap:

It has been proposed by Mr. Roy Brostowski, Director of Summer Residences that a 55 dollar increase be implemented this year to aid in the relieving of financial difficulties in the residence system. Therefore rates will increase 40% from 140 to 195 dollars.

There has been no actual proof however that the increase must be this large; no financial records have been opened to the students curious eyes.

The board of Dons were not approached on this matter to offer their opinion; neither was the input of the student body sought. Summer students will be asked to pay the equivalent of winter rates . . . even without the added overhead of heating needed in winter.

Why should summer students be penalized by mismanagement on the part of Residence Officials? If as Mr. Brostowski claims there is a debt to be made . . . show us the tenants of U.N.B. the actual figures involved . . . something can be worked out.

As it stands now though it would appear that this vital decision will be made with very little student input. What a way to run a university!! Sure gives you faith in the system, eh?!

Time to learn a difficult but necessary lesson. This is your university . . . it's your opinion that *should* shape its policies. Right now this doesn't seem to be the case. In the near future there will be other new, important issues coming to light . . . don't let them pass you by!

Wake up now or you're pleasant dreams may end up to be a true nightmare.

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## Mugwump Journal

By Tim MacKinnon and Kelly Maher

Well, it was quite an interesting SRC meeting Monday night. It seems certain members of the SRC executive published several "slanderous" posters about the SUB Board and distributed them around campus. Al MacDonald, VP Administration, resigned over this because he did not want to be associated with the executive. Nice going Al. I think there should be more resignations, preferably from those responsible. As it was, there were a lot of accusations and unanswered questions Monday night. What else is new?

On another note, the SRC midterm elections are being held nest week. Let's hope the apathy on this campus doesn't continue any longer. Get out and vote - if you don't vote, you don't have the right to bitch at who wins!

The referendum questions are especially important. If all are accepted, we not only get our fees increased to \$54, but John and his "pals" will stay in office until March '87. I don't want to see that happen, Downey probably won't let it happen, and UNB will be run solely by the administration. So show your support at the polls, OK?!!

As everybody probably knows, our Editor Ken Quigley is on a hunger strike in support of youth programs such as Katimavik. He started last Friday and, as of yesterday afternoon, he was still on it. Let's all give him lots of support, and if you see any petitions floating around, you might want to sign them. After all, this issue does concern you, too.

Ken has been sleeping in the Blue Lounge since he began his protest. For someone who's "starving for attention", he's doing it in style. Oasis Waterbeds graciously donated a waterbed for him to sleep on. Thanks go out to Oasis!

I would like to congratulate Micheal Bennett on another successful lecture. At least we know that he's doing his job, in making such public issues available to students. Keep up the good work!

Finally (yes, I'm almost finished), the Bruns general elections will be held April 4th (Friday) at the staff meeting (12:30). All staff members are urged to attend and if anyone wants to run for a position, come on in and tell us about it!

P.S. Sincere apologies to Kevin Grant. He's not really that pretty!