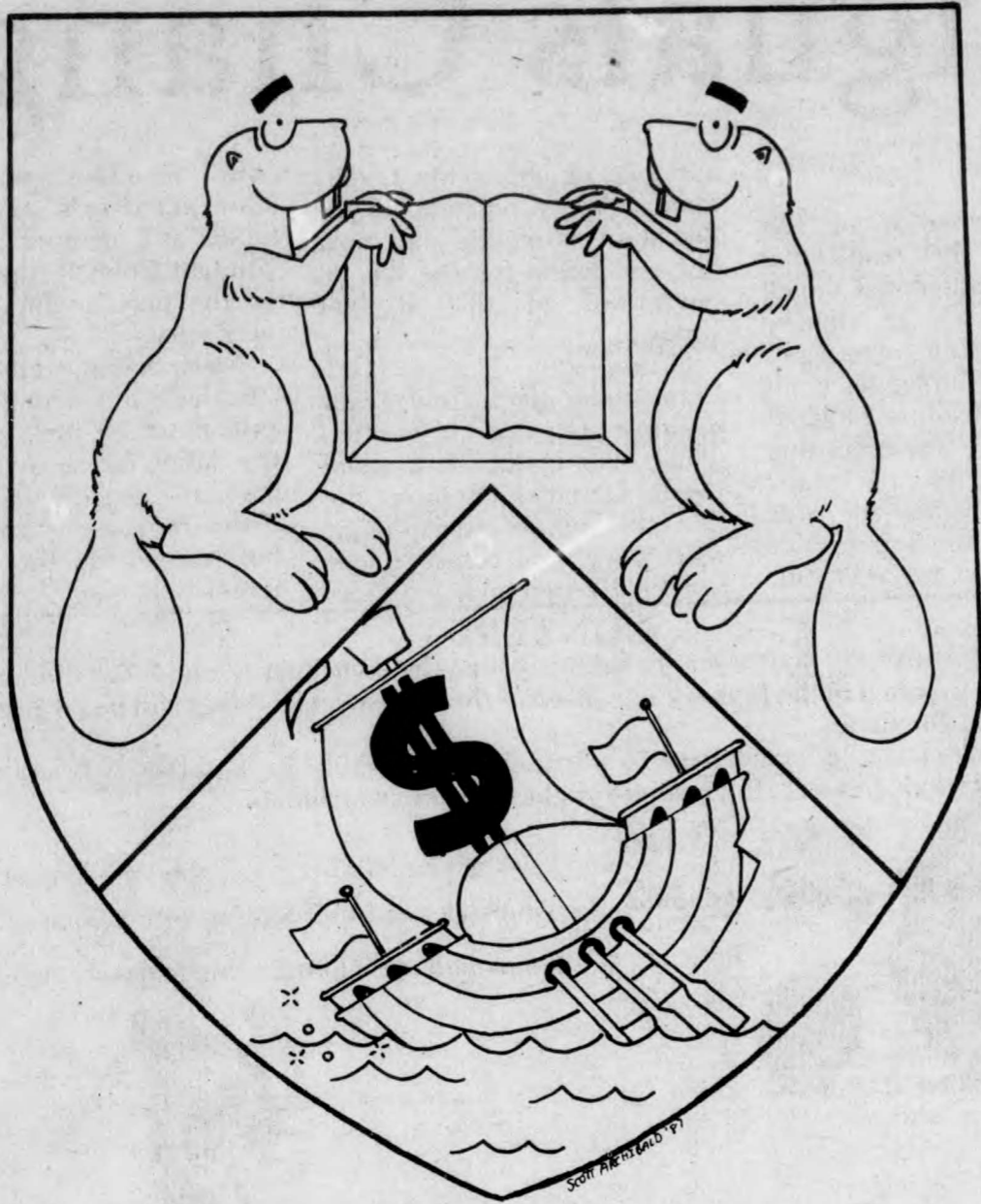


# EDITORIAL



On December 11, 1986 the UNB Student Union Council voted unanimously to create the UNB Foundation for Students Incorporated. Essentially, this Foundation will put a final, stronger set of checks and balances on the financial disbursements of the Union.

Given the financial morass from which the Students Union is recovering, I can understand the need for more financial control and stability. The Foundation will intermediate between the University and the Student Union Council. The University will continue to collect the student activity fee as it has traditionally done. I believe the fee is standing at thirty eight dollars a student now - subject to change, of course. The Student Union for its part will develop the budget for student clubs and organizations. Then the budget and the collected fees will meet in the hands of the Foundation. Sounds great in theory, but I wonder how it will stand up in practice. The Foundation will effectively take the financial responsibility out of the hands of the executive of the Student Union.

Coincidentally, the seat of comptroller (which happens to be empty at the moment) is next to useless in its old capacity. The signing authority of the Union now rests solely in the hands of the Foundation and its Board of Directors. Needless to say the empty seat of comptroller will have to come under review. That ought to be interesting. Now that the comptroller has been stripped of responsibility is there really a need for one? I hardly think so...but prejudging the UNB Student Union is like prejudging the courts. Futile.

Oh well, the University has given their approval, and they certainly have just representation on the Foundation's Board of Directors. I think, given past performance by the Student Union the University should intervene where Student Union finances are concerned. Hopefully this attempt at control will be successful. The period of transition should be an interesting one. I wonder about Tony Tracy (Union Comptroller-elect) who is still standing. Is he to be left out in the cold?



## Mugwump

## Journal

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It's late Thursday afternoon and I know I should have had this column written long before this; however, since Monday became an unexpected holiday, I'm slightly behind schedule. But now that I've dug myself out from under that 40 or so centimetres of snow that left me stranded in Oromocto for 2 days, I'm back on track.

Since we have all of this new snow I thought I'd take the opportunity to remind everyone of the many winter activities available around the campus and the town. Not to mention the fact that every ski hill in the province is reporting good conditions, the stage is set for a great Winter Carnival. From the looks of the answers in Viewpoint we're in store for some pretty interesting events. I've heard a few other warped ideas including pole-licking, nose-rubbing, and a frozen T-shirt contest!

If you haven't yet mastered the slopes and you can't wait for Winter Carnival, there is a cross-country ski tour from Kings Landing to Mactaquac and back on Sunday, January 25. Just what we all need to do, ski several miles in freezing cold weather, fighting off the half-frozen half-starved animals of the NB forests. Fun, fun, fun! For those who do enjoy this kind of thing, and I know there are several, and really want to participate, stop by the Bruns for more info, or call Gerry Bance at 454-1387/453-4897 or Harold Pienne at 459-3924/452-3537. Seriously, this sort of thing is a lot of fun, especially with a bunch of friends.

(However, if you're like me and prefer indoor sports, you're still in luck. The Social Club is holding a comedy contest tomorrow that should be good for a laugh or two. Let's hope at least! It starts at 7:00 so get there early. And, for all you girls out there who are having trouble deciding who's the best guy on campus, and for all you guys who think you are, a local pub is holding a BMOC - big-man-on-campus competition. Men, you've got one month to haul in those stomachs, build up those muscles, and become regular Prince Charmings. And to hell with modesty - the grand prize is \$1000!

Well, enough of this winter talk. I hear things are really heating up at the Student Union Office. Tony Tracey is still standing (his legs must be getting sore by now) because he still hasn't been seated as comptroller, even though he was elected to the position last fall. And it looks like he never will. The university is forming a foundation which will receive the student union fees received at registration, and will proceed to distribute those fees to the Student Union. But the Student Union must first submit a budget before any money will be distributed. Perhaps this new addition to the large, and forever increasing mound of red tape at the Student Union will help keep a tighter reign on the Student Union's money. It may even help decrease the SU's debt. I hope that the summer is a long enough period for this Foundation to shape up and be able to perform successfully as a governing board.

I hope everyone is aware that next Wednesday is "Weedless Wednesday - the day where all the smokers of the nation will put their butts out for a day. I hope you all do your part - give us non-smokers a break. I, for one, would really appreciate it.