

OPINION...

By KAREN MAIR

When I want your opinion, I will give it to you.
Just joking.

I want to discuss the matter of communication. Particularly within student organizations. Being both a product and a veteran of the UNB Student Union, I have come to realize just how important open communication lines are. And I am not talking about phone lines. I am talking about accessibility, and preemptive measures that can save both students and student organizations a lot of headaches. There is an overabundance of examples. But I don't think I would be making my pint by reiterating them to you.

Within the student environment there is what is known as the "big five." These are the Brunswickan, CHSR, Campus Police, the Student Council and Orientation. Within these five there is a wealth of knowledge and skills to be learned. Communication is a big part of it.

The student union has come a long way in the last two or three years in terms of communication. With the removal of previous, shall we say "stifling" executive members, the lines for open and productive communications were finally loosened. Students are slowly coming to realize that the student union is there to serve the students and not vice versa. I will toss in the words varsity mania here for added emphasis. I must say it took long enough....

For instance, did you know that the Brunswickan is one of the oldest student newspapers in the country and that it is one of the biggest and most diverse in the Atlantic in both attitudes expressed and production methods?

Did you know that every year our orientation package receives rave reviews and awards and literally cleans up in competition with the entire U.S.

Even our illustrious student union, as I said before, is definitely on the upswing. Take for instance, the plans to publicize the seating of the new councillors... sure, go ahead and laugh... when you consider that the only air time that the student council got before was embroiled in alleged illegalities and lawsuit threats, you can realize that a change for the better has certainly taken place.

The Campus Police is changing... in case you did not notice, they are under the auspices of the UNB Security and Traffic department now. Throughout the year I have been in contact with and been approached by other campuses both in Atlantic Canada and the U.S. Our system with respect to organized patrols, security of the wet and dry system and overall deterring efforts have lent us respect both on and off campus. Everyone complains about the wet and dry pubs but not everyone stops to think what the social environment of the university residence system would be like if we did not have it. And further, not everyone realizes that a lot of campuses do not even entertain a wet and dry environment.

And CHSR... don't turn me off yet, I am not done... CHSR is one of, if not the biggest club on campus. If you stop and think, it is one of the most far reaching of the student voices. Things as simple as the fact that if you want to offer something (for sale, whatever) you can do it through classifieds on the air much like the Bruns. Consider, however, how little it takes to get the message across through air waves in comparison to a person having to read the last inside back page of the Brunswickan.

In conclusion, I am not ranting about the rampant apathy on campus - I leave that to the election critics. I guess I am commenting on the how tos and why fors of the lack of student interest. Sure, we as students are somewhat lazy - this is the "time of our lives". However, I do take exception to people complaining about the apparent lack of things to do. Boxing ears comes to mind. I strongly feel that the student organizations are coming together and working together to make their voices heard in the student and outlying community... isn't it time that individual students start talking to.

Sure, it is a competitive environment... aren't they all?



By STEVE SEABROOK

Arrrrrrg.... don't do this to me Melanie? I'm an Ad Designer, not a writer; give me a knife, not a pen!

Well, it's that time of year again when the snow is melting, the skirts are rising, the smell of dog shit in the air, and yes, it's that time also for everyone's favorite final exams. Which is worse? Who really cares? Why the hell am I writing this?

Congrats Steph and Kim for your promotion to the Student Union Executive. I'm not sure which is better giving you to the Student Union or getting you out'a here.

Bill get a life.

What about that oil spill in Alaska, way to go US, Too bad Ronnie isn't still the Big Guy anymore, he might napom that mess. That's one fireworks show that might be enjoyed.

What's red, two feet long, and hangs between Ronald Reagan's legs? - Brian Mulroney's necktie.

Where's the "world's biggest parking lot"? No, it's not New York, but the Persian Gulf. When all the shipping were hit during the hostilities, the oil washed up on shore and baked by the sun giving us tarmac.

007 (aka James Bond) is back in a new thrilling adventure called "Licence Revoked". This time the British Secret Service fires him and is forced to become a (gasp!) TERRORIST!

Karl Marx was a communist.

The Bruns tourn has arrived with an enthusiastic little gaming convention under its arm. Come by the SUB this weekend and watch a bunch of students playing with games having delusions of grandeur.

Thinking about "tournaments", there's one more Tuesday left to get yourself entered in. It's the CHSC "Tournament of Champions" Pool Competition. Lots of prizes so grab your cue and get to the Club. "The Prisoner" is coming back to the Social Club today with his drum machine at his side, while "Road House" will be playing the Ballroom on Saturday night.

Bill, have you no grip on reality? Why o' why did you paint the CHSC men's bathroom "Cosmo green", don't you have any pride in the club?

Money Scam - go to Toronto for a party - vacation, head down to the local unemployment and tell them you have just moved to the area and need money fast. Two days later you'll have a \$300 cheque in your pockets, while slumped under a table at your favorite bar.

Word of the Week - Rare- Ad Dept. done ahead of schedule.

By Darbot & Mad Jack
(with coaching from Sir Slime)

Better start looking over your shoulder ... April Fool's Day is almost here! We've thought of a few pranks we'd like to play ourselves... here's one of our ideas:

- take all of the records out of the D.J. booth at the Social Club & fill it with Tiffany, Michael Jackson & the Righteous Brothers.

- put a smoke machine in Kim Norris' office & tie him to his chair

- reverse all the election results & declare Hitler Kitty the winner.

- put real meat in Beaver food (what a shock!)

- paint all walkways fluorescent orange.

- put pinholes in all the condoms on campus

- sit on Carl Burgess & read him the IBM manual & make him recite it in 3 languages.

- paint the Social Club green again

- enter Dr. Downey in a Barry Mannilow look-alike contest after a nose job.

--- just a few ideas.

Have a great week!