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"There goes the Bruns, crapping on the SRC again."

"What have you guys got against the SRC, anyway?"

These are just a couple of the type of comments we at the Bruns often hear from people who, for some reason or another, think we are "out to get" the SRC. Such is not the case, but that is not the point of this editorial.

Some insist we are narrow minded and totally negative when it comes to the student union. However, such is not the case. The Brunswickan published an editorial last year congratulating Perry Thorbourne on his performance in office up to that point.

Others claim our editorial viewpoints are the work of one individual who harbors a

personal resentment of the SRC. If anyone saw how the staff and editorial board argue (some would say fight) collectively over the angle of an editorial, he

would realize this is not the case.

As for the contention that we devote too much time to "crapping" on the SRC, I would suggest people remember what we are here for: to report to the students of UNB the news that happens on this campus. We happen to believe the operations of the council which spends your money are quite important, and so we cover what goes on, for example, at SRC meetings.

And this is where people start to grumble, arguing that we always set out to make the SRC look like a bunch of idiots. The fact is, we

don't set out to make anything sound like anything other than what it is; we just report it.

In fact, the best explanation I've ever heard for why people react like they do to our stories is this: most students, (perhaps unfortunately so,) know little or nothing of the workings of the SRC. When a particularly bad executive - such as last year's - come to power, the absurdities which are perpetrated by these people seem just too unbelievable to the majority of the reading public.

But again, that is not the point of this editorial. The point of this editorial is to welcome the new executive of the SRC to office and wish them the best of luck in the coming years. And we say that

seriously; we're not trying to be sarcastic. What's happened over the past year is gone. Learn from the mistakes that were made; then let it be.

And another thing: although the Brunswickan offices are always open to and welcome inspections from any students, we would like to again extend special invitation to the SRC executive and council to drop in and see how we work. (This invitation was extended to council last year. To the best of my knowledge, nobody ever took us up on it, particularly the executive.)

Welcome President Kevin Ratcliff. Welcome Vice-president Lloyd Tozer. Welcome Comptroller Akumu Owour. Welcome Council. Good Luck.