

editorial

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Da Brunz Keep on, keeping on

The paper you are now reading will be the last one produced with Ed Werthmann as Editor-in-Chief. To the eighteen assembled Brunswickan staff, Werthmann read his three page resignation letter, last Wednesday.

Citing personal reasons as the basis for his decision, Werthmann also made several comments about the state of affairs at UNB.

Quoting from Werthmann's resignation letter, he says "I do not like the social and political structures as they stand here at UNB. My own social and political thought varies so much with those that exist that I find it disheartening, if not impossible to work within them."

The staff of the Brunswickan would like to say that having Ed as the Editor of the Brunswickan was good. Very good. Many of the reasons our paper is considered technically good come from the expertise and imagination of Ed because he cares how the paper looks.

The less than 20 active staff at the Brunswickan would like to take this opportunity to say what we really think about the four or five thousand students who pick up our paper and read it, but as one staffer put it, "I send the paper home to my family every week."

The Brunswickan will, we think "keep on, keeping on." No thanks to you.



The following letter was felt worthy of the Editorial page.

Upcoming election analysed by Director Patrick

Whether you have noticed it or not, there is something going on at UNB; something that will directly affect your future as a student. If you are an active, aware student you know what I am talking about, as it happens each year at about the same time. But if you are the kind of person who needs to look at your feet to avoid falling flat on your face and consequently don't get a chance to see what's on the bulletin boards that litter this campus, this is for you.

Enough of the 'mystery' as to what is going on. There is an SRC General Election in the works - slated for Feb. 2, to be exact. So what does this mean to you, the UNB student?

Answer: A fair amount, if you would like the right to complain next year if things aren't going the way you'd like.

You may feel that there's no need to get any more stirred up

about this election than you do for the Provincials or Federals. But you are dead wrong if that is your stand. The SRC President must be chosen carefully, and this is the point of the preceding paragraph. After being involved in the operations of the SRC for three years, one of which I spent as a councillor, I have developed very strong feelings as to what a President should be. The SRC President has considerably more power in our little micro-society than does a Premier, Prime Minister or President of the United States respectively.

For this reason you must choose a President who can provide strong leadership to the Council, which isn't always consistent in their actions. The President must be the one with initiative and one who will not back down to anyone when he/she feels he/she is acting in the best interests of the

students. Oh, yes, I almost forgot - the president must be someone who acts in the best interests of the students. By electing someone President, you are asking that person to give up a year of life for \$100/week. It is not a mercenary's job. Choose your President well, as you will be stuck with your decision for a year.

Now, lastly, I would like to give you my opinions on the candidates - for those persons I mentioned before. There are three candidates.

The first is Kevin Garland. Kevin has been involved in the goings-on here in SRC Land for three years now, and knows the ropes. I really don't think he knows what he's getting into, but given the average adjustment time to the office, he'd probably be OK. Needless to say, he'll need some guidance in the early stages. We need someone who can show leadership for a

change, instead of good ole Christian love. No offense Jim, but as far as showing leadership to the Council, well... you didn't. That must be avoided. Sum total for Kevin Garland - OK, can't lose. Rates 4.

The second is James Murray. Jim showed us all what leadership qualities he had during Orientation '76. As Chairperson, he backed down to no-one, did a great job, and kept the interests of the Student's Union, the students, and the Administration foremost in his mind. He showed me that he is capable of keeping a million things on his mind at once, and the strong leadership he displayed would have to make him my choice for President of the Student's Union, my union. Rates 7.

The third candidate is Stephen

Whalen. I have come to be good friends with Steve (as with the other two, by the way) and working with him on the SRC for the past year I have come to greatly respect his judgement. But in my opinion, he is not right for the job. The problem here is not that he is not a fine person, but that I have the strongest doubts that he could provide sufficient leadership to the Council, especially in the Fiscal year to come. Rates 2.

The purpose of this editorial is to make you think. I hope that after reading this you will check the candidates out carefully and know who you are going to vote for. Most of all vote for the right reasons.

- Allan Patrick
CHSR Director

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