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An election last week - James Murray and Brian Pryde elected to the top spots. Voter turnout was neither good nor bad. Expectations of this SRC are high. The student body is demanding better service and leadership from the SRC instead of an elitist group of self-serving, self-styled student leaders.

In my own hopes, the realization is reflected back that I may be asking for too much. I hope not.

Jim Murray should prove to be a good president because unlike most of the individuals who have been in that job recently, he has a lot of experience actually working in organizations and clubs.

Jim worked in orientation, CHSR, SUB staff and CHSC staff. When I say worked I mean that he carried beer around stayed up a night setting things up and cleaning up after, not as one of the bit hot-shot executive types that we have been saddled with lately.

Brian has had similar sorts of experience and I feel that the students who voted could not have made a better choice.

Peter Davidson made a statement in his out-going report that he hoped that the new executive would do a better job than Smith et al had over the past year.

My opinion is that history will not judge them so harshly. Many good things have been accomplished.

The first student handbook of any quality, the courage was found to redo a constitution for the student union that makes sense, and substantial increases for club budgets at the expense of a so-called surplus were managed in spite of all.

What most people fail to realize is that in the past money like the fifty grand put into CSL was kept away from the students anyway in the form of large surpluses.

I for one think that ending up with at least a travel office and a potential money-making concert operation is a whole lot better than keeping in the damn bank.

The reason it has been kept in the bank in the past is that it has appealed to the egos of past comptrollers and presidents to leave a legacy of 30-50 thousand dollars to sit unused for another year.

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Mr. Hildebrand writes us another verbose epic this week extolling the joys of his personal philosophy of student unionism. I really have to feel sorry for someone who has tried so hard to bring some improvement to student government waste time on such a fruitless track.

First of all the fact of the matter is that Mr. Davidson and Mr. Moorehouse are dead-wrong in their affirmations that student fees are compulsory.

Mr. Moorehouse should have checked with his boss Mr. Mullin who would, I'm sure have told his trusty helper that fees are not compulsory as he has said to me several times.

Secondly Hildebrand seems to view the union in purely economic terms only. I fail to agree there. The union is an instrument of political force towards the administration and the government, when the leadership chooses to use it.

The fact that a student doesn't have a student card because he didn't pay his fee makes my heart bleed for him. The student union, after all pays half for those cards.

Every year the SRC spends \$1,000 dollars or so to show where our money is spent. It seems to me that if students had this consuming desire to change things they would bloody well get involved.

I have no sympathy for people who think that by signing a petition, which will be at best inconclusive, they are becoming involved.

This business is, at best serious delusion and at worst an attempt by a small group on campus to inflict their own naive political philosophy on other people. Perspective to me means changing things within before changing things without is even considered.

If I were the SRC and president Murray I would follow the constitutional process to the letter of the by-laws and regulations.

This involves telling Hildebrand and the faceless 500 who signed the petition without so much as going to see the SRC president to get the story first hand, to quite frankly, blow it out their ear (with apologies to R.T. for the use of that expression).

The constitution eventually provides for a referendum if satisfaction is not had by the faceless 500. I say so be it. Such important decisions as a two-tiered system of IDs and union membership should not be forced by such a smug little group.

Right in the midst of all this I see a winter carnival in which 900 tickets for extravaganza and 1200 tickets for a pub in the Aitken Centre are sold out in a couple of hours. Are there students who do not appreciate the organization a student union provides?

## Boys and Girls Club active

There is a varied schedule of sports, hobbies and games offered by the Fredericton Boys and Girls Drop In Centre.

Debbie Ladd, co-ordinator of the volunteer program, described the various sporting programs offered, among which were swimming ping-pong, weight lifting and gymnastics. She said they have the use of the UNB swimming pool and the Henry Park Gym for other events.

Future plans for the twenty-five or so children involved in the program, include such events as

tobogganing, skating, orienteering, movies and parties. There is a dance scheduled for February 25.

Other programs offered at the Centre are arts and crafts, cooking photography, model building, coffee houses and dances. These programs take place in the actual

club on Union street. Volunteer are needed for the above events.

Officially in operation for the past three weeks, the club was originally a drop in center. It is open Monday through Wednesday between 7 & 9.

Anyone interested in helping out is urged to call 472-5112 and ask for Debbie Ladd or just drop on over to the Fredericton Boys and Girls Club on Union Street.

## Eat your heart out, Leo Ferrari Hollow Earth Society plans meet

By ROBERT BLUE

Do you believe the earth is hollow? Why or why not?

Dr. Gary Whitford of the UNB Education Department thinks this is a relevant question. He wonders whether there is adequate proof to assume that the core of the Earth actually is of molten iron. Dr. Whitford says if mass of the earth is only six sextillion tons (checked in the Handbook of Chemistry and Physics) it is not probable to assume that the earth can actually have such a core.

He believes that many questions are left unanswered, such as why the accounts of polar explorers such as Cook and Peary have such digrescent results. Does the Arctic have fresh drinking water? Are there large cavities at the poles? Is there a civilisation within the earth?

The catylist is "The Hollow Earth" by Dr. R. Bernard

Dr. Whitford hopes to answer a number of those questions. He solicits the help of any interested persons specifically those with experience in fields such as biology or geology.

Professor Leo Ferrari, president of the Flat Earth Society has been

tentatively booked as a guest speaker for the first meeting of the Hollow Earth Society.

This will take place on February 17, 8:00 p.m. in D'Avery Hall, Rm 261.

The idea behind the formation of this society is to approve or disprove the existance of a hollow earth as opposed to a solid.

For answers or at least discussions of some of those questions interested persons are urged to show up at the meeting.

By the way, do some species migrate to the Arctic rather than South?

## French for PHD's necessary

Dr. Rowan, acting dean of Graduate Studies, commented on the University of Toronto's policy requiring French for all PhD's in library science and possibly all programs.

Dr. Rowan said he was required to read French and German for an English PhD. He said formerly it was not uncommon to require one additional language for Masters and two for a Doctorate. As disciplines increased, some departments used substitutes or did

not specify. Others retained the requirements.

Dr. Rowan considered a second language desirable. He feels bilingualism fits into Canada's social concept. Academically, a second language allows perspective on the "quirks" of the English Department.

Rowan said that it is impossible to master an entire field in four years so PhD programs are tailored to the individual in order

to create a firm foundation for future research. If the chosen area is outside the university's resources the applicant can be referred elsewhere.

Compromises are made as there is not always time to study an additional language. Rowan felt most Canadian students have sufficient background to entail their use of the French language. In relation to library science, he considered French a practical requirement.

## Computing Centre offers courses

The following non-credit courses are being offered by the UNB Computing Centre. All lectures are scheduled from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Head Hall. Anyone attending the APL File Handling should be familiar with Job Control Language.

COURSE	Date(s)	Location	Instructor
Intro. to Computing Centre	Feb. 7	H-128	W.A. Mersereau
SPSS & Other Statistical Packages	Feb. 8, 9	D-6	Nancy Burnham
Intro. to JCL & OS/VS	Feb. 14, 17	H-128	G.A. Jordan
Intro. to APL	Feb. 15, 16	D-6	D.G. Macneil
& Remote Job Entry	Feb. 22, 23	D-6	Brian Lesser

The 1976 UNB "Up the Hill" Yearbooks will go on sale February 14 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 126 of the SUB. This will be the last chance to get your copy of the 1976 Yearbook and the cost is only \$6 per book. We have only 96 to sell and so sales will be limited to 2 books per person, on a first come, first serve basis. So come on out and purchase your 1976 book full of memories.

Don't forget to order your 1977 "Up the Hill" while you are at it. Subscriptions are available until April 15, 1977 only. Remember—a yearbook lasts forever and this year's is guaranteed to be the best.

### 1977 NEW MCAT New Medical College Admission Test

1977 Test Dates      Dates by which registration materials must be postmarked

U.S. and Canada Centers  
April 30, 1977      April 4, 1977  
October 1, 1977      August 29, 1977

Candidates planning to take the October 1, 1977 test are urged to apply during the spring and early summer months.

Registration Packets are available at:  
Dean of Science Office, IUC, Room 109  
Registrar's Office