

Law students' representative calls for change

Dear Editor:

My name is Tim Norris. I have been the law students' council rep. since last April and I'm totally amazed at what I've encountered with the UNB Student Union. I have attended two other universities. I was on the student councils of both and never have I evidenced so many wrong-doings. I would like to inform students as a non-prejudiced observer of what I've seen.

To start off I witnessed a council with no checks & balances. At UNB the president of the union is also vice

president, elections officer, head of the Building board, director of the student store and holds various other conflicting positions of power.

This council where half the members have quit due to the intimidation of the president who has since refused to hold by-elections to replace them.

A council where meetings are called with almost no notice and then called off time and again. Where incomplete agendas are passed out minutes before the meetings. Where council is asked to make decisions without any information so they must rely on

the one man executive of the president for information. Proper procedure is ignored. The Constitution is ignored.

I've seen a president of the Student Union work his way onto the Board of Directors of the SUB and then try to become director of the SUB - in doing so he caused permanent staff of years good service to quit.

A president who manipulates, to the point of bullying, the student council into agreeing with policies he never fully describes.

At UNB, 6000 students are

not served by fellow students on a council. At UNB 6000 students must follow dictates from a man who has lied and manipulated himself into total power.

This president who cried out for fairness but ignores appointment procedures as set out in the by-laws to put his friends in positions.

A president who gives his friends cash from student funds for the work they don't do, such as \$800 commission to Clayton Burns for yearbook advertising that was never sold.

On the surface this president is a capable politician who seems to care about students. But this self appointed "Champion of the Students" creates crises, creates confrontation for political sport. The Third Century Fund fiasco - and SUB battle need never have occurred.

These acts have caused us to lose control of our building. We have payed close to 3000 dollars in legal fees to bail out his mistakes.

This is a man who talks of democracy, rights, and freedoms of students, but in fact, keeps people in the dark by telling half truths. What has happened to proper by-elections for vacant positions? What has happened to proper bookkeeping and reporting to council? Where is democracy when 1/2 the council positions are vacant?

Now he dares to say a new constitution is needed to put power back into the students hands. — A constitution written solely by him, designed by

the man who did not respect the old constitution. This is a man who ignored the constitution—the rules written by the students to protect the students. By doing this he has obtained almost total power. This is wrong! Where was the by-election for vice-president? Where were the by-elections for the empty council seats?

The confusion at the SUB and in the student government didn't just pop up. The problems are not figments of anyone's imagination. The way the president says "Hey, no problem here" may be comforting to some but it is wholly untrue.

The government of John Bosnitch is full of improprieties and wrongdoings. His means can never justify the ends he achieves.

I hold no grudge against the man personally. I voted for him two years ago, but I feel a strong duty to state that what is going on here at UNB is dangerous and a dis-service to us all. He has betrayed all UNB students by destroying an ordered student government.

We need a change at UNB. We need a new President. I hope this letter will cause students to see this need to get involved.

UNB desperately needs normal students with common sense to run for council and its executive. Nominations are now open,—unless good people run this corrupt system will continue.—As it stands now our executive will be acclaimed (Bosnitch and 5 friends) — UNB NEEDS A CHANGE!!!

Sincerely,
Tim Norris

Ex-residence student appeals for help

Dear Editor:

Why is it that residence members who have good grades, no disciplinary record, and were active in house politics, sports and other activities, were not allowed to return to residence this year? Myself, along with hundreds of other students, did not return to residence this term. Some left by their own choice, but many received a formal form letter in midsummer giving no specific reason(s) for not being readmitted.

When former residents questions the administration's decisions, they were told that

their marks were not good enough, or their disciplinary record was too long. If one of these two shoes did not fit, they were told they had a drinking problem, or a drug problem. When the list of reasons ran short, students were told that they had an attitude problem, or were given no reason at all.

Last year, as former residents of L.B.R., we were told by former Dean Robert Smith and former Don, Donald Flemming that our residence was going to be turned to co-educational, but were advised

not to worry, we would stand the same chance for readmittance as any other year. Not true! With a few exceptions, the only students allowed to return were those who did not disagree with the Don's house management (or mismanagement) and those who left with brown noses.

I find it my responsibility, as well as that of other students both not readmitted and admitted to the residence system, to appeal to our student leaders for help in this matter, to assure that this does not happen again in the future.

Former resident of L.B.R.

Bosnitch is "constantly harassed"

Dear Editor:

Since having recently returned from out of town, I read a few back issues of the Brunswickan and noticed that a great deal of criticism has been accorded John Bosnitch of late.

Although not well versed in the specifics of the claims against him I do find it upsetting that vicious attempts to malign Mr. Bosnitch appear weekly.

As president of the Student Union Mr. Bosnitch has managed a great deal of positive contributions, by contrast to previous presidents. His dedication to his position—and work ethics provide a standard for all students to try and emulate. I have had dealings with Mr. Bosnitch on a number of occasions and have

always been struck by the personal interest he generates into each project and his willingness to make himself available at any time to assist in any endeavour.

As mentioned I am unaware of the details of the recent occurrences with the SUB, however, it does cause me a

certain amount of consternation to see an individual, working so hard in an ungratifying position, be constantly harassed by others.

Sincerely,

Robert Hamilton,



Man refused admittance into Aitken Centre

Dear Sir:

I would like to relate to you an incident that occurred to me on Sunday afternoon at the Aitken Centre. Unfortunately I could not make it to the UNB vs. Concordia hockey game until the beginning of the 3rd period. When I arrived, the C.P. at the door informed me (as well as 6 or 7 other late comers) that we could not buy a ticket to the game. I asked him if the game was sold out to which he responded no. Why then could we not buy a ticket, "That's the rules," he responded. I'm sure that Don MacAdam as well as the rest

of the UNB hockey players would not be very happy at learning that fans were being turned away at the door.

I hope this will not happen again the next time I rush to the Aitken Centre to see the end of the game. The story does however, have a happy ending. Having played at UNB for 3 years I learned that there are more ways than the front door to get in the building, so I did end up seeing the Red Devils whip Concordia 6-3 in spite of the C.P.

Yours truly,
Gary Agnew