

Comments

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type of microphones used. We made use of what we could get. The microphones used were generously provided by CHSR and they served their purpose—to amplify sound. Omnidirectional mikes, as suggested by your article, were in no way available, nor were they necessary. Was it necessary to devote sixteen lines of the limited space we were allotted to criticize such a ridiculous aspect of the show? Was it also necessary to spend another eighteen lines criticizing the AMATEUR lighting crew, who, I assure you, did their best? They made do with what they had, and they made it do very well.

The Candidates for Carnival Queen were the invited guests of the cast and were not there to be "interviewed". The audience paid to see a talent show, not listen to a series of speeches by the girls, nor did the girls want to be interviewed. In fact, they were reluctant to

go on stage.

As a member of the cast I was, to say the least, very disappointed with the write-up, which still remains anonymous. We did our very best to produce a show, utilizing amateur talent and inadequate facilities with which we worked. The article, instead of commenting on the excellent talent which was present in each of the performers and the excellent job we did of entertaining the audience, rather dwells upon the unavoidable technical difficulties encountered in the production of the AMATEUR, non-profitable show. We spent endless hours practicing to put on what was a good show and you dwell on such ridiculous things as the type of mikes and make absolutely no mention of the talent of the entertainers. It was indeed a very poor, very disappointing article.

Perhaps next year, your critic, whoever he or she is, would pay more attention to the music reaching him/her through our "inadequate microphones", rather than check-

ing to see what type of mikes are used. He or she might even enjoy the show.

The cast of the Red & Black Revue was indeed very discouraged to read that article. It sometimes makes me wonder if it's all worth it. Yours respectfully,
Deryk Penk, pianist.

Editor's note

The Brunswickan, also an 'amateur' production is susceptible to criticism, just as is Red & Black. We strive for 'professionalism', and so has R & B in past years. The comments were made pertaining to the opening nites performance, and though typed by one person, the thoughts were those of several. Even though the "ridiculous aspects" were criticized, they did in certain instances detract from some of the excellent talent that was in the show.

The Editor

Dear Sir:

I read with great interest the letter by Rick Fox in last week's Brunswickan. I think he presented a more carefully articulated and well-defined platform than any of the actual candidates (though I was somewhat amused to note the rather hasty appearance in the wake of Mr. Fox's letter of position papers by the candidates which incorporated the essential form, if not the substance, of Mr. Fox's proposals). I was particularly interested in Mr. Fox's proposal no. 4—Hiring and Tenure of University Teaching Staff. My letter is, in a way, another commentary on the election, though only tangentially related to that of Mr. Fox's. My point of departure is point no. 4. This proposition raises the question of the role of the student within the framework of the university, and his relationship to the university structure.

The major reason that the student is a member of the university is to pursue an academic career, to obtain a degree, for whatever purpose. The quality of education, and consequently the degree, that the student receives, is directly effected by the teachers he has, the courses and programs offered. Yet, for the most part, the student has very little voice in the way the university operates, who shall be his instructors, what requirements he must fulfil to complete his program. Moreover, the students are fully one half of the university community. Without the students, these facilities would be functionless; without the facilities, the students directionless. Yet the students have only minimal voice in the university.

In a very real way the students interests are tied to the academic and administrative aspects of this university. Yet the campaign platforms of the various candidates did not re-

flect this interest. I specifically sought some expression by the candidates of a desire to obtain a student voice in university government. Only the one mentioned having a student on the board of governors. Clearly the students' interests are being poorly served.

Perhaps what is necessary is an expansion or redefinition of the role of the SRC. All too often the SRC has been justifiably charged with indulging in the "politics of popcorn". Perhaps what we must do is inject a specifically political note into the SRC. Perhaps it should become the political wing of the students' interests, lobbying for students voice within the university. I would personally like to see such an SRC and would offer a series of proposals that such a body might pursue.

- 1) Amendment of the University Act such that it would allow student membership on all bodies officially constituted under the University Act. This would pave the way for student membership on the Board of Governors, from which students are presently excluded by the University Act.
- 2) In the interim, that the student representative on the Board of Governors be elected by the student body at large, rather than appointed by the Administration.
- 3) Extension of student membership on the Senate such that there be at least one student representative from each department in the University.
- 4) That the students of particular departments be given voting membership on the departmental meeting of which they are a part, the proportion to be established by agreement between the Senate and the SRC. Students could then fully participate in granting of tenure, hiring and firing of faculty, and all other departmental decisions.

These proposals are, of course, expressions of my own interests. They are predicated on certain assumptions of student responsibility and interest in actively determining the nature and scope of their academic programme. I do not expect that these ideas will incur general approval. However, they embody the function of student government I would like to see effected, and the ideas or variations thereof that I would like to see seriously entertained. Perhaps then we would be presented with substantive alternatives at the ballot box. At present, this is, unfortunately, not the case.

Mike Macmillan

Ed's note

Thank you for supplying some more fuel to the fire that we are attempting to start. Maybe with help from person's such as yourself the mouthless mass will eventually awake.

The Ed.

Dear Sir:

I am writing in response to the recent special edition of the Brunswickan concerning the SRC and Senate elections. The article by Don Allen dealing with the SRC presidential candidates was strongly biased and much too subjective. Granted, he emphasized the shortcomings of all the candidates, but not with the same amount of negation. Perhaps Roy Neale is a friend of Mr. Allen? That's nice but it shouldn't be reflected in a FAIR, OBJECTIVE article about an issue which concerns, or should concern, us all.

While criticizing SRC presidents who "manage to muddle and bungle" their way through their terms of office, it would appear Mr. Allen has neglected to take a good look at the sloppy, unjust manner in which he dealt with the candidates. He, as well as the candidates and all the rest of us, are only human after all, and someone who is willing to devote time and effort to the office of president of the SRC should at least command some respect.

One would hope, Mr. Editor, that in the future you could find a reporter who is sufficiently alert, interested, and competent to prepare an article worthy of Brunswickan publication.

Cathy Baker
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Ed's note

The election edition was not intended to be written objectively, it was intended to show the shortcomings of the four candidates. It did.

And no Mr. Allen is not a friend of Mr. Neale's. Nor was the Special Edition a devious plot on behalf of the Brunswickan to get Mr. Neale elected.

Mr. Allen is "sufficiently alert, interested, and competent" and I only wish there were more people on this campus who had the intestinal fortitude and concern for the rights and privileges of students when it comes to THEIR student government. Why not come to an SRC meeting and see what transpires? You might have a real awakening.

The Ed.

Boy oh boy, do we get

letters there will be more dealing with the Special Edition next week.



Mugwump Journal

By EDISON STEWART

My very reliable sources have informed me that there was a suicide attempt up at STU last weekend. It seems that a second year girl up there tried to slash her wrists. She wasn't successful, however, and she is now in the recuperation stage. Who says university life isn't hard?

Well, now we've got a new SRC President - for what that's worth. It's really too bad the "PROTEST" people were all screwed up - I believe that they were right in what they were doing. Along with the new Pres, we've got a new council. Make sure that if you have any complaints you send them to him (or her). That's what will make the system work.

Now that the election is over, I wonder if the candidates will take their campaign signs down with the same enthusiasm with which they put them up. Not bloody likely, which gives you a good how concerned they are about making this place a better place to be.

I don't suppose that there has been much done in the administration lately about getting the holes in the university Act filled up. As pointed out in a BRUNSWICKAN editorial last term, the Board of Governors has tremendous power - not all of which is justified. The university, for example, can expropriate for its needs any piece of land in the province. How's that for starters?

Don't bother to look for work in the city of Moncton this summer - the city's various departments refuses to hire people with long hair. What long hair is exactly isn't precisely described. I guess it's up to the guy who hires you. Do you have drag or don't you?

Speaking of Moncton, over a month ago students at U de M there marched on city hall, asking for a committee on bilingualism to be set up. The Mayor, Len Jones, promised it would be, but when students marched again this week, it still hadn't been set up. The Mayor, true to form, tabled the project, promising "further study." Bullfeather.

Moving right along, have you ever wondered whether or not UNB is doing all it can in the fight against pollution? Separating the university's garbage in piles of paper, aluminum and glass would help the effects of the local Conservation Council which is encouraging this sort of thing. It sounds like a good community minded idea. Fredericton might even try it if we take up the lead. Who knows?

Good night, Joyce.