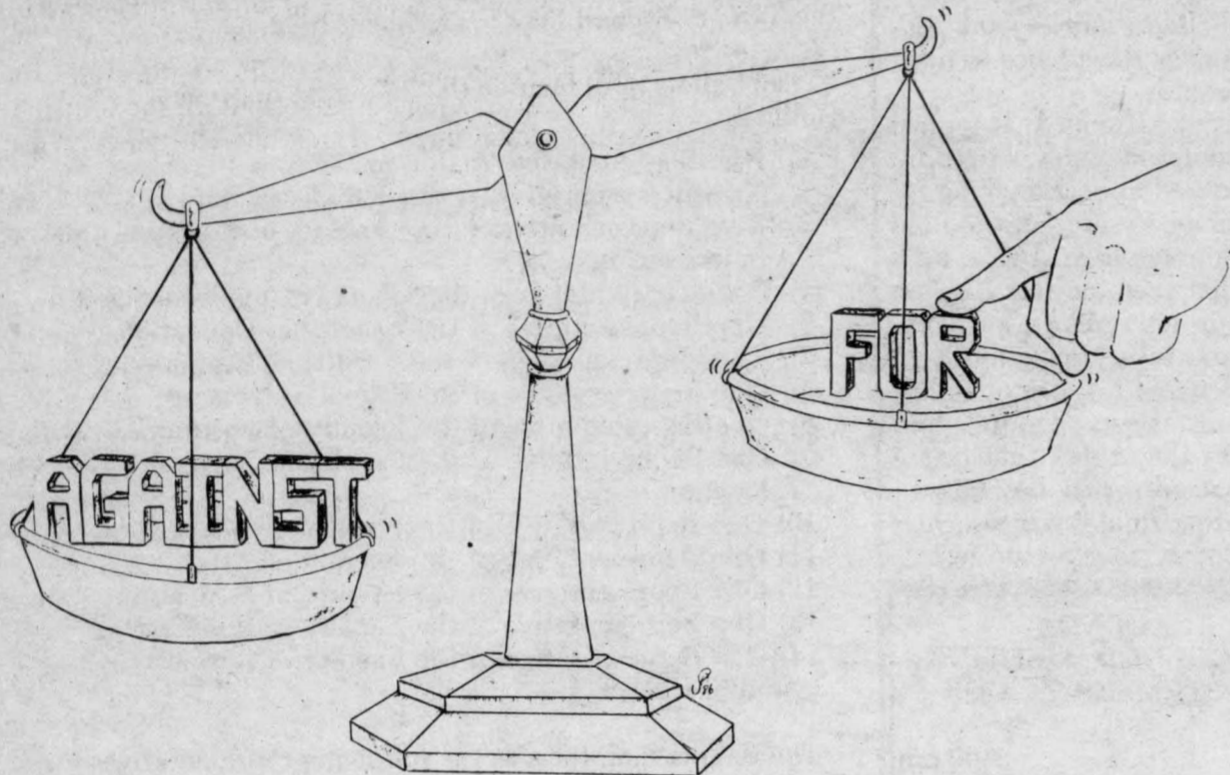


EDITORIAL



At last Monday's SRC meeting a motion was put forward to prohibit anyone on academic probation to run for Student Union positions: this include councillors and executives.

A stipulation such as this would not be unique at UNB. The Athletic Dept., for example, has long had the regulation that demands every student participating in university athletics to pass a minimum of eighteen credit hours a year. This ensured that those involved in sports do not lose sight of what they came here for: an education.

Furthermore, during the last five to six years, the constituency of the Student Union have witnessed a collection of individuals who continuously entrench themselves in student politics. These people often have held little regard for academics and as a result lost touch with the interests and needs of the students who did. There also exists the possibility that an institution that harbours and nurtures the minds that will shape and move society, will be represented and led by people with GPA's reflecting lack of discipline, concern, academic ability, and maybe even intelligence.

On a theological level, Platonic thought, wherein societies are built to bring up the best to lead, has often been dismissed as idealistic and impractical. This may, in part, be true; but should any system allow those a considerable distance from the top to lead simply for the sake of appeasing an Athenian ideal for democracy. We would, in fact, be placing all our welfare in jeopardy. And in effect, be clearing the way for Machiavellian thinkers, rather than those whose interests might be better in tune with those of the general student population.

The university, itself, has deemed it necessary to demand of the students a passing average, is it so much to ask of our leaders?

Apparently so, your representatives defeated the motion.

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Mugwump Journal

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Here it is, Friday again. We've almost made it through another week, and I might add that it was quite a boring week indeed. However, a few tantalizing tidbits have come my way and I am going to take the liberty of sharing them with you. I bet you're holding your breath right now.

First of all, I hear that the Student Representative Council elections are quickly approaching, and if everything goes as planned, they will be held on October 22nd. If you can recall last weeks botched up Viewpoint, it is obvious that not a lot of students are all that familiar with the composition of the SRC. Somehow, that doesn't surprise me. I think an election is the best thing that could happen to the Student Union. At least the debate over who runs it will be ended, and legally at that.

Speaking of elections, the Brunswickan will be holding elections for the position of Entertainment Editor. We urge all staff members to come and vote. Don't worry, we won't make you show your I.D. card (we don't want to see it either). If you wish to run for the position, there's still time. Just submit an application before 12:30 pm today, and show up at the meeting.

Now, no criticism intended, but I couldn't help but laugh when I heard about the proceedings of the SRC meeting held Monday night. Apparently a motion was put forth that all members of council, or any students wishing to run for council should maintain a grade point average above 2.0. And guess what? The motion was defeated. The funny part comes in right about now. University regulations state: "In order to continue in good academic standing a student must achieve a g.p.a. of at least 2.0 for the 12 month period coinciding with the end of the regular academic year in April." Students who cannot maintain a g.p.a. of 2.0 will be placed on academic probation. If the student cannot raise this average above 2.0 within one year, the student will be asked to withdraw from the university. Yet the SRC defeated a motion requiring council members to maintain a g.p.a. above 2.0 and allowing students to run for council who are on A.P. Hmmm....

Do you know what starts Monday? Engineering Week! Even though I am not an engineer, I find the week most enjoyable. I urge people to try to attend the Great Coaster Derby race on Friday morning. It's always fun watching a bunch of overgrown engineers zoom down thrill hill in their undersized, hand-made go-carts. And yes, attendance at Friday morning classes does suffer somewhat. Hey, Paul, how about making me a judge for the engineer's beer brewing contest?

By the way, in case some of you haven't noticed, your old Social Club membership expires today. Too bad you didn't get your new one because they are no longer available as of last night. But, don't worry, I'm sure the Social Club management will arrange a day or so a month when memberships will be available. For ten bucks it's a good deal. Where else can you get a whole year of "cultural manifestations". I did manage to get my new membership-- a scary sight indeed.

One last note--it's Media Bowl tomorrow. Even though CHSR has resorted to nasty, slanderous, degrading posters about our team, (one of its members in particular, and we all know who), I will wish them the best of luck. I know how badly they will need it.
