

# Brunswickan

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## EDITORIAL

### Convocation Christens New Year

With the coming and going of Fall Convocation for another year, UNB for 1968 is officially under way. Looking ahead, it promises to be a year of excitement and challenges. The role we, as students, play in its progression will certainly have a profound effect.

The Senate's decision on the qualifications placed by the SRC on the proposed student-senate committee to deal with the open rooms issue should be forthcoming in the next few days. What the next step will be is still speculation.

Construction on the married student apartment complex is not too far in the distant future. What role the SRC will play in the administration of SUB has yet to be agreed upon to everyone's satisfaction.

Often the issues involved are obscured by red herrings. To clarify them one has to be part seer and part prophet. But this should not be the case. It is your responsibility to take full advantage of the avenues of communication open to you. It is your responsibility to make your opinions known to your elected representatives. It is your responsibility to make your voices heard in your student newspaper — which is supposedly the VOICE OF UNB.

To do less is negligent; to expect more, unrealistic.

### A Note of Explanation

The *Brunswickan* this week is replete with ads. This was necessitated by contractual agreements with our advertisers, and by the fact that the Thanksgiving Holiday played havoc with our printing schedule.

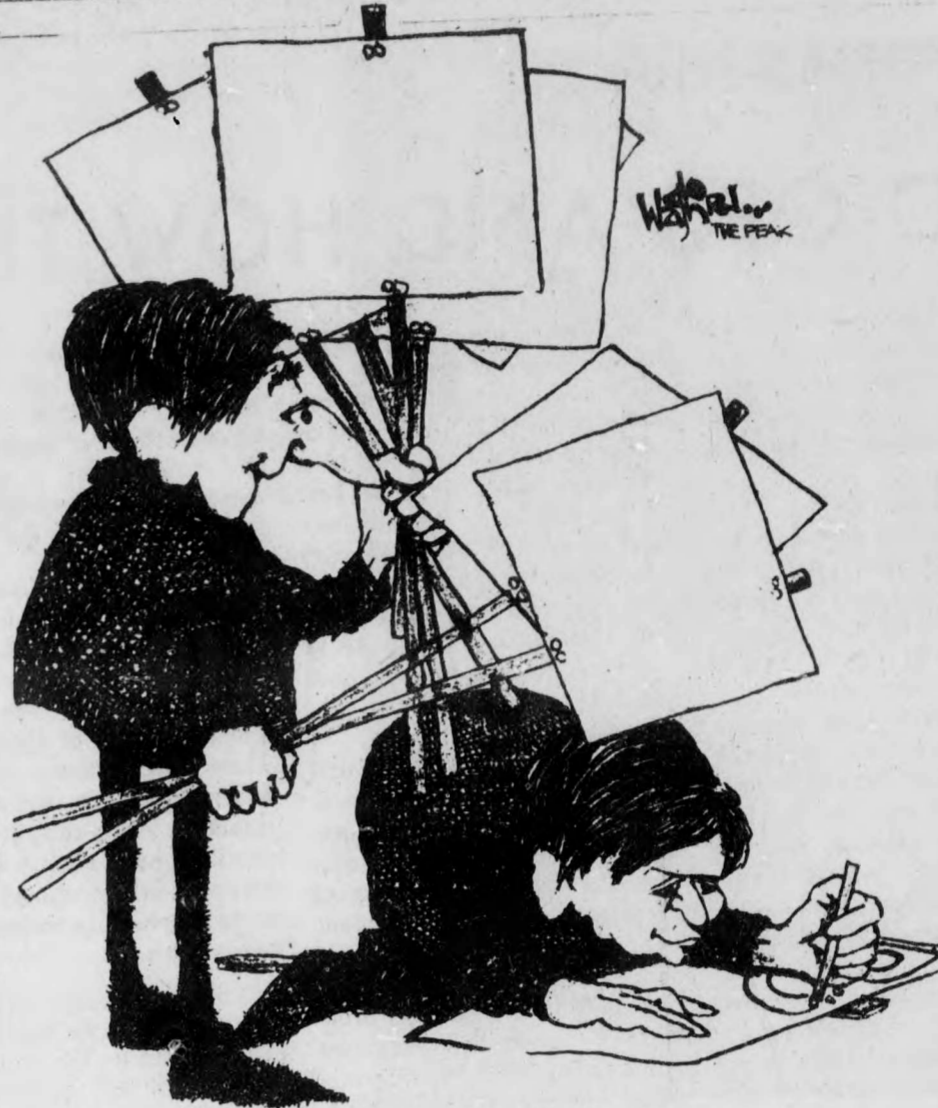
In the future issues a more even balance of the two will be presented to the reader.

Also to be noted is the publication of our first feature supplement. These will appear at least five more times in the future and we hope they will be a source of interest to you, our readers. So with apologies for today and promises for the future we bid you pleasant reading.

### PLUS ONE

Last year the *Brunswickan*, North America's oldest student newspaper, won its first trophy after one hundred years of publication. The Norman A. MacKenzie Trophy, offered by Canadian University Press for the best features section, was awarded to the *Brunswickan* section, *The Inside*. Chief among the winning articles was the major work on poverty in Saint John, by Frank Loomer.

This year, Frank Loomer is the Editor of the *Brunswickan*'s new features section, *Plus One*. We may do it again.



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- Reprinted from The Peak

## Letters to the Editor

**Editor:**

Our previous issue has been the most controversial *Brunswickan* issue I have seen. Nearly all of this controversy was directed towards the centre advertisement concerning the March on Washington.

It is fruitless to discuss motives now; what is significant, however, is the basic question of our right to print controversial material.

Just what are our rights?

The *Brunswickan* has a constitution. There is, however, no statement concerning the limitations put upon the Editorial Board. The *Brunswickan* staff therefore assumed that there were no more restrictions put upon the *Brunswickan* than upon any other newspaper — in fact, less so, since we do not worry about pressure from our advertisers.

The uproar by a few students has not changed that assumption. Nonetheless, the *Brunswickan* staff has an obligation to the students to respect their wishes. Because of this, I have resigned my position as Associate Editor, since it was my idea to print the centre page as it appeared. As well, the advertisement will be paid for, not by the student body, but by the advertiser.

As a third measure, two letters to the Editor have been published criticizing our policy. As a result, nothing has been lost — except my respect for the student body of the University of New Brunswick.

Stephen J. MacFarlane

**Editor:**

This time you have gone too far. It is bad enough that you endorse the Vietnam policy that you apparently do, but, to place a full two-page spread in your paper, at the student's expense advertising this fact fills me with rage. It is your prerogative, if you do favour a certain policy to write it up as an editorial. The very fact, that we the students pay for the paper forbids free hate literature of the sort which filled your fifth edition this year. More so because it is against our best friends and for our worst enemies.

I realize that today to be 'in' is to favour the 'stop the bombing' policy. But I expect more from you responsible and intelligent gentlemen who put out this paper. When people let their emotions rule over their rational minds, then the only result is chaos. This is turn plays into the hands of those whose express desire is the overthrow of democracy and freedom. Think hard about this and "check your premises". If you support the slave pins of Russia, China and the rest of the communist nations then you may refute my argument. Just remember that we have no mine fields, armed guards and 'checkpoint charlies' on our borders. Do you really want this?

Peter Hunt  
M.E. III

**Editor:**

I would like to register my displeasure with the editorial viewpoints of the *Brunswickan*. Over the past two years the campus paper has blatantly sounded the cause of anti-Americanism. I feel that the majority of students regret the fact that there is a war in Vietnam but definitely do not consider the U.S.A. to be the aggressors. Perhaps a referendum would allow the *Brunswickan* staff to express the opinion of the majority of the students. One thing that isn't forgivable is the offensive two-page article in the October fifth issue advertising the rally in Washington. May I remind the paper that the war is between South and North Vietnam and not the U.S.A. against Vietnam as is implied. The least we can have is news concerning both viewpoints. Why was there no mention of the Sir George Williams students' reaction to a lecture given to them by two ex-Viet Cong?

I would also like to complain about the childish namecalling and innuendoes that have been prevalent in the last few issues of the paper. I'm sure that all students do not consider the administration and its staff to be a group of ogres because they happen to disagree with us. How about a little respect for the people who are caught in the middle of student demands and public opinion.

Thank you for allowing me to express my views.

George Demetre  
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