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Opinion

It is only human nature for the constituents of an area to criticize their elected officials. However, in the case of our own student union, these attacks of late, seen weekly in the *Brunswickan*, have become overwhelming. So much so, that many students are beginning to wonder if the Student Union has ever done anything *right*.

Contrary to the opinions expressed by certain individuals in the *Letters to the Editor*, and *The Gripes of Wrath*, those in charge of the Student Union have accomplished quite a bit since they took office in the spring of 1987.

In September of this year, the SU established the UNB Campus Entertainment Committee. Now students are able to enjoy free first rate movies on a weekly basis. As well, concerts are being presented at prime times and guest speakers have appeared and are scheduled to appear in the upcoming months.

For the first time in three years, UNB is going to have a Yearbook; two, to be precise. James Small SU VP External says the book will be ready by April 1 and can be picked up at the Student Union office at this time. The 1987-88 Yearbooks should be ready by September.

Externally, UNB has gained a strong voice in the N.B Student Alliance. The N.B.S.A. is a provincial organization of Student Union representatives that carry student concerns to the provincial government. And for good reason. Jane Arnold, SU President, has been the Chair of the the Alliance since October. At this time, UNB hosted a Forum on Post-Secondary Education which featured a question and answer period with the leaders of N.B.'s three major political parties.

As well, roughly two weeks ago, Jane Arnold led Premier McKenna and Advanced Education Minister Dr. Russ King on an underfunding tour of the campus; hoping this may open their eyes to the serious problems facing university students today. The event attracted local and provincial coverage from all media.

The UNBSU has also expanded its horizons to a national level by becoming prospective members of the Canadian Federation of Students. CFS is a national student organization which acts as a student lobby voice on Parliament Hill and presently represents 400,00 students across Canada.

I do not feel the Student Union deserves our unconditional support and devotion; occasionally their judgement needs to be questioned and the views of individuals need to be heard. However, I believe their accomplishments should be recognized ...as well as their errors.

HEATHER MCNAUGHT

"When you sit on the fence, the grass looks brown on both sides."

Ern and me

"Nothing contributes more to peace of mind than to have no opinions whatever."

Georg C. Lichtenberg