

Issue 3 **editorial** BY MACK MORGAN

Well, you heard it here first folks, in last week's *Brunswickan*. The University Administration, with a swell of pride barrelled in their chests, graciously announced to the public that students would be given a 'voice' in the selection of UNB President Robin Armstrong's replacement.

When I first heard this development I was somewhat content with that decision. I was elated to find out that the student's voice mattered; that it would become an integral part of the Search Committee's activities. That is until I had time to reflect on the difference between a *voice* and a *vote*.

A voice is an opinion. The better the orator you are, the better your voice is heard. After that, it's in the hands of the powers that be to correct, confirm or deny your opinion.

A vote, however gives a voice leverage. It affords the individual the power to correct, confirm or deny on their own opinion.

Ilsa Shore, Chair of the UNB Board of Governors (BOG) is on record as saying "Because there is no student on the committee, it is doing everything to ensure students have an opportunity to voice their opinions." Yes, Mrs. Shore, students do have a voice but unfortunately, voices do not carry as far or mean as much without a vote.

A student must be allowed a vote on that committee, a chance to voice our concerns is welcomed, but more is needed. A vote for a new president could make the difference between SUB expansion happening next year, or ten years from now.

By law, the Search Committee must be composed of three BOG members, two representatives from the Fredericton Senate and one representative from the Saint John Senate.

In the past, voting students on the committee have been included as a courtesy gesture by the university. Why rescind that courtesy now?

The President has the general responsibility for the university's direction and leadership. In addition, they ensure that the University's public image with the various levels of governments, the alumni and the public is not tarnished. So where is UNB President Robin Armstrong in all of this.

He has shown considerable restraint not to respond. Does he need to hide his opinion? President Armstrong once made the comment he "wanted to make the university better, not bigger" A right step in the direction would be for him to take a stance on this matter.

I am not belittling the strides and efforts that the Administration has taken, but is too much to ask for one step further and give students a vote?

[Signature]

The Magwump Journal

With the Quebec referendum round the corner, I thought I might be able to make a quick buck by getting the result in advance. But how to get the sure thing? It puzzled me until I remembered Nostradamus and his prophecies. Sadly, I didn't have time to look up what they were exactly, so I guessed.

"When red men renounce their title forgotten people speak.
Voyagers seek confirmation til burnt gold breaks water."
Nostradamus - '95

Now, here's my prediction for the situation from this prophecy.

...And so it came to pass that the Maritimes were feeling the effect of Quebec's clot in the Canadian artery. Sadly, no one else was, the last question anyone from Ontario west cared about was "So, what are you going to call the Montreal Canadiens then?" From then it was, a natural progression to polling booths from Edmunston through Sydney, containing the question "Which country do you want to be part of?" for Maritimers. The options Quebec, Canada, Maine, an independent Maritime state or "a country to be named later". The later was chosen by an overwhelming majority of the underwhelming voter turnout.

Quickly realising that their Maritime empire was kinda worthless without a Maritimes, the Irving brothers set sail, seeking a country in need of another region. The possibilities were quickly reduced to: the USA for location and gullibility; Scotland for sentimental reasons. First stop Capitol Hill, where the President Arnold Schwarzenegger was willing to trade the 51st state name (Irving) for access to the oil. Then to Scotland, where the newly independent Scots were shocked to hear of other members of their lineage suffering oppression at the hands of the bastard English (I never said that the Scots weren't gullible too). The international oil experience of the Irvings convinced the Scots that their former kinsmen were worthy of affiliation. Of course, the old country won the vote. I've never heard a Canadian claim to be American, but I've heard a hell of a lot claim Scottish nationality.

Fishing's great as the Celts claimed the area of the Atlantic between its two major land masses as its right - or at least by the right of the coastguard vessel you can see to the trawler's right. The oil's still flowing into Aberdeen. One of these days it may run out, but I'm sure they'll have found some more to replace it by then.

Celtland seems secure...but for how long? Will clan warfare break out again? Will the Scots think the former Canadians are taking too much of the oil and decide they need to rise and be a nation again? Or perhaps another country will decide for them.

Neil Duxbury

Blood n' Thunder

Editorial makes valid points but...

Dear Editor,

I read your editorial of September 22, 1995 about "I've never met a 'nice' feminist," in which you apologize to a particular feminist and "all feminists for making a quick, unfair judgement of character based on images from the one-eyed god."

You make some valid comments about the role that the television plays in forming people's attitudes towards the world at large. But radio, newspapers, magazines and movies are not far behind. Of course, books and education in school, colleges and universities play their part. For example, you have painted a poor picture of Camille Paglia in your editorial, without given a single example of how she "legitimizes the stereotypes men hold concerning women by catering to responses men want." You have maligned her and have created a bias against her for all those readers of your editorial who may have never read her writings. I have not read her books either. However, I learned about her when *The Brunswickan* published an interview with her on November 19, 1993. For the benefit of your readers, that article led to my early retirement from UNB in 1994.

What prompted me to write to you is the following statement by you: "I felt that I had been unfair especially since I never met a bona fide feminist before." In view of the fact that some feminists were among those who condemned my article on rape, I read some of the feminist writing last year. I would very much like to know who the "bona fide feminists" are. Perhaps you or some of your readers can elaborate as to what constitutes genuine feminism. In your editorial you did not indicate as to what new information made you revise your view of feminism.

Matin Yaqzan
Ex-member of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, UNB

GSA not supporting research like they should

Dear Editor,

Many a graduate student, especially in the humanities, is either indifferent or cynical when it comes to the discussion of issues related to the Graduate Students Association. Worse, there are many others who are incognisant of its existence! The GSA, however, is aware of theirs, since graduate students contribute an annual fee to its coffers. What, then, do these students get in return?

In a desperate attempt to convert cynics into scholars, the GSA has launch an annual conference programme, which despite the enormous publicity and funds accorded it, still fails to attract students from across the academic spectrum. The reasons for this, and other flaw, are still a mystery, but one which can be resolved if the GSA commits itself to a much more serious agenda that a "free hamburger and pop."

At the level of representation, most students in the Arts Faculty feel that the GSA does not truly represent their interests, and that the GSA as such is a misnomer for the GESA (Graduate Engineering Students Association.)

As for its so-called support for

graduate students to participate in conferences and symposia, this is another fiasco. The ordeals I have personally gone through since I first learnt about this scheme are indescribable. In 1993, I had to wait ten months before a measly \$70 was offered to me as a travel grant to deliver a paper in Eugene, Oregon! In June 1995, I applied for another grant, and it was only a few weeks ago that I was notified by the President of the GSA that my application was incomplete, and turned down as a result of my not including some "irrelevant" receipts for which, after all, I did not request any reimbursement. Since I resubmitted my application at the end of August, I have not heard from this association which has a long way to go to restore the confidence of graduate students in its publicized yet hardly respected agenda.

Jamal En-nehas, Ph.D., English

Lady Beaverbrook needs improvement

Dear Editor,

Over the past four years at UNB, I have found the need for a hobby or an activity to keep me out of trouble in my spare time.

That gap was filled in 1993 when I decided to start going to the UNB gymnasium. In that time I have learned much about lifting weights and have benefited from it tremendously. Also in that time I have learned that our gym is in rough shape. I am very proud to be a student here at UNB but when it comes to our gym I hang my head in shame, it is easily the disgrace of the campus. The student that are frequent users of this gym are subjected to an environment that consists of old inadequate equipment, overcrowding to the point of being a hazard, and a stench that bears a likeness to well used gym socks.

Given the number of students that attend the school one would expect our gym to be a bit more up to date. For most students the cost of going to one of the local gyms off campus is just not an option. The student union wants to spend our money (the students') to add on to a student union building that for the most part is fine just as it is. The way I see it is quite simple, if consideration can be taken to spend a few million dollars on an extension to a building that is already in good shape, than surely there must be some money that can be spent on a new weight room which we are truly in need of.

Mark Sanford, 4th year Forestry

Socialists and Aborigines

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the diatribe, written by a sniveling reactionary coward, on natives in last weeks *Brunswickan*. By this I mean that he did not have the courage of his convictions and refused to put his name.

I would first like to remind Mr. Reactionary that the TV show "Due South" is fiction, and that in the real world, the RCMP do in fact beat, pepper spray and even shoot people without provocation. They have also been known to use racial slurs and the like in an attempt to provoke people in order to justify their actions. It is also suspected that members of the RCMP have attended the Good ol' Boys Roundup in the U.S.. It is also known

that members of the OPP, the same people who murdered Native activist Anthony (Dudley) George in Ipperwash, have attended this blatantly racist event.

In terms of Mr. Reactionary's comments on Oka, I am sure that Corporal Lemay's family will be very unimpressed to find out that you think he was a coward, since it has been proven that he was shot in the back. Although I do not give people who decide to become cops credit for having a lot of brains, I think he would be smart enough not to turn his back on people who were shooting at him. It must also not be forgotten that there was no reason for the police to attack the Mohawks at Oka in the first place. And let's be clear, it was the police who fired the first shots.

In Ipperwash again the incident started there when the police launched an unprovoked attack against unarmed Natives. This has sadly resulted in the loss of one life and could have been much worse. Now the police are in collecting evidence in order to charge the Natives, but are not in the least interested in finding out who the murderer in their own ranks is. Yes these people were trying to protect land that belongs to them, and yes they were mad, but then again, so would I be if somebody was using my grandparents graves for target practice.

Mr. Reactionary also brings up the point of seeing Native people in the malls when welfare cheques arrive. Although a person could write a book on this subject let me just ask if the writer of this letter has ever heard of something called racism. Since he is one himself, I think he probably has. It is this problem that make it hard for Native people to find well paying jobs and not laziness that Mr. Reactionary would imply.

Due to limited space, I will end this letter here, however, if anybody would be interested in learning any more about this issue, the International Socialists will be holding a public meeting entitled "From Oka to Eel Ground: What Socialists Think About Native Rights" on Wednesday, October 4, in MacLaggan Hall, Room 16, at 7:00 PM.

In solidarity with the Native Struggle, Chris Rogers, Fredericton Branch, International Socialists

Apathy killing Terry Fox Run in Fredericton

Letter to the Editor

September 1st, 1980 marked a sad day in history; this is the day when Terry Fox discovered that his cancer had spread deep into his lungs, and that he had hit a wall on the path to his dreams, one that he would never overcome. Terry Fox died on June 28th, 1981, only one month before the age of 23. Many of us have hit what we believed to be a wall in our dreams, but, the truth is: a few failed courses, perhaps a letter from the Dean, or 'the ship' in a relationship capsizing just do not seem to measure up, my friends.

As I went down to the Terry Fox Run on Sunday the 17th day of September, which started at the Gym, I noticed as

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