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Blood and Thunder

No cutbacks

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned, would like to make our feelings known with regards to the proposed library cutbacks. The need for up to date journals and periodicals which cover a wide range of topics has never been greater than it is today. The rate of advances in the field of science is accelerating faster than ever before. Students must have as many resources as possible at their fingertips if a high level of learning is to continue at this institute.

It is our opinion that journal and periodical titles should be added to the shelves of the University of New Brunswick's libraries rather than being removed from those shelves. No professor can teach his or her students everything that he or she has learned throughout their career. The library must therefore present to the students a range of material which is of the same quality as that that the professors here at U.N.B. are able to produce. This will ensure that graduates from U.N.B. will be as well prepared as possible to go on with their careers. We feel that reduction of library resources can only lead to a reduction of the standard of learning here at U.N.B.

Yours truly,

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Answering

Why

To the Editor:

Again and again from the editorial pages of the Brunswickan springs the question 'why doesn't the Student Union Inc. just give up?'

Last April a university administration locked out a student government. That was WRONG. That is why members of the Student Union Inc. continue to fight: because

if we are to condone such a blatant violation of student rights then we must be prepared to face the things that naturally follow like censorship and discrimination. I for one am prepared to accept none of these.

Another question is asked over and over, 'why not just join the student governing council if you want to help?'

After watching the student governing council accomplish such feats as destroying the photocopy center, forfeiting all financial authority to the University administration by agreeing to the Foundation, and proposing student fee hikes in conjunction with cutbacks on student services, it seems evident that involvement with the student governing council is not the key to helping students.

But even when we do attempt to work with the student governing council our efforts are rejected. Tony Tracy ran for Comptroller in the fall elections and was elected but could not get seated for months.

I chose to run in the student governing council elections for Board of Governors with the hope that I could help deliver things like an Ombudsman, increased lighting on campus and cutbacks on tuition increases. I was elected but because I disagreed with the event of April 17, 1986, I was denied my seat and am now under investigation for conflict of interest without having so much as sat through five minutes of a Board meeting.

It is a sad thing when students who dare to raise a voice of opposition are faced with academic suspensions and trespass warnings. Sadder still is the question asked by many students at the Student Union Inc. polling station last week: "Will I be arrested or expelled if I vote?" That is a question that should never ever have to be asked in Canada but as a result of the tactics used by administration on this campus, it was asked and that is why the Student Union Inc. will not give up.

Sincerely,
Susan Forestell

No

Regrets

Because I have not written a letter to this column in nearly three years, I decided it was about time that I voiced my opinion on certain 'clouded' issues.

To those of you who do not know me, I am one of the ten councillors who are presently being sued by Michael Bennett, Tony English and Hugh Brown. The position of councillor that I held for that 'stormy' year presented me with a first-hand view of WHAT EXACTLY was going on.

A year ago we had a Student Union President signing SU checks to himself for 'consulting fees for the yearbook'. (What yearbook, eh?) A year ago we had an executive sending nearly \$9,000 to their lawyers but somehow forgetting to inform the council of this. No, these financial 'dealings' were not done by Mr. Burgess or by Mr. Smith's group (as claimed by those who got caught with 'their hands in the cookie jar') but rather by those people named in a letter from the SU lawyer which I quote the following self explanatory portion.

'...with respect to the auditor's notes and reports, these documents disclose a series of financial misappropriations, negligent record keeping and unaccounted for documentation...'

With evidence like this presented before me, I have no regrets on the actions of which I and my fellow councillors were forced to take nearly a year ago. It took a lot of work from many students to rebuild the Union from the point where the Bosnitch group had let it decay to, and I truly can say 'YES, I WOULD REBUILD IT AGAIN!'

Perhaps it is this insight that has led me to back the creation of the Foundation. The Foundation is not a way for '...Dr. Downey to veto student spending...' (more misinformation) but rather a structure where the Council continues to create its own budget and the Foundation makes sure that the Student trust is protected. (ie: no more SU presidents writing cheques to themselves).

Well, we are now in our third administration since those dark days, and the the landslide victory of Jane Arnold over the Bosnitch candidate the 'black' clouds have finally dissipated. After five long years it looks like responsible government is once again alive at UNB and the only emotion I can say I have for the deposed executive is that of pity.

With no regrets,
Andrew D.A. McAllister
C.S. Councillor 1985-1986

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