

Grad Class wants budget

Editor:

The Grad Class of 1985 urges UNB student union to reconsider its decision on the Grad Class '85 budget proposal. This matter has been dealt with in a very lackadaisical manner and has been nothing short of an insult to the over 1000 graduates.

The Grad Class has attended two council meetings met with finance Vice-President Burgess and the commission several times only to receive the run around and a \$1500 shaft. With the situation left very unclear as to whether the loan is forgivable or not and an addendum of, meet with us in March and again in April so we can decide. Whether or not it is clear to council and the finance commission as to the magnitude of these events in May and the time it takes to plan and advance book for the ceremonies is unknown. But what is known is that it is now March and with two months to go the Grad Class wants a decision from council as to the proposed budget.

As council is well aware of these men and women represent every faculty and interest on this campus. Each student of the 1000 grads have contributed \$30.00 every year for 4 years in Student fees. This amounts to over \$120,000 given by these students. The request for a budget of \$4000 is a meager 3.33% of their total contributions. Not only have these senior members of the union contributed financially but have in many ways donated their time and energy into everyone's extra-curricular activities making UNB a more enjoyable place to be.

Council has forgotten that they too will be in a similar situation (graduating) in the near future. We urge you to remember that to avoid being hypocritical in your decisions, you must look towards your future graduation now. Our budget request is realistic and deserves more than a shrug of the shoulder and a loan to keep them quiet. Council will quite handily grant \$1000 to the Amateur Radio Club who has a membership of approximately 10 people, and close to \$1000 to The Micro Computer Club and over \$1000 to the Chinese Graduate Student Association whose memberships combined are approximately under 50 people, but when 1/6 of the total student population or over 1000 students of every faculty come with a reasonable request they are shunned.

The UNB Student Council is ignoring the largest society or organization on campus and we demand that our budget request be evaluated immediately

ly by council. Please stop the petty politics. If you feel its too high, cut it down, if its too low, raise it, but make a stand on our budget (not loan) now. We deserve fair and equal treatment from you, we deserve a budget.

The Grad Class of 85

Student Government can do more

Sir:

Allow me to make a few historical comments, from a bystander's point of view, about the past several years of student politics at UNB.

It goes without saying that there is always criticism of the government, but it is my feeling that during the Student Party's couple of years in power with the slogans "Campus for the Students" and "Students for the Students," that things did not fare too well. In fact, while many of the issues the government of those days dealt with were important, the end result was a great deal of tension between the Student government and the administration, which gets us nowhere.

It is my belief that the political melodrama that we the students put up with from that former Student Party Government was in fact not entirely their fault. Basically they created issues on the premise of "Students for the Students" because there was nothing else for them to focus their attention on.

This ties in with an interesting point brought out at Hutch's debate a few weeks ago on Student Apathy in the 80's. Someone challenged Hutch to "lead us". Well, the fact is that no one, Hutch, Bosnitch, Downey, is going to lead us unless there is something to lead us against. Control of the SUB? The SUB will be here today and tomorrow to serve the students no matter what (provided the narrowmindedness that produced the long line-ups for 3CF rebates doesn't spread to everyone). We have no Vietnam. But there is an El Salvador!

The point is that there are issues that our own Student Government could do something about (if they could just get their own ship sailing smoothly) like take more of a stand on and create a voice for Peace or bilateral nuclear disarmament; put pressure on government to tighten emission standards on automobiles and industry. Apparently, it is a fact that almost 50% of the forests in Europe are severely diseased and could be dead in 5 years because of "acid rain." Doesn't that bother everyone!

The apathy about the acid rain issue is partly a result of it being a silent killer, not like a nuclear bomb. Acid rain is

severe in Europe, it's already a problem in the Eastern U.S., and it will be on your back doorstep, irrespective of whether you're homo-, hetero- or tri-sexual, and too late unless we learn from other people's experiences.

Instead of "picking apart" other people, the students and government of this campus should focus their attention on some critical issue and do something about it.

Ironically, a few weeks ago I read in a magazine that the incoming Student President at Berkeley, although interested in outside issues, ie. El Salvador, the nation's poor, etc., based his election campaign on "Students for the Students," ie., better parking lots. We are often criticized as being backward here in N.B., but for whatever it's worth, it appears the experiences of Mr. Bosnitch have put us at least 2 years ahead of Berkeley. The students of the 60's stopped a war. The students of the 80's, if truly modern minded, must stop the destruction of the planet.

Andrew Grant

Larry go, and "Curly" schmoe

Editor:

Once again we have witnessed how some members of our student government would rather hinder than help organizations on this campus.

In a pseudo-effort to get "things working", our little president disrupted the smooth functioning of two of his vice-presidents' offices, and virtually stopped them from being able to work on Monday afternoon as he proceeded to remove VP Long's desk from under him while he was trying to finalize the organization of the upcoming General Election. Aside from the fact that neither VP Long nor VP Bennett have access to their own office, as "curly" decided to spend more of the students' money to change their lock again, there should be no problems to get some work done, according to Fox's illogic.

In the meantime, while our leader (?) was trying to seize the vice-presidents' office for his own use, one could observe his other half (Burgess), refusing an already approved budget to a student group, after approving an expenditure of MORE than a few hundreds of dollars for Fox to play musical locks with. It is understandable, however, that students' money should be spent in much wiser events than an annual cultural night sponsored by a foreign student group on campus; students' money should always be used to amuse the president with a game of musical chairs with locks and offices. In the meantime, perhaps both Fox and Burgess will come up with

some other wonderful little game so this year's graduating class has a yearbook, or this campus has a well organized, in ADVANCE, educational event such as a cultural night, without making the organizers have to appeal to Council for their already approved budget a week before their event is to take place.

It would be wise, perhaps, for other groups and organizations to learn from their experience; for instance, if a club wanted to hold an event which has already been budgeted for, they should start attending Council right away, that way they will be sure to be there when their case comes up. After all, one never knows when the council will stop discussing such vital issues like which office belongs to which member of the executive. Perhaps the event will be possible to be held as soon as next December, ready for Christmas. Unless, of course, by some miracle Fox and Burgess actually begin to listen and obey council, as they are supposed to, but the possibility of there being a 1985 yearbook if Burgess keeps refusing to provide the Yearbook with supplies such as film, typewriter ribbons, and general start up materials, without which a Yearbook cannot even get off the ground.

Once again little petty office squabbles have gotten in the way of other people's work, and has gotten as far as almost paralyzing organizations for a period of time. It is indeed a pity that no matter what council approves or disapproves their wishes are of no weight or importance to the officers that are supposed to be competent enough to carry them, avoiding harrassment and confrontations with members of this university's Student Union.

I would expect that the *Brunswickan* staff will take a firm stand against this kind of event occurring within the Student Union Executive, and call for some sense to be drilled into their heads so that members of SU's clubs and organizations can finally get some work underway, without having to plead with council, be screamed at, thrown out of offices, or refused materials.

Sincerely,
Helena Rojas
Editor-in-Chief
Up the Hill Yearbook

What's all this racket...

Dear Editor:

What's all this racket I keep hearing about homosapiens? I don't see how one can use the bible to condemn homosapiens, for Pete's sake, when the thing was written by them. I don't see what the problem is. Recently there has been a lot of talk on how homosapiens are undesirable and should be locked in closets. First question— who's making the com-

plaint...moose? And secondly, if you shove every homosapien in the world into their closet, where would they keep their shoes?

I'm a homosapien and so are most of my friends, with the minor exception of Brooklyn the Cat, and I know I wouldn't want to have to live in a closet just because some narrow-minded quadruped with the I.Q. of a retarded moth says I have to...even if it had washroom facilities and pay T.V.

I like being able to live my life — do my work, socialize with my friends and enjoy life just like any other animal...So why am I being penalized just because I walk around on two legs? I respect the fact you're not homosapien and would never try to force you into walking upright...why can't you respect my "position" as well?

It isn't easy being homosapien you know. I have to work; nobody provides me with a basket to sleep in or puts food out for me just because I'm cute. I have to deal with public transit because two legs are a lot slower than four. I have responsibilities, commitments, and the added pressure of dealing with the sometimes sensitive and volatile relationships I have with other homosapiens. That can be tough. Homosapiens have the additional problems of personal involvement in their relationships that maybe you haven't considered. So you see, we have a lot to deal with...we don't need any added grief from outside.

It's a shame homosapiens as a whole scare you. Sure, there's probably a trouble maker in every crowd, but personally, I'm a vegetarian—you other animals have nothing to fear from me. So why this attack on homosapiens in general. Some of us are pretty nice people. Please think about it... none of us should be living in the dark. (Whoops.. the cat just told me the issue was homosexuality...not an attack on people in general...)

What's all this racket I keep hearing about homosexuals?...

Homosapien ...& proud of it
C.J. Hutchinson

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