

housing crisis needs action

The housing situation in Fredericton is not getting any better as the years progress, and its time we acted so that the problem can be rectified by the next school year.

One can easily put forward suggestions and know before hand that nothing will be done. The council has been silent on this matter for too long. Students have been treated as niggers in the housing problem for too long.

Anyone who has tried to get into off-campus housing is fully aware of the problem, and no one can find any strength in numbers. There still are the non-believers, who have been eating the same crop every year.

The co-op has been a help, and so far, the only help. The residence system needs reform in the worst way, and since the administration has expressed no interest in letting the students tackle the problem themselves, it is time that we moved off-campus, or rectified the on-campus problem.

In a student centre meeting in the fall, Dr. Norman Strax got cheers from all the students present when he mentioned that the CSDS was prepared to take a stand on the housing problem. So far nothing has been done by the leftists or the conservatives on campus.

Unless we express our interest at the next council meeting Sunday night, then it will go on as it has done this year. How about it?

Start.. council's last chance

It is quite self-evident to say that UNB has been long on wind and short on action in regards to Student Councils this year. Dave Cox started a trend in resigning Council presidents that was finally arrested last week with the election of Michal Start as president.

It must be realized that the presidents job is one of strain and requires a man of strong character and determination. A determined man often becomes frustrated with slow processes and endless red tape. The slow process of council is a good example of endless talk and repeating of stands on issues. The redeeming feature of this system is that nothing gets rushed through in a frenzy of excitement.

Mr. Start, new to the position of power as president, approached council in the manner of a smiling confident general addressing his troops. Council elated and numerically impressive was ready to do big things. Starts first mistake was to announce that he hoped council would unanimously approve his appointments to the AB boards. The troops revolted and wrangled the night away.

Retreating much wiser in the ways of handling a mind-of-it's own council, Start gave in and elected to appoint a board agreeable to everyone.

Start is determined and everyone expects great things from the new blood on council, but both should realize that this is councils last chance to make good. Council has proved to be an inadequate vehicle for accomplishing anything this year and if this new council doesn't give the desired results then it's time to bury the council as it falters now.

Start once educated in the ways of making haste slowly will accomplish, we hope, great things in his year as chief manipulator. The future of the SRC as it stands now rests on the capable shoulders of Michal Start.

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Letters to the editor

Concern for Mr. Mann's public image

Editor:

It is with deep concern for the public image of Richard Mann, science 4, that I write you now. The face of UNB has been plagued since last fall with the cancerous blight of a tiny-minded group of anarchists who claim themselves to be representatives of the majority opinion on campus (which, in the best democratic traditions, is always Right). This group (which has only a few hardcore fellows who turn out regularly to support "law and order" by defacing the exterior of the physics building, or by cheering the university president at convocation ceremonies) claims that system, the Establishment, the Administration, the power elite, the status quo, authority, etc., must be maintained. They complain that society is producing, via universities and technical schools, CSDS types who refuse to fit into specific slots. If you listen longer they start telling you how perfectly they would dictate. This clique then spews out the doctrine of corporate liberalism.

Mr. Editor, I do not pretend — as do some pompous asses on this campus — to speak with any degree of authority, even though I have followed their actions quite closely since last fall. The only logical conclusion that one can come to is that these "people" are suffering from a fear of having to think in this competitive society.

THEY DON'T FEEL ANY NEED TO THINK IN SOCIETY AS IT IS STRUCTURED SO THEY FEEL THEY MUST ASSURE SOME PARTICULAR ROLE WITHIN THE SYSTEM SO THAT THEIR "THINKING" MAY BE DONE FOR THEM.

I think their plans for a so-called "rationally-ordered, totally-computerized, corporate-liberal technostucture" are a manifestation of their senses of insecurity and desire to escape from the true democratic freedom afforded by the assumption of individual responsibility of our fast-moving, technological, competitive world.

As far as their argument about universities turning out CSDS'ers who refuse to fill the lots goes, I would like to ask

them: What, then, is your purpose in any system, if it is not to retain one's individuality by assuming a critical role within it?

Mr. Mann's argument that the establishment, the hierarchy, etc., etc. must stay is also incoherent. Assertion of the necessary existence of power structures, a few wheeler-dealers, and a few flaws in the democratic system, while very interesting, is totally irrelevant to any argument supporting "maintenance of the system." Equally quaint — if insightful — is his assertion of the non-existence of Utopia and Santa Claus, although this catalogue of non-existent entities is left dreadfully incomplete. No mention is made of unicorns, for example; and what of that prime candidate for Non-Existent Entity of the Year, namely Mr. Mann's thought processes?

By damn, we won't have to put up a fence (or even an "iron curtain") to keep people like Mr. Mann in Canada. No country with any sense will let him in.

Gary Zatsman, Arts 4

Brunswickan should support Gleaner

Editor:

I'm just a little, old lady who doesn't get around much any more and I depend a lot on my Fredericton Daily Gleaner to keep up with all the happenings in the Fredericton area.

Lately two items have caught my eye. I see that your newspaper has been into some kind of trouble with the courts and also I see that there's still a lot of obscene books in the city and, according to the Gleaner it's getting worse.

Now I know you're just a bunch of young college boys, you know what I mean, and sometimes tend to get a bit out of hand. I'm sure you didn't mean any harm when you talked about the courts in your paper. I can hardly believe any of this about Mr. Murphy crumbling the foundations of civilization. Why, he's the president-elect of the Student Christian Movement. He probably didn't realize what he was writing. I'm sure he's a nice, up-standing young man even if he does wear a beard. Why, I saw in the Gleaner that he donated blood at the Red Cross clinic last week.

Now I know that you boys, however wild you are, still want to maintain your image in the eyes of the Fredericton community. (I know there are differences between university students and Fredericton residents but I believe I have a solution to solve your problem.)

My suggestion is that Mr. Murphy write an article supporting the drive against obscenity in Fredericton. This is one place where he, and you, sir, could be sincere and thoughtful. And I'm sure it would be appreciated by the Knights of Columbus and the Gleaner who

have been working so hard to clean up our city.

I'm not one to jump to conclusions, but I'm sure that all students, even those with extreme political and social

views, why even those "hippies", would be glad to see our beautiful city rid of this filth.

G. F. Fredericton

Need top carnival groups

Editor:

So another Winter Carnival has past us, and the organizing committee wonders what happened to all the eager faces that were supposed to scramble for tickets at seven dollars per copy. It seems now like three years since carnival meant much to the average student, and still no one on the committee has discovered the answer.

In your article last week you quoted Wayne Charters (SRC business administrator) as saying the final deficit can be attributed to the weekday entertainment. What baloney!

Can't you remember, people, the last big event was the appearance of Simon and Garfunkel in 1967? Don't you see that the students are never going to get enthusiastic over paying first-rate money for third-rate acts—even if those third-rate acts number into the millions?

1967 was big because Simon and Garfunkel was big. Even that year many people, including myself, criticized their selection, not because of their lack of talent, but because, at the time, they were among the best stage acts going.

Since you can't please everyone, but you can get a top-rate group, and with that provided for, Carnival would be a success in all respects. Does anyone really believe that the Animals

or the Mothers of Invention would play to an empty hall just because the concert may be Wednesday night? The cost would not be prohibitive, for there is no need to use the Playhouse for such a show. Our new ballroom is exactly what we need, and no more than two shows would be required.

Let us have a serious student of rock choose our next groups please! There is no need for Mitch Ryder, the Blues Magoos or (ugh) Question Mark and the Mysterions!

Ronald Grant

Thanks for clinic publicity

Editor:

The Fredericton branch of the Canadian Red Cross wishes to thank the staff of the Brunswickan for their excellent coverage of the recent blood donor clinic. It certainly helped draw the attention of the students to the need for blood donors.

At the same time, the Fredericton branch wishes to thank the nursing students, the pre-med society, Radio UNB for their part in helping us achieve such a good result.

Mrs. Leonard C. Smith