

# SRC policies unfair?

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With these points in mind I ask that you print the following:

I like many other SRC candidates, ran in last Fall's election because I was not happy with the way the SRC was being run. I ran as an 'angry' candidate determined to discover what were the sources of corruption, incompetence, or whatever which made the SRC such an ineffective organization.

Well I have now been on the council for three months, long enough to get a feel of council and make an evaluation of it, and I have yet to find corruption or incompetence. The council and SRC officials seem to be doing their jobs honestly and competently. Yet I still feel council is ineffective. Why is this so?

The problem comes from the allocation of council fees - I don't feel that I am getting my \$45.00 worth. The purpose of council, at least as I see it, is to provide services for students that they couldn't obtain as individuals, i.e. a student newspaper, a yearbook and so on, at a reasonable cost. The council then collects council fees to support these services and dispenses them so as to provide the 'most services to the most students'. I don't feel that this is being done.

There are two reasons for my contention, first of all there is two classes of students at this university—the on campus students and the off-campus students. The on-campus students are getting a lot more from the SRC than the off-campus students. For example: all on-campus students have an opportunity to listen to CHSR and off-campus students do not, yet both groups of students pay for the operations of CHSR. I think CHSR is a fine idea but if I can't listen to it - even though I want to—then I shouldn't have to pay for CHSR. Other examples of the two class system include the availability of the SUB (off-campus students don't get their money's worth here either), the distribution and sale of tickets to SRC sponsored events (these are always sold at the SUB which discriminates against off-campus, engineering, forestry and other students which live far away or have heavy class schedules) and other minor hassles.

The second reason for my contention is that some of the SRC spending priorities are misdirected. If we are trying to provide the

'most services to the most students' then all students should have an opportunity to use SRC services. Opportunity is the key word: if I have an opportunity and

don't use it then I have only myself to blame; if I don't have an opportunity then I have a legitimate complaint. Applying this logic to such things as conferences it can be seen that opportunity is being limited to just a few students. I feel that funds spent on conferences could be better spent on guest speakers, club newsletters and the like which can benefit all the students of an organization. I have attended conferences and I agree that some conferences are both necessary and useful, however, council should be asking itself if the overall student interest is being served by many of these trips. Additional misdirected priorities in the past included NUS and AFS which did not provide the benefits their expense warranted; I'm sure a few more could be found.

My comments are not meant to be taken as criticism of anyone or any group on Campus. They are meant to provoke a thorough examination by council of practices of the SRC and related organizations. I feel that we can get a lot more benefit for our money if we eliminate what I feel to be inequities and misallocation of funds. For this reason I place the following two recommendations before council for its consideration:

1) That the council, recognizing that UNB has two levels of SRC services, institute a system of dual SRC fees the higher of which (say \$50) would be paid by on-campus (residence) students while the lower rate (\$45) would be paid by off-campus (non-residence) students.

2) That the council investigate current spending priorities of the SRC and related organizations with the intent of ensuring that the most students get the most services.

I invite your comments  
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Representative-at-Large

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## TRAVEL TALK

**by Brenda Johnston**



So you still might be considering going south for your March Break... **HURRY...** there are still a few seats remaining to such sunny spots as Orlando and Clearwater, Florida and Freeport in the Bahamas.

It is not too early to book those flights home for March Break either. I know you just got back, but already the Eastern Provincial Flight on March 5 from Montreal to Fredericton is nearly sold out.

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## Zimbabwe fights for self

By Peter Archibald

In past months representatives of the Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) Patriotic Front have campaigned for their cause on various Canadian campuses.

The patriotic front comprises ZABU—the Zimbabwe African National Union, ZANU—the Zimbabwe African National Union, and ZIPA—the Zimbabwe Peoples Army.

The head of this front, Joshua Nkomo described the problem in Zimbabwe as "not a problem of black vs white, but a problem of a few in power who happen to be white".

Nkomo also claimed during an appearance at the University of Ottawa that the present fight against the rulers of Rhodesia was a fight against facism. TO SUPPORT THIS VIEW Nkomo made mention of John Vorster. Vorster, who was president of South Africa, was imprisoned during the second world war for supporting Hitler.

Zimbabwe (territorially Southern Rhodesia) covers 150,000 square miles of which half one owned by the white ruling population. It is on the same acreage that are situated all the mines and industries the population is approximated at six million blacks and 250 thousand whites.

Zimbabwe is currently faced by the Anglo-American Corp proposal for the Ian Smith regime. This is to set a transitional six month period to develop an electoral system, on the principle of "one man, one vote". This procedure would be administered and monitored by the British and enforced by UN peace keeping forces.

A.M.Chidoda, Canadian representative rejects this proposal because the transitional six month period will allow the British administrator power over legislation, the civil service and the appointment of judges.

"The Ian Smith regime is saying one man one vote", we said this 17 years ago, and now 17 years later, as a result of being hit hard by the freedom fighters, he comes up with the idea as if it is his" said Chidoda during a December talk at Ryerson in Toronto.

He also commented that ZAMLU doesn't want Canadians to come to Rhodesia to fight for their cause and act as a peace-keeping force.

"Why should Canadians come and die on behalf of us Zimbabweans, he says. "We can keep our own place. What we need is books, medication and clothing."

In response to reports that Cuban troops have been sent to support the political struggle, Chidoda said "If Cuban troops are coming to fight for ZIMBABWEANS THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG. They cannot understand the political and cultural problems and oppressions. If we accept other troops to support our cause we have sold our struggle down the river."

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The U.S. Navy is losing a lot of sailors to desertion these days more than at any time in the Navy's 202-year history—twice the number that jumped during the divisive war in Vietnam.

Navy leaders have confessed that the desertion rate for the fiscal year was almost 32 for 1,000 enlisted persons, and they have set up a service task force to deal with the problem.

The problem seems to be that in peacetime, fellows just don't like the idea of spending lots of time away from land and out to sea. During a war, or when sailors feel that their work is vital to national interest, they do their duty. But in times of peace, they see it as just a job—and one they don't always like.

Deserts usually receive less than honorable discharge that bad piece of paper has to stem the tide of desertion, now the Navy is looking for who really want to go to sea. (Newscrip)

Here's a case that proves eloquence is more important than eloquence in the courtroom.

A man known as the Monica Flasher recently managed to get himself acquitted of indecent exposure charges acting as his own attorney. Courtroom observers say so eloquent that he put the barristers to shame.

But just before the jury about to issue its verdict, a young woman appeared on the bench and asked the judge. She was interrupted, however, by a buzzer announcing the jury's return. After the verdict was handed down and the young man was set free, the young woman was finally allowed to speak to the judge that while she was deliberating, the Flasher seated in the back of the courtroom with his pants exposing himself to any woman. (Newscrip)

When it comes to conversations, women do most of the talking. Right? According to a study conducted by doctoral candidates at the University of California, Barbara, men not only talk more than women, but interrupt the conversation more frequently too. Student Candice West studied the conversation between unrelated undergraduate and those between graduate students and found for every two interruptions by a woman, a man interrupt 46 times.

The results of the study published in a newsletter "Women and Language" which is compiled three years by graduate students at Stanford University. The study notes, the women haven't done much to change language. Most men, it refers to themselves as "Chairperson" while "Chairperson" served for women who held positions. And though it was meant to refer to all references to women's status, now seems to refer to "young women who are feminists". (Newscrip)