

University An Open Exchange Of Ideas

The Student Representative Council has received a request from an ex-professor of UNB asking that body to sponsor a tutoring service to students in a physics course.

Doctor Norman Strax, a noted United States physicist and local anti-hero, has applied to tutor students for a financial remuneration of \$48.00 a week.

Council President, Stephen MacFarlane, in presenting the request, outlined the creation of a Tutoring Center for the campus involving more professors in as many subjects as possible. The suggestion is aimed specifically at first or second year students who find the academic adjustment from high school to university difficult.

However, senior students could easily benefit from the service should the demand for same occur.

We urge immediate implementation of the Tutoring Center concept as a further extension of the student service supplied to students by the union from the compulsory \$35.00 fee paid at registration.

There are more subjects causing failure problems here than physics alone, and immediate establishment of the Tutoring Center offers the beleaguered SRC a chance to accomplish constructive legislation for their union membership.

Dr. Strax has presented an interesting proposal and in doing so has brought attention to his plight as an unemployed theoretical genius, as his credentials accompanying his proposal outline him to be.

The time has come for the Administration to overcome its fear of all those whose ideas, concepts and philosophies differ in principle and nature with those they appear to hold, so dear.

For Dr. Strax's main indiscretion at this campus in those radically oriented, hurley-gurley days of 1967-1968 is simply a difference in values and philosophy. His actions, condemned or condoned by personal decision of students, are dead on this campus, as are the illusions of revolutionary grandeur attempted by those who joined with him in his protest of this campus.

No one need fear a movement which is presently so latent here, so as to not visibly exist.

Yet the Administration has refused to obtain him as professor in a subject which can do little to fire the imagination of engineering students to overthrow the supposedly organized government here.

Dr. Strax is a man of intense feeling. His only ap-

parent indiscretion was to stimulate through overt action, the minds of students to question everything concerning them including the policies of the Administration who has, in his own way, been beaten down by the system for daring to reject and oppose that system.

Is this any reason to continue to bar him from teaching his profession in a supposedly liberal university which claims academic freedom exists here.

We think not. For students know what they want changed and what they don't, and supposedly, education prevents one from making decisions because a charismatic leader recommends it. Education enforces rationalization of decisions, not emotional appeal.

On the hindsight view, it is apparent that this man, despite his publicity as a scheming guru of revolution, did little or nothing to cause the occurrences of the campus upheaval two years ago.

The sickness of the Administration at that time supplied the ammunition for the 'cause célèbre' and did much in fact to cause the discontent to become visible because of their own inflexibility.

A university cannot be inflexible in a world where change occurs at a rapid rate. Eric Hoffer in his book, *Future Shock*, predicts a world of continuing shock adjustment due to continuous technological breakthrough. Man will not adjust easily to a world that technology changes as often as the sunset, he says.

The university must accept the notion that their own ruling accreditation for promoters of new or different ideas will be the desire to allow students access to as many different philosophies. We must have professors who dare to suggest change or recommend radical unpopular solutions.

No one has the right or the competence to make value judgements on what students can or cannot experience especially an university administrator. If they do, society will pass the university by and another educational concept will replace the institution which draws so heavily on its traditions.

Traditions are honourable memories but the future holds no value for them especially in the choice of professors.

Dr. Strax has paid his price, if anyone feels a God-like quality to judge him guilty. His only guilts are a wrenching away of traditions and a voicing of the prophecy of change.

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After reading your issue of Dec. 4, 1970, in particular a letter entitled "Mount A. Fans Are Poor Winners", I felt it imparitive to address some remarks. Please find enclosed a copy of my comments.

an open letter to the students of Mount Allison University and the University of New Brunswick

This letter is in reply to the correspondence of a Mr. Dave Morell, entitled 'Mt. A. Fans are Poor Winners', which was published in the December 4 issue of 'The Brunswickan.'

After wading through this disappointed barrage of accusations, written, I might add, in something less than elegant English, I was able, to only to ascertain the theme of the letter, but also, to realize that the

letter was a contradiction of itself.

Mr. Morell begins his letter with a discussion of the conduct of the fans attending a UNB-STU hockey game. This conduct included 'running across the ice to participate in one of a number of free-for-alls occurring in the stands' and 'throwing beer bottles on the ice'. The actions of the fans in these instances, Mr. Morell elects to pass off as the work of 'Deranged Idiots'. However, when discussing the implies that the university community is at fault. "I can honestly say that I have heard this (cursing and swearing) at home games, too, but not by 30 or 40 in a group sitting behind the opposition benches."

At this point I must remark upon Mr. Morell's vivid imagination, for there was not, by any stretch of

the imagination, a number as large as 30 students hurling insults at his players. However, I do feel compelled to personally apologise for the actions of those fans who were behaving in this manner. None-the-less, I do not feel that these actions warrant an implied condemnation by Morell of the entire university community.

Mr. Morell continues, however: 'The part that bothers me is that the so-called campus police behind the bench made only feeble attempts at stopping this.' It is interesting to note that in his discussion of the STU game, he states: 'The campus police should not go unnoticed either, since they have an extremely difficult task to do ...'. Again Mr. Morell's criticism is blinded by bias, for the lot of our policemen is by, no means,

less difficult than that of their counterparts at UNB. I have also been informed by a member of our force that, upon the request of our coach, Charles Morrison, the row behind the UNB bench was vacated. Mr. Morell continues with his accusations throughout the letter, stating that the fans spit on his players and that they stole four or five of his sticks. If the fans did spit on the UNB players I apologise and I am sure the university community

apologises with me. As for the theft of the sticks, Mr. Morell has questioned not only the integrity of the students of this university, but also the integrity of our campus police. This is rather a grave accusation considering Mr. Morell is not sure of the number of sticks "stolen" and hence could possibly not be sure

if any sticks were stolen.

The remainder of the letter consists of an exhibition of name-calling in which Mr. Morell refers to our fans as "Odd-balls" and "swampies". Little comment is necessary to repudiate this approach, for it defeats itself.

My final comment is directed to 'The Brunswickan': It is unfortunate that you must resort to this type of sensationalistic biased copy to fill your pages. Unfortunately this letter could not be placed far enough from the editorial page to avoid casting doubt on the sanity of the editorial staff. I suggest that, if you wish to continue with this type of article, syndication with the 'National Enquirer' would be of great service to you.
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