



Mugwump Journal

By TOM BENJAMIN

A legal debate at last Monday night's SRC meeting very nearly resulted in the removal of vice-president Gary Stairs from council. With a marginal quorum, typical of this time of year, the councillors actually considered removing an executive member. The move could have resulted in difficulties in attaining a quorum for further meetings.

Stairs says the problem will be rectified, as he intends to register for classes this week.

The problem is that most councillors did not seem to realize that they could have caused hardships in our student government by removing the vice president. If unable to attain a quorum the SRC would have to rely on executive decisions, which can only handle limited council business, until the fall election.

Council members, especially executive council members, should take steps to ensure that the body can always achieve a quorum. There should not be a situation when the council must have all members present at each meeting for a quorum, especially when no date has been set for an election to replace missing members.

The time period necessary between the calling of an election and its actual occurrence has caused some problems for the SRC. With several vacancies, the SRC is attempting to hold an election as soon as possible. The plan, at present, is to hold a referendum to decide if this university will become a member of the National Union of Students in conjunction with the fall election.

However, after the referendum was approved in principle at the last SRC meeting, it was realized that there was not sufficient time period between now and the proposed election date. The constitution says three issues of THE BRUNSWICKAN must be printed between the calling of an election and its actual occurrence. Therefore, the election must be postponed until a date to be decided this week.

Another problem arises from the delay of the election - the SRC wants to hold the NUS referendum before a NU conference is held here Oct. 16 to 20.

It looks like we might decide on a Wednesday if we are to be a member of an organization meeting here on a Thursday. Now that's pretty tight timing.

Monday's SRC meeting was good for a few more chuckles. There seemed to be a question of whether the initials "SRC" stand for student representative council or student representative circus, according to councillor Gordon Kennedy.

President Warren McKenzie said he wanted to put an end to the "circus" at the meeting each week by ordering copies of "Robert's Rules of Order" for each council member. It looks like he should concentrate on his own copy - council chairman George McAllister ruled McKenzie out of order three times during the president's excitement in urging council that we should join the National Union of Students.

Some executive members do not share McKenzie's enthusiasm for the national union. Vice president Gary Stairs, for one, seems to feel that the viewpoints of NUS are a little too leftist for this campus. It is true that NUS policy is to the left of the New Brunswick Conservative party to which Stairs appears closely allied. Whether the majority of students feel the union is too leftist or not will have to be decided at the referendum, whenever it is held.

The Aitken University Centre (yes, it's spelled centre, not center - ask the administration, and don't dare call it a rink) has raised its head between the students and administration again. Last year controversy arose about the centre's acoustics, a problem which apparently was solved several times. Proposals made by students for the sound system, approved by ADI Ltd. designers, involved perforations in the surfaces in the upper area of the centre. However, workers responsible for perforating the material went on strike and construction continued with unperforated material.

Campus planning head Eric Garland has promised to find another way to absorb the sound.

SRC president Warren McKenzie seems to have forgotten his election promises from last spring about making himself accessible to students. If you have a problem and can't reach him at the SRC office don't bother to ask for his home number, because the secretary is not permitted to release it.

Apparently McKenzie did this to prevent the two persons he lives with from being used as an answering service. This is reasonable, but how many more election promises can we expect to have broken?

Starting next week, THE BRUNSWICKAN will begin running a boxscore of those SRC councillors who cast abstaining votes during the meetings. This is an effort to keep students informed of all the actions of their representatives.

Fredericton's answer to the Manchester Guardian, the Daily something-or-other, ran a "spot survey" of 25 frosh recently, and said the students' ideas about politics and pre-marital sex were "old-fashioned". There must be a radical change from the first to latter years: a weary clerk in a local drug store apologized to a BRUNSWICKAN reporter for a loss of temper by explaining "UNB has just started again and all day I've been filling tens of prescriptions for the pill."

See you next week, folks.

Creative arts wants student input

Dear Editor:

The Creative Arts Committee needs student members. As well as the general meetings, several subcommittees require students, the most active being those involving the concert series.

Each fall the Committee hopes to find some new members, both UNB and STU students who are interested in the arts. They should be prepared to present the views

and ideas of the student body.

One of the functions of the Creative Arts Committee is to provide assistance to student organizations in the arts. For example, the Camera Club has received grants for equipment and for preparing their annual exhibition. Dance and drama groups have also received help. The Committee would like to hear from any creative arts organizations on the campus.

Anyone wishing to volunteer time as a committee member or to enquire about grants can contact the Secretary, Professor Ron MacDonald in Carleton Hall 240, or Marjory Donaldson in the Art Centre in Memorial Hall.

Yours sincerely,

Marjory Donaldson, Curator

Orientation chairman lauds frosh

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Orientation Committee, I would like to thank you, the freshmen of 1975, for your great participation in Orientation '75. Without you Orientation '75

would not have been so successful since you were the most spirited group in years.

With your help we exceeded our Shinerama goal of \$5,000 by \$743.80 which likely will place us in the top five universities across Canada.

I must apologize for the awesome number of events which likely tired you out during this period and for the long lineups during registration and ID pictures. The next year's executive headed by James Murray will try to work closer with administration to straighten out these hassles for next year freshmen.

Bumper sticker prompts letter

Dear Students:

Read any bumper stickers recently?

Enroute to my classes through the parking lots I've noticed a wide variety of them dealing with issues from bridges to Christianity.

It is the ones about God that I'm concerned with. Some people say they're a half-hearted witness at best while others feel they provide contacts with people they can

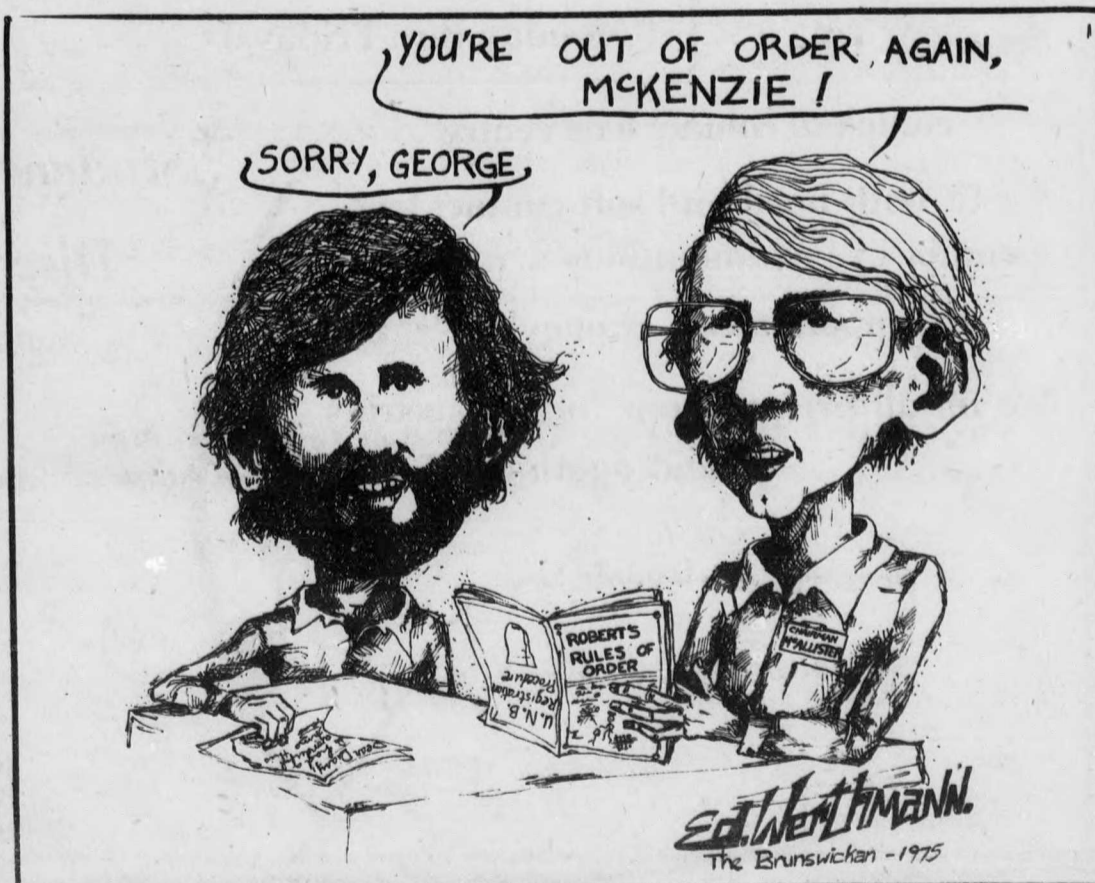
share their ideas about their Lord, Jesus Christ, with.

The people who own these stickers seem, for the most part, to be open about their beliefs and have a real concern about the needs of others which they believe Jesus can fulfill. Find out for yourself. Next time you see a bumper sticker, button, or Bible; talk to the person about it and see how their beliefs stand up.

John Cassidy

In closing, I would again like to thank you the frosh for your involvement, the Orientation executive and committee for their involvement, and the UNB administration, UNB SRC, and the citizens of Fredericton for helping in making Orientation '75 a reality and success. If you have any complaints or suggestions on improvement for next year's Orientation, feel free to drop a line to Orientation '76, care of UNB, SRC Office, SUB.

Yours truly,
Brian Edwards
Chairman, Orientation '75



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