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by Jack Trifts

As you have probably noticed by now, the Brunswickan has changed its' cover style. Our motives behind the change are: to increase the quality of the photos by eliminating the need for great enlargements; to make better use of the cover area by indexing inside stories; and finally to allow space for a key article on the cover itself. We're interested in your comments so if you feel strongly, one way or the other, drop us a line by campus mail.

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An interesting bit of trivia has filtered down from the SRC. The way I hear it, there is a move afoot to change the way student fees are distributed to the clubs on campus. Under the present system, the bucks are collected by the union and then distributed to the clubs by the administrative board. The amount received by any given club depends on the budget that club submits, and the number of people the club serves. The administrative board considers the club's budget, using the SRC financial policy as a guide, and finally takes the club budget to council, for ratification. Under the proposed system, part of the student fees (say \$10 to \$12 per student) would be directly allocated to clubs, with students voting yearly to say where they wanted their money to go.

Now at first glance, this would seem to be quite reasonable idea, (you know, democracy and all that) but the more I think about the idea, the more reservations I have. My biggest beef is this: the smaller clubs are going to suffer under this plan. Sure, the big clubs on campus are going to come out of this just fine. Consider this: for example: The business society has a school of approximately 800 students from which to draw funds. If one half of the business students allocated their \$12 to the Society, its' total revenue would be nearly five grand. Now as a business student myself, this doesn't seem like a bad idea, but the bad part of the deal is: when one group wins, another group has to lose and in this case the clubs which stand to be hurt are the small limited interest clubs. It seems that some people feel that if a club is not big enough to support itself, then too bad, but I think that a lot of people feel that the smaller clubs add a certain flair to the campus that we should not be to quick to do away with them.

A second problem I see with this method of funds allocation is the yearly campaigns for funds the various clubs are sure to wage around election time each year. Such campaigns can do nothing except waste money and time for all concerned.

Although there are certain flaws in the present system, lets not go from bad to worse.

By the way, the Brunswickan would not be affected by a setup of this sort as we are considered a service organization rather than a club.

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Since this will be my last column before the Christmas break (next week being our last issue for the term), I'll take this chance to say good luck on the exams and Merry Christmas (and all that junk)

Campus pub or snob hill

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in to complain about the so-called Social Club which supposedly serves the UNB campus.

Not only do they charge membership but have the nerve to make us pay for our guests now.

I can't help thinking that a campus pub ought to be just that, a campus pub. One which serves the students of UNB, not a select few who happen to have \$10.00 for membership and then \$2 everytime they want to sign in a

few guests.

While the prices are halfway decent, they're not the greatest I've ever seen, you can even get drunk cheaper at different places in town who have a right (I feel) to charge membership fees.

I find the bar-service inadequate and am glad to see the end of waiter service. Most useless bunch of people I've ever seen.

Anyways I knew there's not much anyone can do about it, but it gets it off my chest.

An Unhappy Student.

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sound-off

Comments create furor

Dear Editor:

We wish to publicly apoigize to the physicians and nurses at the Campus Health Service for the ill-considered and unwarranted comments about their educational

Tut Tut Bruns!

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you on behalf of the U.N.B. SRC in order to point out an incorrect statement.

In last week's Brunswickan you reported that the UNB SRC contributed \$812.00 to the Woodshed. It should read \$10,000. as the contribution of the SRC.

I thank you for your anticipated correction of this matter.

Sincerely yours,
Geoff Worrell
Comptroller

Berube answers

Dear Editor:

In regards to Ms. Shalala's letter I would like this opportunity to reply. First of all the decision to kill AFS was made at a meeting in mid-August at Dalhousie when the President's of eleven institutions in the Atlantic sat down to decide what to do about the whole situation of student representation at the regional level. Ten out of the eleven decided that it was time to put an end of AFS, including myself.

Several institutions set out to change AFS and failed. This meeting attempted the same and here too it met with failure.

Ms. Shalala you also know the focus of the work which I was involved in was rebuilding and attempting to improve our communications with other institutions in the Atlantic. In that respect we have been most successful, for example read the article on Nova Scotia in last week's Brunswickan.

In summation I apologize for the confusion which was created by the article. NBSC did not set out to kill AFS. That decision was made in August with the Presidents of the four NBSC institutions in agreement with the idea of getting rid of AFS. In the end all felt it was best to try to develop a new organization instead of running into the same old problems of trying to rebuild AFS.

By the way I am not a student leader and I have never met a person that fills my definition of that person.

Yours truly,
Steve Berube
President

preparation. We in no way doubt their accreditation as health professionals. We wrote our letter out of frustration and anger, with very little contemplation to what we were writing. We truly did not mean for the letter to be slanderous or vindictive in any way but unfortunately this was the way it was interpreted.

We recognize that we did not have all the facts when we commented on the diagnosis and treatment which appeared to us to have been what was given to our friends.

We realize now that a more appropriate approach when one is "troubled and concerned" regarding a difference of opinion is to speak directly to the individuals with whom one differs and express your point of view and listen to the explanations offered. For all those who get upset and

want to voice their opinion, as we did ours, please heed this advice, it will save you so much trouble, pain and hurt.

We in no way doubt good health care is provided at the campus health service and we did not mean in our letter that this was not the case. What we meant to say is that change may be needed in certain areas and we wanted to bring these to the attention of the health personnel at the center.

A lesson has been well learned and if anyone can benefit from our mistakes, it will make this letter all worthwhile. To the friends who supported us through this, thank-you for understanding that when people get upset and tired and angry, they say many things they truly do not mean.

Sincerely,
Carol, Ruth and Arlene

Out with the old

Dear Editor:

I'm just writing to see express my great appreciation of and admiration for the new front page. I guess I never realized how much I despised the old (and hopefully defunct) front pages until I saw the new definitely superior one. I have not met one person who did not think that the new front page was a definite improvement for the Bruns (And I have talked to more than 65 people about it).

The general impression which is given by the new front page is one of competent and precise journalism, because the lay-out is clear and concise. It is much better than the slothful, unprofessional, buzzy

and unclear impression given by the blurbs of colour which previously occupied the front page.

Because this change has to do with the front page, it thus constitutes a major improvement and I offer my hearty congratulations (for what little they're worth) while trying to convey the message that we students who read the Bruns hope this change will stay.

Thanks for hearing me out.

George Whalen

P.S. I saw the Aquinian, looks like you've got competition.

Vending machines

Dear Editor:

I s anybody else out there as disgusted as i am about the condition (or rather non-condition) of the allaged vending machines on campus?

One particular machine which concerns me personally is the coffee machine which is one of a number opposite the science library. The machine which is presently there is in fact the second so far this year, the first had had several breakdowns and so this was brought in to remedy the situation.

However, except for a brief period after it was introduced to the area, this machine has been out of order. The most annoying thing about it is that no apparent attempt was made to fix it. In the approximately two months it has been inoperable, the people who maintain the machines have had ample opportunity to see the sign and do something about it.

While interviewing Beaver Foods director Dave Campbell for a story in last weeks Bruns, I brought up the point and was told

he was not aware of it. Although I found it hard to believe I was the first one to mention it to him, I gave him the benefit of the doubt and looked forward to seeing it repaired shortly.

On last Wednesday morning, a quick check revealed that nothing had changed. So I called Mr. Campbell and asked him about it.

Campbell explained that the vending machines are sub-contracted to S and S Vending and said he had called them about the problem last week. "We have had no straight answers from the sub-contractor," he said.

Mr. Campbell explained that himself, Howard Goldberg (Manager of conventions and food services for UNB), and several members of the administration will be meeting in the next few days to discuss the vending machine situation on campus.

He said they had "Given the vending company an ultimatum". It will be interesting to see what comes of it.

Yours truly
JOEY KILFOIL