

Student Senator criticizes Bruns report on Kepros

Dear Sir:

I consider it most unfortunate that your front page article of February 22, 1974 was as misleading and misdirected as it was. The Kepros marking system, as this system has come to be called, is of vital interest to the whole student body, and as such it is vitally important it be presented as clearly and as properly as is possible. In this light, The Brunswickan article did very little to improve the situation as it now exists concerning this new marking system.

The article did very little to portray the attempt by student senators to explain the student's position on this marking scheme, and what it did portray was not the most pertinent part of our argument. It is unfortunate that students must rely on an ineffective summation of some of the discussion on which to base both their assessment of the efforts of student senators on their behalf and their assessment of the marking system itself.

A motion moved by me and seconded by Richard Scott, which was later defeated, was mentioned, but no attempt was made to explain what the motion was. No mention was made as to our specific objections concerning 1) the specific mechanics of implementation of the system, 2) our objections concerning any piecemeal implementation of the program (including exemption of the Engineers and Foresters).

Other important points which were made on behalf of students' opposition to implementation of the system this year were likewise left out.

Also, my closing statement, which I consider was as important to protecting student interests as was any of the motions debated that evening, was mentioned, but no attempt was made to state specifically what I did say.

Speaking of quotations, how can responsible reporting possibly accept a statement such as was attributed to President Anderson without 1) some verification, 2) some attempt to clarify his remarks? Not only was that not what he said, it is a statement no responsible university official would make.

Certainly someone somewhere is bound to take that statement at face value, which is a mistake. I want this to be made clear - that quotation attributed to Dr. Anderson concerning student opinion is not what he said. Although he did make a statement similar to that, he did realize his mistake and quite freely withdrew the remark. It was a mistake which he quite willingly corrected, and as such The Brunswickan, if it feels it must publish some form of the remark should also publish what was Dr. Anderson's true statement and his true opinion. This rather grievous mistake could have been quite easily avoided if any attempt had been made to verify it with anyone who was there.

I realize time constraints may have made it impossible for your reporter to check her notes completely in time to have the article in; but some attempt should have been made. This is not intended to be a criticism of Miss

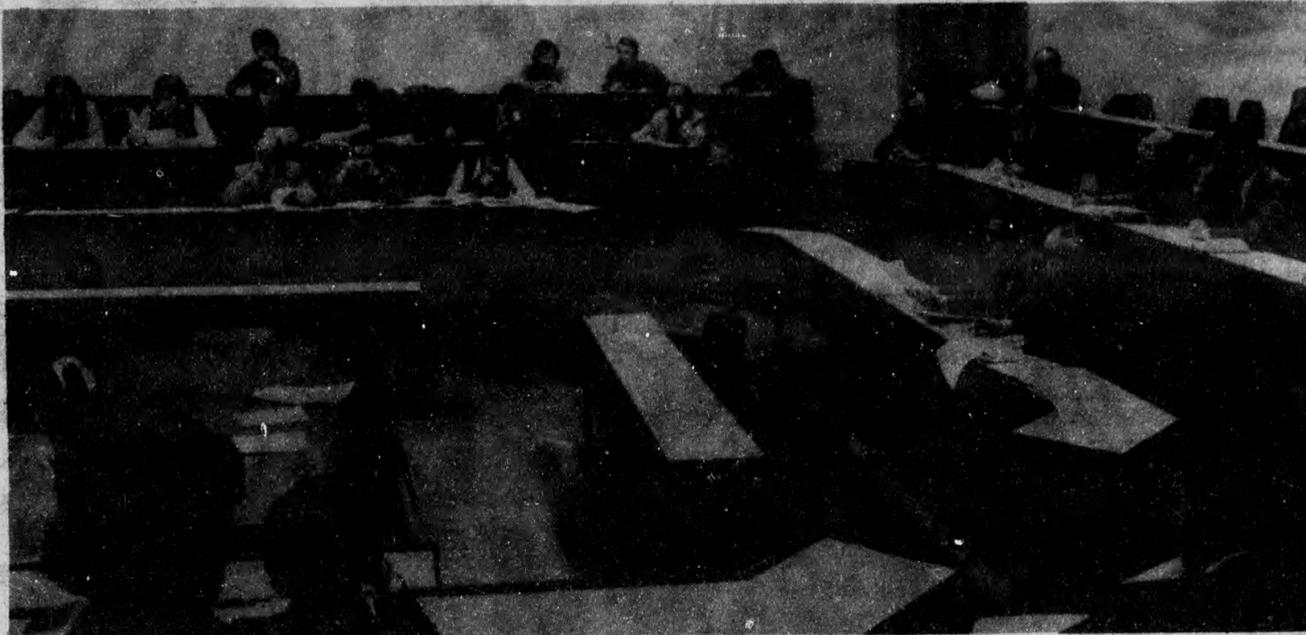


Photo by Ron Ward

Last week the Senate passed the new grading system although most of the student senators and Dean Wilson opposed it. This week we have a couple of letters from disgruntled student senators who found fault with our report of the meeting.

Rioux, for I am surprised she got as much detail as she did on some articles. But I feel it is important that if you attempt to report on a meeting you report as fully as is possible and check to make sure just what did happen.

How can students hope to cope with the system when they don't have the facts? How can a valid assessment of what is happening take place when such misdirections on improper quotations take place? This is an important issue, and if The Brunswickan does not fulfil its obligations of complete reporting, with full understanding of what it is doing, students cannot be expected to understand and resolve the issue in their own minds.

Yours truly,

Brian F. Forbes

More criticism on Kepros story

Dear Sir:

The front-page story in The Brunswickan of 22 February 1974, regarding the Senate debate on implementation of the new grading system, contained a number of inaccuracies and important omissions. Among the omissions was the failure to report that 'plus' and 'minus' signs attached to letter grades will now be reflected in grade-point averages, thus diminishing the coarseness of the system. Among the inaccuracies was the statement that "all student senators" were in favour of a motion to defer implementation of the new system for an indefinite period. While I respect the concerns and considerations which prompted the making of that motion, I did not and could not support it in view of the position which I have consistently taken on this issue and which was partially expressed on page 4 of the same edition of The Brunswickan.

Yours faithfully,

John Reid

Graduating student thinks we're boring

Dear Sir:

I have never done anything like this before. But I thought that since this is my fourth and last year in "university", I thought I should at least make an attempt to have my name printed in the "Bruns". Otherwise, how can I really prove that I was here, I mean a part of it all. I mean, what are my kids going to think. They'll think I'm weird or something. Maybe I slept through the Seventies - Patricia Hearst; Watergate and Henry Kissinger; not to mention the Energy Crisis.

Like I said, I've never done anything like this before. I'm not quite sure what one is to say to one's Editor. How am I doing?

Well, I've done it. I've made the big step - I've committed myself - can't back out now.

Hey! I'm doing it, it isn't so bad after all. It's like writing home only I get the feeling no one's really listening.

Can I say something critical about your newspaper? It's dull. I mean really boring. Maybe it's just the ugly ads or the silly Photo-of-the-week. Somehow I think the problem is more serious than crazy ads or photos. The problem, Mr. Editor is that your paper says nothing. I mean really nothing. Although, I think this is symptomatic of the campus in general. It's like those silly elections we have - I mean, what is the point of it all. I'm aware that the SRC spends an incredible amount of money and that the meetings follow the parliamentary rules of meetings. (What ever that means.) And I'm also aware that the weight of the world is on our shoulders.

All the people who are reading this letter are probably saying to themselves, "this guy complains alot but offers no solutions." You're absolutely right.

I've already taken up too much of this paper's valuable space. I've succeeded in achieving my goal - my name has now been printed in the newspaper. Now I can prove that I was really here. The only thing remaining now is to say something profound so that you don't think I'm a complete idiot.

Here it is folks.
-Nineteen eighty-four is only ten years away.
Think about it.

handshake, handshake
Stephen M. Appt

P.S. I wonder if they'll print this?

Gowan defends his manhood

Dear Sir:

In the February 22 edition of The Brunswickan staff writer Jean Murch took a crack at me in an article entitled, "Female radicalism has died at UNB, says feminist." The particular quote in question was one which I said to a Brunswickan reporter a week before, in which I said I would do my best to represent "Artsmen", as opposed to "Artspeople."

Well, I hope Jean and company will accept my apologies - just a little slip of the tongue on my part. Be rest assured that I will do my utmost to represent the interests of UNB Artspeople of both genders as equally as possible, as well as try to represent the general student opinion.

So, the sentence I made for the February 15 edition of The Brunswickan, 1, Column 1, now reads, "I'll do my best to represent Artspeople."

So, Artsladies, please feel free to avail yourselves of my time, at least - about anything concerning Council, or anything you would like brought up at Council. This sentence does not mean to exclude Artsmen from their representation.

I also might add that you girls seem to have let us all down in the last SRC elections. There wasn't any of you running for the positions of SRC president or Comptroller.

Again, I'm surprised that you haven't brought notice to the fact that all of the present SRC chairpersons are men, particularly when only three of these four positions are now filled. Appointments for certain other SRC related positions have also been declared open. You can see Chris Gilliss or Peter Galoska for more details, or, if you like, I could find out for you.

Yours sincerely,
Derwin N. Gowan
Your unattached Arts Rep.

Some students need typewriters

Dear Sir:

When are we going to obtain the use of typewriters that most other universities have? They are made available for graduate students, here, but as yet nothing is offered for undergraduates. Perhaps we could rent them through UNB for a very nominal fee, although they should be covered by our tuition or SRC fees.

Most professors prefer essays to be typed (I don't blame them), but

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