

SU COMMENT ON TAKE OVER

There has been a lot of debate lately about the student union "takeover" of the college hill social club. Much of this debate however has been based on false rumors about the intentions of the student union.

One of these rumors is "the student union will not be able to properly manage the social club". Well, the fact is that the student union does not intend to manage the social club and they have clearly stated that the current management will not change. It would be foolish to think that the student union councillors and executive would have the time to manage such a business. What the student union is proposing to change however is the current structure of the CHSC board of directors. The reason for this being the fact that the current board is not truly representative of the members of the club. To put it simply consider the following: How many of you have voted at student union elections? How many of you have voted at the CHSC board of directors elections?

Another misconception is the idea that the CHSC will become a wet/dry facility. This is also a false rumor. The CHSC has been and will be a wet only bar. Because of this the rumors about not being granted a liquor license are also untrue.

Some people have billed this as a "greedy takeover attempt by the student union." Now I challenge you to think about this for

a moment. This is typical of the arguments being put out by the current Board of Directors. Considering that the student union consists entirely of students and that the CHSC consists almost entirely of students also. Who is the club being taken away from?

In response to the CHSC's new shirts sporting "Independence for 20 years" I feel that they are right. The CHSC has been independant (sic) from the students at UNB for too long. The SU is trying to bring about a club that caters to the needs of the students and although providing cheap beer is one of those needs it certainly shouldn't be the only one. Don't get me wrong, I realize the CHSC is returning some profits to the students, but I feel this amount should be larger.

These are but a few of the topics that will be discussed in the next couple of weeks, when both sides have a chance to voice their concerns.

Serge Laviolette

in numbers. He said security tries to encourage the students to use common sense." Excuse me? Common sense? Is security implying that these women were acting stupidly? One attack was at 5 p.m. Re-read that 5 p.m. Now women can't walk alone at 5 p.m.? The other attack was near Harrington Hall on the STU campus. Surely many students stay up until 11 p.m. or later at midterm time. The woman involved was beside a residence for goodness sake. If this campus is so insecure, why can't security or some other responsible force start patrols at night? isn't it significant that for the last two years, certain faculties have offered night courses that people refuse to attend because they don't want to risk walking home at night? I certainly hope that "consciousness has been raised again!" How long will it be before we stop teaching only the women how to prevent these assaults, and start teaching the men also.

Rachel Thomas

Women Attacked

To the editor,

I would hope that everyone who read last week's article entitled "Two Women Attacked on Campus" was angered. Perhaps also some of those who read the article were infuriated by the implied criticism of the women by campus security. In case you didn't detect this criticism, it was in the last paragraph. "Rich Peacock, campus security director claims.... there is safety

Classified

To the editor,

What's this? Another sexist, misogynist piece of trash. Classified... Personals... "For Sale: one used girlfriend almost like new. Good body and front end, smooth ride, many options. May need lube job before winter season. Willing to trade for older model with more horsepower... etc, etc."

Get that's really funny, "Hot" Rod or whoever! What a guy!

Are we ready? Here we go again. One woman is raped every 17 minutes in Canada, every five minutes in U.S. of A. Thousands, and I said "Thousands", of women are brutally murdered each year by their husbands, boyfriends, or male relatives. In India, many women are tortured to death, shortly after marriage, by their husbands who want the dowry, and want to "trade-in" the wife, as it were. One in three females is sexually assaulted at one time in her life. Women are safer in the streets than in their own home, but women can't walk in the streets for fear of their safety. Women do 2/3 of the worlds work and own 1/10 of the wealth. Many women are sexually exploited, sexually harassed, objectified, abused, tortured, raped and murdered for one reason alone—they were born females. I know, I know, where's my sense of humour, right? Can't I take a joke. What's wrong with me, anyway eh! It's just for fun, huh! I'm too serious, relax, right! Cause, really, Rod, you're not like all "those other" guys who objectify, abuse, rape, murder or harm women in any way, are you!

But, you know, "Hot" Rod or whoever, you're actually one of them. Carry on, Bruns, we wouldn't want to get in the way of "fun", would we. A. Glencross

Hot Rod Strikes Again

To The Editor:

This letter is in response to the blatantly sexist personal classified printed in The Brunswickan, Oct 19th, advertising the sale of a girlfriend. We are highly offended that a person attending an institute of higher learning would write such distasteful and derogatory comments. Furthermore, we cannot believe that this trash would be printed in a university paper. Allowing such material to be printed reflects the incompetence of the editorial staff.

Laura MacDonald, Sara McKim, Donna MacDonald

And Again

To The Editor:

In your October 19th issue of The Brunswickan printed under the heading "Personals", on page thirty, was an advertisement of sorts, announcing the sale of a girlfriend. As if the ignorance of the author is not enough, the unprofessionalism of you and your editorial staff is overtly illustrated when the thought is entertained to print this ignorant, sexist "statement".

It is the request of the undersigned readers that an apology on behalf of the entire editorial staff be made to all readers of this "newspaper" for the lack of respect demonstrated in the printing of this distasteful rubbish.

Monique Gould, Kelly Norman, Tina Hudson, Shawna Allen, Catherine McCarthy, Christina Mullin, Tara Boviard, Jan Connel, Jennifer Colpitts, Heather Humber, Corrine Bedford, Kim Phillips, Lisa Gautreau, Michelle Trynor, Crystal Grant, Kimberly MacGillivray, Michelle Sawlin, Jane Power, Heather McAllister, Leslie Allan, Theresa Floyd, Robin Sexton, Margaret Gregg, Misty Quigg, Brookee Murdock, Chris Campbell, Lindy Maguire, Wendy Robbins, Chris Slaney, Dave Brown, Christine MacKinley, Alyson Sawyer

Editors Note: An apology was run last week

Student Leaders Holiday

To the Editor:

Of course Bourque and Co. were "really happy" that only 30 people turned out for the march on National Students Day. With the amount of preparation and advertising they put into the event they must have been delighted to get even 30.

Rather than concentrating on the really important student issues (taxing of Student Loans, Bill C69, etc) the student union are too busy preparing for their careers on Wall Street with their threatened takeover of the Social Club. In particular, they were too involved in preparing for their Student Leaders Holiday, sorry Student Leaders Conference at Mack's-whatever-it's-called Lake, to be bothered with National Students Day.

The Student Union thinks that the Bruns

staff and CHSR have been "bought" with free memberships do they? So what was the discussion about at the Student Leaders Conference? It didn't happen to concentrate on the Social Club takeover, did it? And they weren't trying to "buy" the student leaders with all the "free" beer that was served up over the 3 days? (Free for them. Not free to any other "not important" student who pays his fees to underwrite such an event and the \$40,000.00 legal fees the student union is expecting to spend on the venture. \$40,000.00 which could go nicely towards a SUB extension where the S.U. could open their own bar.) From what I've heard, which is more than rumor, most of the Leaders Conference was spent propagandizing the Social Club takeover, and members of CHSR and the Bruns were in attendance. Is that why one of the letters in last weeks issue which opposed the takeover was mysteriously "cut" in mid-sentence?

Finally, why should we be like every other University in Canada and have the bar run by the Student Union? Why can't we be different? We have different names for our sports teams unlike anyone else. And remember, most other universities don't have to deal with the dreaded NBLLB when it comes to getting their licences. Why is it that the Student Union carefully avoid any mention of the NBLLB? If the Student Union takes over, the licence would have to go back to the NBLLB for re-submission. Can the Student Union 100% confirm that the liquor licensing board will grant the Union the same type of licence, let alone assure us that they would never introduce a "two drinks-per-visit" rule? A concerned Social Club Member

VP Finance Speaks

Dear Mr. Dawes:

In the interest of preserving the sound financial name of the current Student Union, and the UNB Foundation for Students, I would like to dispel any "rumours" surrounding said name in the Oct 26 edition of the Brunswickan.

From Mugwump: (Rumours) The Social Club is the object of a greedy takeover. The CHSC has been economically successful for the past few years. If the SU took it over, they could transfer profits from the CHSC to the SU. The SU cannot provide steady and constant management. (Facts) The Social Club started this fiscal year with a surplus, for the first time in many years. Even if the membership of the CHSC supported a plan to have three SU members on a proposed 10 member CHSC Board of Directors, the SU would not be able to transfer funds to themselves. The management of the SU has not only been steady and constant for the past five years, but the financial controls have been improved each and every year.

From Blood and Thunder (Just Rumours?) (Rumours) A portion of the profits from the sales would be directed to the SU account, resulting in higher prices at both the door and the bar. A propaganda campaign has been organized at the cost of \$35,000. As well, that sum has been spent without consulting the students. The SU, because of annual "management" changes, could not manage the CHSC as well as the present management. (Facts) Again, it would not be a decision (nor is it a desire) of the SU to transfer revenue generated at the bar to the SU accounts. Prices at the door and bar are, and would continue to be management decisions, not SU decisions. An educational campaign has been organized so that CHSC members and students alike may make an informed choice. The SU council, the representatives of the students, has made the decision to allocate approximately one third of the rumoured amount towards said education. Why so much? Because our target markets are the 2000+ members of the CHSC and the 10,000+ students here at UNB and STU. Obviously, a group of this size cannot be made aware of this complex issue properly without spending a sizeable amount of money. The SU, because of annual changes in its "council", has new priorities yearly, and fresh constructive ideas are the norm. However, for the day to day operations, our office employees have provided excellent (and constant) "management" for years> The same principles would apply to having SU council representation and students-at-large on the CHSC Board of Directors. (ie. regular year after year management, with fresh ideas in response to new student priorities each and every year.) Sincerely yours, Greg Lutes

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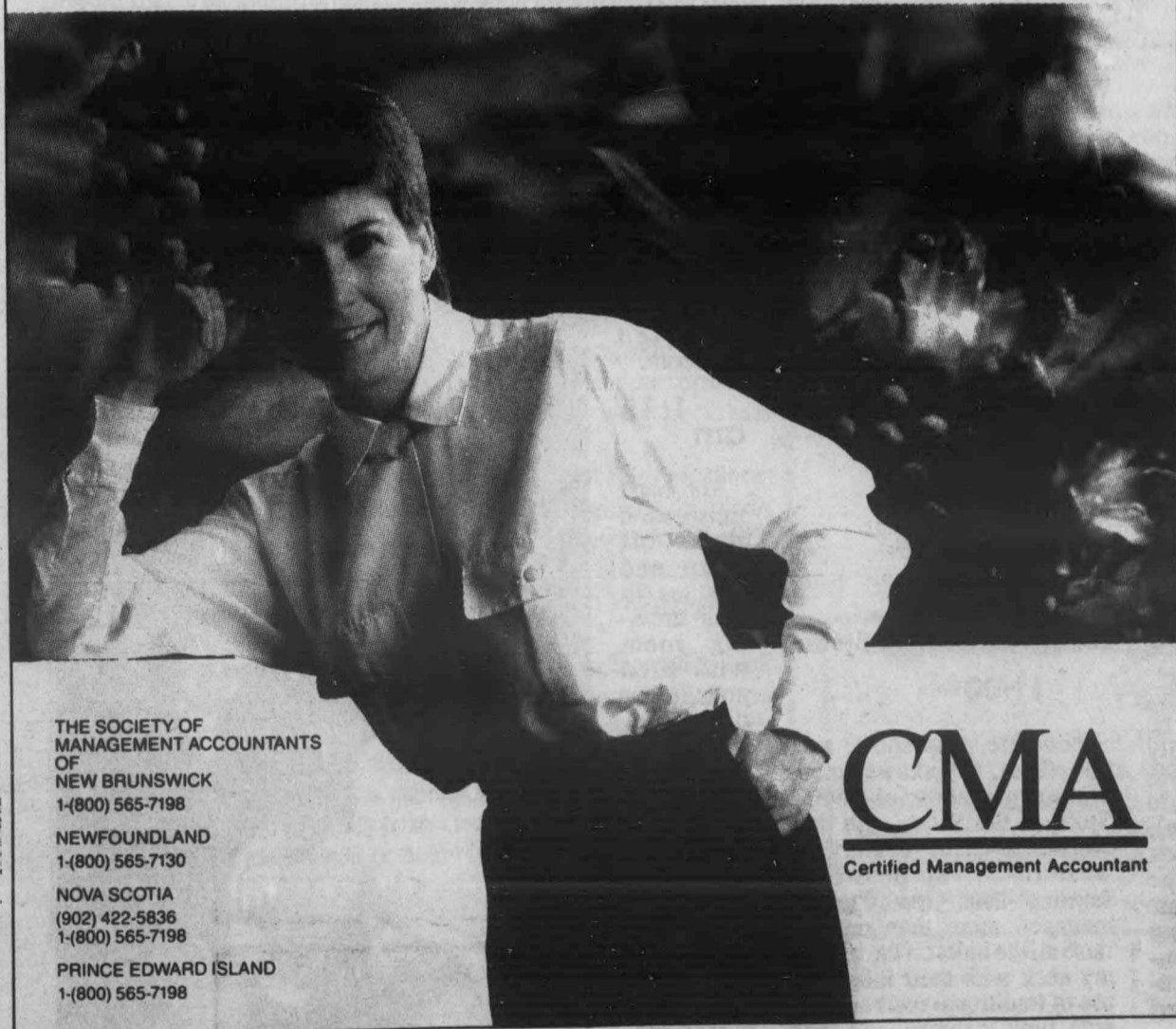
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