

Murray says student solidarity crucial to Union

At a special meeting of the SRC on this past Monday night, a petition from the student body was brought to the floor and voted on. The petition involved a motion that read as follows:

"WHEREAS not all students benefit from membership in the Student Union and whereas students should have the freedom of choosing Union membership BE IT RESOLVED THAT, above and beyond \$15.00 towards the SUB mortgage, payment of the SRC fee be made optional to all students. Hildebrand:Berube (7-8-0) defeated January 24, 1977"

Following a discussion in Council at Monday night's meeting, the motion being reconsidered was voted down. The final tally was 1 for 19 against and 0 abstentions.

The rationale behind this decision of the elected student representatives and the executive involved serious consideration of the direct effect and serious implications that such a motion

would present to the students as a whole at UNB and the Student Union itself.

The first real area of concern about the content of the motion centered around the conjecture that not all students benefit from membership in our Student Union at UNB. This statement alone led to much deliberation and brought out the following facts:

a) The Union is not essentially of the same nature as any existent labour union in Canada, but instead is formed and upheld to be an integral part of the life of each and every student in as far as providing services to all Union members and to help finance the operation of clubs and other activities.

The Union is basically a machine that allows the implementation of activities on campus and opens the doors to use of facilities and negotiations with those people in authority in the administration. The Union is capable of and indeed holds a large bargaining power with campus personnel, the

business sector of Fredericton, not to mention the influence we strongly maintain with other educational institutions in the Maritimes. Access to such benefits are readily available to each and every member of the UNB Student Union. We, as students, need such a representative voice. The key issue revolves around solidarity among all students. It clearly

remains to be seen that students do not benefit (even to the extent of a physical or psychological realization) from the existence of a Student Union. All of this is made possible by the financing we receive from each and every full time student. All universities across Canada collect fees from students in a similar fashion as seen at UNB.

b) A motion passed by the Board of Governors in the past gives direct reference to Union fees being compulsory. This is also witnessed to in the UNB Calendar which in fact can be looked upon as the general book of regulations that are in existence. When consulted on this matter on

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Barn extends apologies to boys

Dear Editor:

After reading the article on "Maggie Rates the Boys" in the February 11th issue of the Bruns, I was astonished by the trash that was in it. If a "Gentleman" from any men's residence confronted me about it I'd be ashamed to admit that I was a Maggie Girl.

Such over generalizations as were used in that article were unwarranted, and obviously the opinion of only a few over biased misguided individuals. The article that was written was certainly not mine or many other Maggie girl's opinion of the men on or off campus. Since I consulted no other girls when writing the above I would like to state plainly that this may be only my opinion. I felt the girls who wrote the article in the February 11 issue were stating their own opinion and should have acknowledged this fact in order to spare the reputation of the rest of us!

To try and rekindle what little respect residence men may have for Maggie Girls I personally would like to apologise to, Bridges, Neville, Neil, McKenzie,

Harrison, Aitken, Victoria, L.B.R. and last but not least Jones who seem to have gotten the best of the deal! You're all great guys!

Signed
A Maggie Frosh

Dear Editor:

On behalf of a few girls from the Barn in Maggie Jean, I would like to extend my sincere apologies to the rest of the house, for any of the blame which was unjustly placed on them. We take full responsibility for any negative feedback received due to the publishing of the article in the Feb. 11th issue of the Bruns.

Thank-you,
One of the Writers

The girls of Maggie Jean would like to apologize to the men's residences regarding last week's article, "Maggie rates the boys". We are not apologizing for writing the article though, because we did not write it. The opinions expressed were those of a few

individuals and certainly not the majority of the house.

We also believe it makes no difference to us which residences one lives in. Each and every house on campus (and off) means something to each of us. So guys, please don't consider that article the opinion of every girl in the house. We respect each and everyone of you.

Dear Brunswickan:

I am writing in regards to your article "Maggie Rates the Boys" and I must say they're certainly putting themselves on the line by praising and alternately dumping on the various men's residences.

For my part, I resent their disparaging remarks towards Neville House, in particular. My boyfriend and several other male acquaintances live there and I must say I've never met a nicer group of gentlemen on campus. They deserve an apology, I think.

Maybe the good gentlemen of Neville have better taste than you do, gals. What do you say, Maggie?
Lola Jones

And in this corner...

Dear Editors:

The SRC, now composed largely of newly elected students, Monday night resoundingly defeated our motion to make payment of SRC fees optional (beyond the portion towards the SUB mortgage). Unfortunately a glaring illegality was involved with the vote. The chairman of the Council, John McEvoy, allowed a vote to be taken while names were still on the speakers' list. Such a speakers' list must be completed before a vote may be taken unless a motion is made to cut off debate and vote on the motion. No such motion was made. This meant that although several opponents of the motion were able to speak, no persons in favour, myself included, were allowed to discuss the issue. After the vote was taken the chairman then allowed persons in favour of the motion to speak to it. Obviously a little late. I have to wonder if personal bias lead Mr. McEvoy to allow and perform this illegal procedure.

In Jim Murray's discussion of the motion he stated that his primary objection was to the first clause which reads "Whereas not all students benefit from membership in the Student Union . . .". Jim stated that all students benefited from membership in the Student Union. Approximately twenty minutes later Jim reported a case where they had recently returned the \$45 SRC fee to a student because that student did not benefit from student union membership. These two statements are possibly a trifle inconsistent and contradictory.

The SRC members, executive members included, are arguing against the motion making union membership optional, using predictable and classic scare tactics.

They are saying that if union membership were optional not enough students would join to financially support the Brunswickan and CHSR. This statement is scarcely true. Right now the

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Lookout for petition

Beware! I would like to pass on a thought to all socializers at UNB. If you should be out in the Social Club, or where-ever, beware of people that come onto you with a petition. Now, you can read it if you please, but beware of the continuous persuasion, and don't believe that one "no" to them will do. Under the influence of alcohol, as most know, one has a tendency to do undesired things. Like, sign something that doesn't make any sense, even to the unsensible.

Now that this collection of names have been brought to the

SRC, our Union could be confronted with a few problems, but again this poses little or no problem for Jim, I hope.

Therefore may be another petition against such a petition could be put into circulation, so keep an eye open for it folks! Noting at this point that should the SRC have to fold, that means no Carni, no Bruns and that we would be "do nothing bums". So take it and stick it boys!!!

Yours humbly
Barry Newcombe

Residence fees unjustified

An open letter to Dr. Anderson and the Board of Governors.

Gentlemen:

As the time approaches for setting Residence fees for next year the people living here are busy making contingency plans. We realize that you and the Board have dug the university into a financial hole.

This is to inform you that we do not intend to allow you to climb out of that hole over our backs.

Last year the increase in expenses for the Residence system were kept to around 10 percent yet the fees were increased by approximately 25 percent. You justified this by saying that income from the Residences did not meet total costs when taking into account the high mortgages on the new buildings.

We believe it is unrealistic to expect to pay off mortgages that run for 12 mos. a year on income generated only 8 mos. a year. If

you expect the residences to pay for themselves then we suggest you find something to do with them for the other 4 mos. of the year to generate income.

If you and the Board attempt to increase Residence fees beyond the percent increase necessary to cover the increase costs for the 8 mos we are here, we are prepared to take what ever action is necessary to convince you that you are acting unreasonably.

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SubTerrain lacks atmosphere

Dear Gentlemen:

Fantastic! What a great idea! Someone has finally decided that UNB is ready for a coffee-house. A dark, folksy, candlelit corner where one can relax in the quiet atmosphere of good music and drink flavoured coffees in something other than those terrible styrofoam cups. Even the name, Sub-Terrain, conjured up such cozy images.

Surely I got my directions wrong

when I asked where to find this fantastic place. What I found was a large, florescent-lit room, serving coffee or tea in styrofoam cups with taped music providing a weak atmosphere. This place whatever its called had many beautiful pine tables and reasonable decor, but suffered from a severe lack of both people and mood.

There's no need to trek all the way downstairs to get the very same as one gets in the SUB

coffee-shop. Perhaps expresso, capuccino, or Turkish coffee could be served and the lighting system changed. Live entertainment every weekend would surely draw more people. Even ashtrays on the tables so the customers didn't have to gulp down his first cup of coffee so as to use the cup for an ashtray and proper cups and saucers would surely help.

In short, the basics are there but the finishing is indeed lacking.

Roger Savoy