



By **MIKE MACKINNON**

On Monday night, two weeks ago the student council refused to recognize the constitution of the CAUSE Committee/SP. This immediately brought about the formation of yet another political group, the Democratic Action Front. Their sole goal is to have those councillors who voted against the constitution recalled. That means that if they can get 25% of the councillor's faculties to sign a petition the councillors will lose their positions on council.

Interesting. I was under the impression Democracy meant one that had a right to choice. Yet, John Bosnitch and his gang want to take that right away from a group of councillors who have the guts to stand up to them. This bastardization of the word democracy should not be allowed.

Of course, we can see where this is all going to lead. Anyone opposing our respected president will have the DAF after him. So what has the trappings of a democracy is really a tyranny. Not surprising, of course.

I hope that the students of UNB will not be taken in by the silver tongue of J.B. Remember the true meaning of democracy.

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First we had the secretariat. Now we have the Presidium, oh, and of course, popular initiative. Though the first two seem a little redundant, the idea of popular initiative is a good one. These, as reported last week, are to be the building blocks of the new student union, the constitution of which is being written next month.

Though the "old" union was effective enough Bosnitch felt it necessary to change it. I suppose this gives us the opportunity to make the union better. One would have to hope this is the case, because, although there is room for good to be done there is room for a great deal of harm to be done. Let's hope that this change is done properly.

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The main things that bothers me about the three proclamations of the president is that two were done over the Christmas holidays. This seems typical of his actions. Instead of doing things the democratic way, which he claims to believe in so strongly, he does them his way. What great things will be done over the summer break?

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Well, Fredericton finally has snow in quantities that mean something. The skiers will be happy but I can't help but feel sorry for those who worked so hard on Winter Carnival. Though they did a good job, mother nature was not on their side. Having so much snow the day after it all ended must have been the epitome of frustration.

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Over the course of the year we have had numerous changes on the Brunswickan editorial board. A quick glance at the Masthead will verify this for you. We finally have a complete board but we lack the main thing. Staff. Though we receive plenty of submissions, there are only three or four to do the actual layout. This makes it difficult on the editors who are busy enough. So if you are interested, please come out and join the paper. We are in Room 35, First Floor, Office Wing, SUB.

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For any student needing free legal service the SRC lawyer is available every Tuesday evening from 6-8.

There will be a meeting of all students who live off-campus Wed., Jan. 26 in SUB Rm. 26 (beside the cafeteria). This organization, the off campus association, is dedicated to affording to off-campus students some of the advantages which would otherwise not be available to them such as representation on SRC and entertainment events (socials). All students of UNB living off campus whether by themselves or with family are welcomed and encouraged to attend the meeting. Come and add your grievances off-campusers!

Tod Bovingdon  
President O.C.A.

# soundoff

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## Check the regulations

Dear Editor:

While I do not believe that this is the proper way to communicate with a person, this is Mr. Bosnitch's favorite form of communication.

I think Mr. Bosnitch's creation of a Presidium (Presidential Council) is an excellent idea in principle. Cooperation among our various student representatives is necessary in order to benefit students. However, cooperation is difficult to achieve without adequate information and communication.

Don't you, Mr. Bosnitch, think the students from these groups

should have been consulted before you decreed the establishment of this Council? Indeed they should be.

I just have a few questions about the Council. How can members be accorded ex-officio status when there are more people eligible for ex-officio status than there are positions on the Presidium? We have six student senators and two student governors, yet there is only one position on the Presidium. Which student of these eight will be given ex-officio status and who will make this decision?

In addition, does the creation of the Council mean that the students duly elected to various positions that are not SRC related will be subservient to the President of the SRC?

I just have one other question. Isn't creating this Council outside the scope of the duties of the office of President? Please check the section regarding Duties of the President, Mr. Bosnitch.

Sincerely,  
Carol Foley  
Board of Governors  
BBA IV

## Introducing Flag

Dear Madam,

This letter is by way of introducing you to FLAG (Fredericton Lesbians and Gaymen), an association dedicated to the interests and well being of lesbians, bisexuals and gaymen of New Brunswick and especially the Fredericton area. The association was founded in 1979 in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

FLAG's goals are: 1. To participate in the changing of societal attitudes about homosexuality.

2. To help our gay sisters and brothers divest themselves of negative attitudes about being gay. This includes eliminating the myth that homosexuality is a disease.

3. To encourage exchanges between gay people of various backgrounds in order to create a spirit of solidarity and of mutual help within the gay community of our region.

4. To study and analyse the social problems which we face, in order to understand and

combat prejudice generated by lack of understanding which results in discrimination towards the gay community.

5. To work towards protective legislation and constitutional rights for the gay-minority.

FLAG has undertaken the following activities in order to promote discussion, encourage mutual help, plan strategy, and make our struggle known: 1. Holds monthly meetings of the membership as a combined business and social get-together.

2. Publishes a newsletter, FLAGMAG, to foster the goals of our organization and to keep our membership informed of our activities and those of the greater gay community.

3. Organizes social activities (dances, picnics, trips, etc.) which provide members of the gay community of the region with the opportunity to meet each other and socialize in a supportive and pleasant setting.

4. Holds discussion groups and conferences for the gay

community in order to discuss our various points of view, recognize our strengths and weaknesses, and establish plans of action for the immediate and distant future.

5. Operates a phoneline as an information and counselling service for lesbians, bisexuals and gaymen.

FLAG's phoneline number is 506 457-2156.

Our hours of operation will change starting January 1, 1983 from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays to 8-10 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 2-4 p.m. on Sundays.

We hope that this information might be of interest to your group or service. If you should have further questions concerning FLAG please write to us in care of Box 1556, Station 'A', Fredericton, New Brunswick, E3B 5G2 or call us on the FLAG phone line.

Yours truly,  
H. Hinds  
for FLAG

## Back opinion with fact

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in regards to the column "Morality hit F'ton in '69" by Campbell Morrison published in the January 14th issue of *The Brunswickan*.

The reason I am writing is not to argue the point of whether his article was right or not but to make sure Campbell Morrison understands the professional writing errors he made.

For example one sentence out of the article reads, "The faculty's desire to open a legitimate club was being opposed by a group of people

who probably wasted Thursday and Friday nights in the Club Cosmopolitan doing infinitely more immoral acts than could possibly be accomplished in the Faculty Club." The way the sentence reads it sounds as if everyone of those people opposing the granting of the licence went to the Cosmopolitan not only for a couple of drinks but also to engage in whatever other activities they could find. It sounds as if Mr. Morrison knows what he is talking about, however I would like to draw attention to a usually unimportant word which unfortunately some people might

overlook and miss the idea behind the sentence. The word is "probably". With that it becomes clear to me that Mr. Morrison is not all together sure of his sources. Mind you it would be hard to check every person that signed that petition to see if they went to clubs in 1968. However that is no excuse. Mr. Morrison should realize that when he makes a statement it has to be backed up by facts not on his own bias opinion.

I would also like Mr. Morrison to realize that with the sentence "Churchgoers of

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