

## To fill a vacuum

The resignation of Dave Cox as SRC president at this time is an act that can perhaps be left at "unfortunate." The SRC, as some people have known for some time and as any who attended the budget meeting on Sunday now know, has very little idea of what it is doing, let alone what it should be doing.

But the reasons that Cox gave for resigning are just not good enough. Anybody who runs for the position of SRC president should be acutely aware of the demands that will be made on his time. It was surely Cox's responsibility to find out whether he had the time, before he declared himself a candidate.

Perhaps Dave Cox realized that he was achieving very little, as regards giving the SRC some sort of direction. It is true that he has had very little to back him up on Council, but student Councils at UNB have never been overstocked with capable representatives. Perhaps we should thank him for leaving room for someone else who has the time to provide direction - to fill the power vacuum.

Dave Cox's resignation should serve as a warning for anyone who is thinking of running for SRC president. If done properly, the job is exceedingly demanding and in fact next year will require a full time individual who takes one or two courses.

## The five-hour circus

Sunday night's "final budget meeting" of the SRC provided yet another example of how totally incapable the council is. Students at the back of the room could only look on in amazement.

It was a fairly standard performance in that most councillors proved, by this questioning of those organizations requesting budgets, that they - the councillors - hadn't done their homework. They asked questions that should have been settled by the finance committee, the Administrative Board, or at the preliminary budget meeting two weeks ago.

The performance turned to extraordinary when councillors allowed and encouraged the chairman to ignore opinions from the back of the room. Budgetary items were cut while reps of some organizations waded for a chance to explain. Lawson Hunter and Gary Davis left the meeting when they were repeatedly refused time to speak.

Council seemed to be more worried about the five hour time limit they had set on the meeting: they were going home after five hours no matter what. Regardless of what happened to thousands of dollars.

Altogether, it was a gross display of incompetence and irresponsibility, one that should shake any student's faith in student representative bodies.

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"What do you mean, you don't pay any attention to the establishment?"

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Hard to believe admin is being questioned**

Editor:

The following memo was recently circulated to members of the faculty:

"Dear Colleague, Recent events on this campus have led some people to suspect that our University administration is not acting in the best interests of the University community.

I, personally, cannot bring myself to believe that the administration is acting in other than a responsible manner. I believe that the time is now for the faculty as a whole to express their confidence in the University and its government. To that end, I am circulating this letter to ask your endorsement. If you agree, would you kindly sign and return by campus mail to myself.

(Signed)  
R.D. Findlay  
Department of Electrical Engineering  
University of New Brunswick, Oct. 8, 1968."

Mr. Findlay's request puzzles me somewhat. It should be obvious to even the most casual observer that the cornerstone of university development is an uncritical adherence to pre-Confederation procedures, ideas and esthetics. There has never been any danger that new ideas would be tolerated. We all realize that loyalty to the leader is a supreme virtue and that the route to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness and a fat salary, is strict

observance of this ritual. I, therefore, cannot bring myself to believe that any member of the faculty at UNB has ever questioned the Doctrine of Administration Infallibility. I write not only to reaffirm my faith but also to encourage members of the university community to beware. Subalterns planning a coup first loudly proclaim their loyalty to the status quo, next raise the spectre of an external bogeyman, and finally suggest that there are traitors in the palace. Could it be that a putsch is being engineered in Head Hall?

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**Gratifying to see support for president Mackay**

It was most gratifying to witness and to participate in the demonstration of support for Dr. Mackay and the administration during the convocation ceremony. Dr. Mackay is to be commended for the manner in which he dealt with the events of the past few weeks. The administration cannot, and the students in particular should not, tolerate any further disruption of the normal activities of this institution. The nationwide publicity which the Strax affair has received has done nothing to enhance the reputation of UNB and it seems rather a shame that the actions of a few should reflect on the student body as a whole.

It is becoming increasingly obvious that the Strax affair is no longer the central issue on campus. What began as a dem-

onstration against the I.D. Card, and resulted in the suspension of Dr. Strax, has become an all out attack on the administrative policies of this university by the SDS. Continued violent demonstrations could have serious repercussions. Hopefully, the students of UNB will continue to express their support of Dr. Mackay and the administration and any such repercussions will be avoided.

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**Strong objections to rugby writer's idiocy**

Editor:

I wish to correct the impression made by your centre page article on rugby. I refer, of course, to the citation of an unnamed British Medical journal as an authority for the statement that "one of every two rugby players had a premature death due to overstrained hearts." If this were a demonstrable truth why does every medical school in the Commonwealth and South Africa, with the exceptions of India and Canada, field not one but several rugby teams. In London the medical schools are among the best teams in the country and Oxford or Cambridge stand little chance of defeating St. Mary's or Guy's. As is surely well known by now, the most frequent causes of heart disease are overweight and smoking, two problems which rugby players rarely encounter. In North America lack of exercise is one of the major factors in the high incidence of heart pro-

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