

## more letters to the editor.

quickly and with the minimum inconvenience to the student as well as to provide quick and easy identification for the individual. Of all the systems investigated, the Polaroid Land system proved to be by far the best obtainable. This was not discovered until after the close of the 1967-68 academic year when it was impossible to hold a referendum on the subject before the date when it was necessary for a commitment to be made in order to produce a better card at registration.

The Executive of the SRC arranged in conjunction with the Administration of the University to obtain the new card on the basis that it would provide a convenience to the student in the form of an unmistakable identity and would also provide a modern system for issuing equipment, meals, library books, etc. to reduce costs.

The cards for 1968-69 have been produced at a material cost (i.e. 37¢ per card) and charged to the SRC budget while the Administration has absorbed the equipment and administrative costs. This arrangement is open to re-negotiation for the 1969-70 academic year.

The executive of the Council acted in good faith on behalf of the students. However, if public opinion warrants change in this system, it will certainly be re-investigated.

David R. Cox  
President. SRC.

### Movement needs flexibility

Editor:

The pious protestations of the Obvious by the Mobilization minibrains

were heard on campus this week for the second year running. The "radicals"—God bless 'em—have finally gotten it through their collectively costive crania that police repression and many other horrible ugly things and I.D. cards have made bully bedfellows in South Africa and the USSR (I might hasten to add Nazi Germany to SDS's catalogue—you can work that up in next month's pamphlet, chaps...)

Well, simplistic historical analogies have their place, I suppose. The American political Right (radical and otherwise) have argued for years that to negotiate with the Communists on anything (particularly Vietnam) would be to create another Munich, and turn Southeast Asia (or Western Europe, as the case may be) into a Chinese (or Russian) Studentenland.

A.M. Schlesinger Jr. has defined the Munich crisis mentality—and the dangerously simplistic historical thinking behind it—in *The Bitter Heritage, 1941-1966*. I won't advise the S.D.S. to read it, though, for (as is well known) Schlesinger is a wishy-washy Establishment "liberal" sell-out, and the last thing of which I should ever want to be accused would be the blasphemy of polluting the "higher spirit" of "pure revolution" that is said to reside in the souls of the SDS membership. Would that we were all so self-sacrificing...

Of course, if the SDS are really up on their tactics, they will realise that "to be attacked by the enemy is not a bad thing, but a good thing", and should, I suspect, be most appreciative of and receptive to my remarks.

The last thing we could label the SDS revolution-

aries would be closed-minded elitists, even if only six of their number (or so I was informed by one who counts himself among this Elect) are running the whole show. The rest, it would appear, are but a rabble of revolutionary sheep-followers. (Hear that, rank-and-file? Your leaders love you so much that they plan on doing everything themselves without you having to worry about democratically constructing revolutionary policy; they wouldn't want you to have to worry about thinking out things for yourselves. Perish the thought!—you might wreck all THEIR plans.)

At any rate, I wouldn't have dreamed I could fall so far behind the times: a few months ago, rumor had it that "the duty of the revolutionary is to make revolution". Now, apparently, it is to burn U.N.B. student I.D. cards...

But despite what I alleged earlier about SDS's tendency to oversimplify history, there is hope for the shaping up of a classical historical situation: the disappearance of the Center and the black-and-white segmentation of society into opposing factions of the Radical Left and Right. I am referring, of course, to the appearance of a right-wing fascistic (i.e., anti-SDS) at an SDS demonstration already in progress up at the library during supper-hour on Friday, the 20th. This is a symbolic parallel to the situation in Germany from 1931 to 1933. The German Socialist—who had been fighting the forces of right-wing reaction on the streets in these years—were heard from but little (if at all) after 1933. The SDS group got booted out of the library. The SDS, however,

is in a unique position to resolve its problems in this regard, however: might I suggest that Dr. Strax trim his moustache a bit and let the hair tousele over the forehead so mew hat? Adolph would be proud...

The revolution's going to come when it wants, and will have nothing to do with SDS when it does. Keep up the aciton, but hang loose: you're beginning to look as uptight as the right-wing reactionaries you oppose. The movement needs flexibility, not the rigid, authoritarian sound of your scare-tactics in print. The judicious use of political violence and/or terror tactics would have far greater effect and get the job done more cleanly, anyway—to make but one small suggestion. At any rate, I'm feeling so alienated that I can't sign my own name to things anymore, so No. 5853 bids you adieu.

Gary Zatzman  
Arts 4

### Power-hungry morons

Editor:

There has been a great deal of misunderstanding concerning the rights of the individual in the long-standing fight, people vs. police. Not a hell of a lot has been done to inform the people of their civic rights when accosted by the so-called guardians of our nation. These egotistic, power-hungry morons seem to think that the uniform they wear and the shiny bits of metal they flash at every opportunity give them the right to make their own laws.

Is this a police state run by brute force or a democracy? What exactly are the rights of the individual, especially in New Brunswick?

We suggest that a complete pamphlet be compiled, listing these rights and giving the individual a number of plans of action they might follow when confronted by the "Law".

This is not a minor problem, concerning a few people but concern of the majority of students on and off campus. With the increase of security by university and civic officials, it has become evident that such an organized program is required.

-Herb and Ken

### Small-scale anarchy

Editor:

With their leaflet of Sept 19 re ID cards, the Mobilization has overstepped even the modest standards of decency we have come to expect of them. In a shocking and disgusting package of literary abuse they have revealed themselves for exactly what they are—an assorted collection of rabble-rousers and sensationalists, nitwits, semi-hippies and other bits of riffraff from the very dregs of our barrel. They are incapable of appreciating even the issue for which they were founded—how much less capable are they of taking an intelligent stand on lesser issues as they arise or are created.

They have long passed the point of intelligent protest and now appear bent on nothing less than small-scale anarchy. (They will doubtless derive some satisfaction from the term.)

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# VIEWPOINT

by Henry Straker

## Should pot be legalized?



Elaine Paton  
arts 3  
"Yes. There would be a lot less trouble for people concerned. The law should be similar to that of liquor."



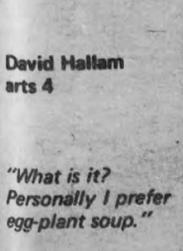
Joanne MacDonald  
b. admin. 1.  
"No. There are better things in life than getting high on pot. It would be a mistake."



Pierre Vallee  
elect. eng. 5  
"I'm not interested. It's just a waste of time."



Bruce Westerway  
arts 2  
"No. If it is legalised what will the next step be? L.S.D.?"



David Hallam  
arts 4  
"What is it? Personally I prefer egg-plant soup."



Deanna Urquhart  
arts 3  
"Definitely not. I think it's disgusting and degrading."



Nancy Bowes  
t.c.1  
"No. Nothing to which one can be addicted is good."



Hugh Forbes  
b. admin. 2  
"Yes. With all available knowledge attached."

