

clods on campus

There is a malaise at UNB that is fostered by the apathy of many students, perhaps sadly enough, all students. This apathy, this lack of any sense of responsibility, this indifference to what is fair and just is revealed in the students' use or better, misuse, of the new opulent SUB.

This building, it is hoped, will be dedicated as a memorial to such great men as Martin Luther King Jr., to the idea of Human Rights. At this point, it seems rather misguided to dedicate this building to anything except a tribute to the Savage Society.

Elsewhere in this paper are stories and pictures pointing out the dishonest and childish behaviour of students seeking to enlarge their horizons through better and higher learning. How can this be possible when a student body can do nothing but smash beer bottles and butt cigarettes on carpets retailing for \$22.50 a square yard. It's not the price, but the total disregard for others who would like to enjoy these luxuries that disgusts.

What will the answer be? Repression of smoking and drinking only creates more problems and prohibition of these pleasures is unthinkable. The only answer is for stricter rules regarding smoking and drinking. More and cheaper ashtrays and more student responsibility will solve the carpet burns but what of drinking?

Strong measures must be brought to bear not on drinking but on any actions destroying our SUB. Campus Student Police should be helped to control these situations, not hindered by sober, responsible students.

has society bypassed students

"It's a strange, strange world we live in..." says a popular song and we tend to agree.

Strange in the sense of its fantastic rate of change. Man no longer seems able to control this phenomena.

Our society is increasingly influenced by machines. Computers attest to the fact. There are 35,000 in the US alone. To quote Jeremy Bernstein, author of "The Analytical Engines", "Young as it is, the electronic computer has come to play a role in modern life something like that played in other times by the oracles of Greece and Rome.

The fault lies not in the computer, but in the approach of the university to this society. The university has become too specialized, too fragmented in its approach to education. Technocracy affects the entire spectrum of society, not just the specific science from which it sprang. The university has not accommodated itself to this fact. The courses of the different faculties have a narrow approach to education. The student gets only a restricted view of our society. The academic communities must adapt to this development by establishing colleges of intergrated studies. All faculties would combine to produce a student, versed in both the social and the applied sciences to at least a limited extent and then specializing in some particular field of endeavour.

Only then will society have specialists who can comprehend the import of new developments and are able to organize this technocracy, that is our society.

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Letters to the editor

The other side of Peter Hunt day

Editor:

I must take issue with Dr. Strax and his implication that, in his words, I am one of "these facists". The incident he mentions occurred, but not quite the way he presents it.

I happened to be posting notices of an upcoming meeting of one of UNB organizations. Unfortunately as it turned out, there happened to be a very large poster on the bulletin board, covering everything on it. I pointed out that the size of posters is governed by the constitution of SRC and would they please move their poster to a different position.

Apparently rules were made to be broken since no amount of rational arguments could induce these gentlemen to

move their large poster. I then went and posted my notice on top of theirs, on the bulletin board. Protests against this action came quickly. As I could not afford the time for a "sit-in" to keep a vigil over the poster I left. When I returned the poster had vanished; poor quality thumbtacks? At this point, I removed their poster, first trying to move it then just plain removing it and posted my poster on the bulletin board. I returned a few more times, only to find each time their poster covering mine. Each time the above was repeated.

Obviously, if the SDS believed in democracy they would have practiced it. Witness all the riots they have created and fanned in the USA.

Witness their attempt to defy the laws, here on campus, when these laws disagree with their aims. They believe that students are "niggers" because they do not have any say in university affairs. I have no more right to demand so-called "student power", than an employee the right to demand he sit in on and participate in the meeting of the directors of a company.

The only aim of violence is to achieve anarchy and in turn the destruction of democracy. I believe in freedom as a way of life, capitalism as a way of economics and democracy as a way of government.

Peter Hunt
Mechanical 4

Hallowed halls will become hollow

Editor:

Frustration is a deadening feeling. The greatest frustration comes from watching the value of one's degree disintegrate with this university. No, I don't mean that those brick buildings we all like to talk about are being eaten away by a "red brick termite". Rather, I mean the termites that are eating away at the stuff that makes a university a place of high learning.

I am frustrated at being regarded as one of the children by the eminent Dr. Mackay who claims to know what's best for each and every one of us, a man who would allow a situation to develop where the university will always have "teachers", but do you want those that can't get jobs elsewhere or those picked up down on Queen St.? How would you like a course on management taught by a New Brunswick civil servant?

I am also frustrated by supposedly knowledgeable and thinking professors who point out to us the ills of this system, but who sit and snicker like mischievous little children passing comments on silly little matters and who won't offer anything constructive to cure the ills.

I'm frustrated by this administration's hypocrisy as indicated in the recent events surrounding the joint senate-student committee for student representation on the senate. Again an indication of Dr. Mackay's guiding principle that "students are children who are incapable of thought." Fine, but why the con job in setting up this type of supposedly dialogue committee when the president has shown repeatedly that what he means by dialogue is what the rest of the world means by monologue.

I'm frustrated at the parade of SRC presidents this year which served only to make this supposedly voice of the university more useless, farcical and irrelevant than ever. Sure, the job has its problems, especially in dealing with this

administration but they knew the problems before they ran for office. If they didn't know, then what's the purpose in seeking office? - points for activity awards?

Perhaps most of all I am frustrated by the attempts of this university administration to destroy and wipe out all traces of one of democracy's greatest freedoms - that of speech. It is indeed a sad system this, if it cannot take and answer criticisms from any source, including Professor Strax, the CSDS or any other body.

I certainly do not adhere to the aims or philosophy of these people, but by God I want to hear them, unhindered by some supreme body who decrees what is good and what is not good for me to hear. Unreasonable ideas will be defeated more easily if they, and the answers to them, are allowed full expression. Repression defeats its own ends. This administration, by their actions seem to be trying to create causes for the malcontents. I can only see three reasons for the administration's actions during the last few months. Either they are stupid, which I doubt, or they think we are stupid, which we have shown by allowing them to do this, or they are consciously playing into the hands of the radicals, which makes them anarchists, which is too ludicrous even to consider.

Yes, fellow students, I am frustrated and tired. No, I haven't done anything constructive to help alleviate these ills which I see. My excuse is that I recognized them only too late and now only three months from graduation I have chosen to live with the system like one who feels sick but is afraid to go to the doctor in case he confirms your diagnosis.

The final disintegration of this university will take place when a person or group emerges which has true popular support in the cause of

radicalism, which is very easy, given the right leader and the right issues. Then comes another Berkeley, Columbia and Sir George Williams. The pity of it all lies in New Brunswick's advantage, this time, of being half a century behind the rest of North America. We can see what has happened elsewhere, and we should be able to profit from it, but we won't, and how can we when the administration is such that Disraeli would condemn it for being reactionary. Yes, we are going to view the disintegration of a university in the next few years, - the red brick buildings will still be here but the hallowed halls will have turned to hollowed halls - to match the heads.

Anthony F. Mitchell
Business 4

Ex-presidents had a wet dream

Editor:

I would just like to say to Alistair Robertson, Lawson Hunter and Geoff Green that if they were screwed they screwed themselves. When they have so ably demonstrated their complete lack of ability to govern student affairs through the SRC, of what possible assistance can they be in governing UNB as a whole through the Board of Governors. They weren't screwed they just had a wet dream.

Doug Stanley
Law 1

Prepare for the
spring round up