

SS: "...an agent of social change..."

MANIFESTO: THE MAD FARMER LIBERATION FRONT

Love the quick profit, the annual raise, vacation with pay. Want more of everything ready made. Be afraid to know your neighbors and to die. And you will have a window in your head. Not even your future will be a mystery any more. Your mind will be punched in a card and shut away in a little drawer. When they want you to buy something they will call you. When they want you to die for profit they will let you know. So friends, every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it. Denounce the government and embrace the flag. Hope to live in that free republic for which it stands. Give your approval to all you cannot understand. Praise ignorance, for what man has not encountered he has not destroyed. Ask the questions that have no answers. Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant and that you will not live to harvest. Say that the leaves are harvested when they have rotted into the mold. Call that profit. Prophecy such returns. Put your faith in the two inches of humus that will build under the trees every thousand years. Listen to carrion-put your ear close, and hear the faint chattering of the songs that are to come. Expect the end of the world. Laugh. Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful though you have considered all the facts. So long as women do not possess great power, please women more than men. Ask yourself: Will this satisfy a woman satisfied to bear a child? Will this disturb the sleep of a woman near to giving birth? Go with your love to the fields. Lie easy in the shade. Rest your head in her lap. Swear allegiance to what is highest your thoughts. As soon as the generals and the politicians can predict the motions of your mind, lose it. Leave it as a sign to mark the false trail, the way you didn't go. Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction. Practice resurrection.

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also reflect examples of correct ideas. We try to reflect both.

Now comes the climax of sorts. The Canadian University Press has a statement of purpose. It reads "The major role of the student press is to act as an agent of social change. The student press must, in fulfilling this role, perform both an educative and active function, and support groups serving as agents-of social change." No student newspaper

population. In N.B. at the Universitie de Moncton about eighty percent of the student population relies on some form of financial aid to attend post-secondary educational institutes. That can give you an idea of the makeup of a institution's population.

Then look at current student aid programs. Is it fair that a minority of students must spend up to and over ten years of repaying the costs of their education while others face no financial burden?

to demand basic human justice.

Newspapers must promote activism which will change these conditions by urging students to join one another. We have student organizations - local, regional and national - existing to work in students' interest which are (or should be) synonymous with the interests of students. Here we have NUS, and AFS (AFS, unfortunately was voted down at the election Feb 2.) Those organizations

evaluation of most past student administrations.

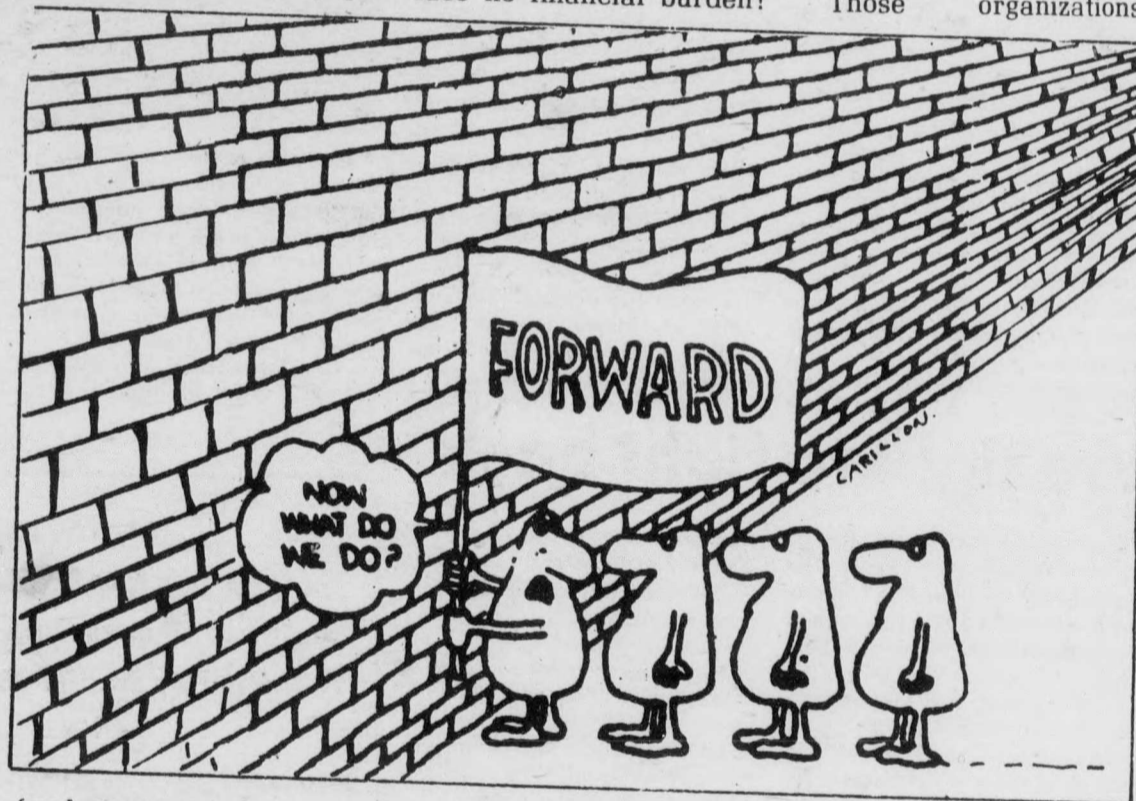
Now we have new people to judge. Regardless of past performances, we should consider that people can act according to the wishes of their constituents, or in contrast, the absence of wishes or input. Past administrations began with the same enthusiasm, the same hell-bent fire to change and to govern justly, with the common interests of their student population firmly implanted in their minds. Then time would take its toll, and governments would generate as much inertia as the students they half-heartedly tried to serve.

In light of the above epic explanation, this paper shall now make an unprecedented announcement to its readers. This paper shall support the new SRC executive in its true purpose it quest to serve the best interests of students. As we sit in a position where a lot of not-so-common knowledge passes through our ears we expect to be able to provide many leads and hard factual experiences that the executive should consider and follow-up on, all in the best interests of students.

We've got to try. But we shall forewarn the SRC, either they keep in touch with student interests and show that leadership capability they said they possessed or we might get nasty. Similarly we must attempt to accomplish the same goal.

The situations between the two establishments are not quite equal though. The student executive body generates news, we publish the news. We sit behind the scenes writing away. They must show their faces every day. We don't like criticising ourselves of course, but we recognize that we don't always fulfill our enormous responsibility.

We are volunteers, usually people involved with other concerns aside of this paper. We could use a few new staff members. As we try to fulfill our responsibility by supporting the common good of all students and people, we can use all the help you might have to offer.



(and no student) lives or works in a vacuum. While attending school, students are members of a particular group in this society and must recognize their common interests. A problem is created because students come from different backgrounds - social and economic - which must be overcome before they can work for a common good.

The first point which must be recognized by student journalists is that most of their colleagues, unlike most of the members of society, come from a social and economic elite. Our post-secondary education system functions to maintain that elite so it can continue to control all aspects of society.

How does the student newspaper report on that situation? A first step is to look at the number of students applying for and then receiving student aid. That gives an idea of the makeup of your institutions

Is it fair that the parents of that minority make up the majority of taxpayers? Of course not.

When changes in aid policy are announced by governments the newspaper should report the announcement in terms of its fairness. Will it open doors to more students low income backgrounds...

...will it just increase the loan burden? The questions must be asked. We cannot assume facts. If doors won't open to more students from the population that pays for it the most: is it right? Should it be changed? They are questions the press and all students should consciously attempt to answer in a responsible manner. Sometimes the results might favor a given action, but it cannot be determined if the questions are not asked. The role of the student press is to ask, to educate, and if necessary, to activate; however necessary, through talk, or action,

should be supported in their efforts. That is not to say they cannot be criticized. Student journalist are, first of all, students and because they are perhaps more in touch with the organizations on a day-to-day basis than most students, they should constructively evaluate, and if necessary criticize the campaign strategies and tactics decided on by student leaders.

Almost every student belongs to a student union, usually governed by a Students Representative Council. Here at UNB we have just elected a new executive and council. Over half of the positions were filled by acclamation. It reflects a condition labelled apathy which should be prefaced by the statement "apathy: students exposed to and sickened by self-serving fellow students". Granted, on this campus, a general consensus of "not impressed" appears to be a safe

"I'VE DECIDED TO GROW UP TO BE A FANTASTIC, SEXY CREATURE WHO MARRIES A MILLIONAIRE TO HELP FINANCE THE REVOLUTION."

