

## Follow the Graduates, Students

The SRC is strangling itself. Bureaucracy in its most fatal form entered the SRC last Sunday when Dalton Camp was made Honorary President. A noble gesture which sounds fine in Conservative circles, this is the extent of its worth, however.

SRC, can't you see what you are doing? First you cry for efficiency, then you fill three of the four top positions with students who have known each other since high school. This act alone stagnates the vitality that this elected student group is supposed to have. In various policy statements, it is claimed that co-ops, securing an administrator and editing student publications can be done best if the students involved work this summer in Fredericton.

Silan Pressman was selected editor-in-chief for the Brunswickan in the SRC's latest cry for efficiency. Allan is a good writer and he had, until resigning to run for the SRC, been on the staff. Mary Wilson, Graeme Ross, Steve MacFarlane — all staff members for the entire year, as well as Nelson Adams were passed over for Allan.

His selection was to further secure the clique of Beach, Oliver, Blair and Pressman.

Students, they are your government. They control your \$35.00. The Graduate students got out just in time. Under-graduates, petition your SRC for fairer representation.

## Letters To The Editor

### LACK OF OBJECTIVITY

Editor:

I suggest that the reporting in the Brunswickan lacks objectivity.

In your March 9 issue you imply that all applicants for the positions of Editor-in-Chief of the Brunswickan, director of Radio UNB, and for the blotters concession, had complained that "the interviews given them by the Applications Committee were too short and that the questions asked were generally irrelevant."

I, and two other students, applied jointly for, and were awarded, the blotter concession. The questions asked us were not irrelevant nor was the interview too short. (Although I am curious as to what constitutes "too short" an interview).

You have, for some mysterious reason (not so mysterious to anyone who bothered to read the editorial on the same page) obviously sought only the opinions of the unsuccessful candidates; opinions which one could not expect to be completely impartial.

Editorial comment is functional and it is expected, at times, to be biased. However, if, as is the case with the

Brunswickan, this bias is repeatedly allowed to creep into what pretends to be impartial reporting of facts, neither these "facts" nor the editor's comment are of any use to the reader. Cancel my subscription.

Yours truly,  
Jim Macnaughton  
Bus. Admin. III

Editor's Note:

Mr. Macnaughton should re-read the story he refers to and note that "applicant for the blotter concession" is not "applicants".

### OPEN LETTER TO SCW

The Students' Administrative Council has asked me to express its bitter disappointment in your festival. However good your original intentions might have been this celebration of "Canada's" Centennial must be regarded by Canadian youth as a tragic blunder. If our student government had understood the facts in time, it would have stopped the contribution of several thousands of dollars that this University made to the Week, and would have urged the Ontario Government to do the same. Since the money has gone, we

will participate, but our delegates will be there to remind the other participants that the French-Canadian student community has refused to participate.

Who's fault was this? L'Union Generale des Etudiants du Quebec (UGEQ) was ready to participate in a soul-searching consideration of Canada, ready to raise the money required to fund half the Seminar. One of its representatives paid his own way to the Prairies to complete the arrangements, asking equal proportions for French and English in the Seminar on Canada's future. But what happened? They found that Second Century Week was a celebration of the status quo and that only token changes would be made to give French-speaking students equal representation in the Seminar. (Not surprising, since the planning group was exclusively English from its inception). They found that Second Century representatives were already trying to extract money from the Quebec government in UGEQ's name! UGEQ quietly ended all connections with the Week.

Now Second Century Week has gone scrambling about on Quebec campuses trying to find Quebecois who will join in the "celebration". A handful will come, but will any say, "My campus supports this Week"? None, I wager.

As a Canadian I would like to say proudly that I live in a land where two great peoples are anxious to live together, and are serious about respecting the rights of each other's culture. I see no advantage in the melting-pot approach of the United States, but is the ham-handed tokenism of Second Century Week the greatest progress we can boast since the tragedies of the Manitoba school issue and Lord Durham's Report? We English-Canadians are going to have to learn that there is more to biculturalism at the university level than having "one or two" French-Canadian writers at a Literary Seminar and a transistorized translation system at meetings.

We had a chance to celebrate the centenary of Sir John A. MacDonald's "new nationalism" — something we've never understood as

our pious talk about "unhyphenated Canadianism" testifies. A genuine dialogue might have occurred between student representatives from English Canada and French Canada, but the game was stacked in advance and one side refused to play. I don't blame them. Perhaps, if this Week does nothing else, the delegates may come up with some subsequent program which may reconcile students from French and English Canada on terms welcomed by both. If they don't, the festival may turn into a wake. To paraphrase Pyrrhus, "Another celebration like this, and we'll have nothing left to celebrate".

Tom Faulkner,  
President,  
Students' Administrative  
Council

### SUPA SICKENS SOME

Editor:

Your article SUPA Sways UNB, (Mar. 9, 1967) is so totally inept that it is almost funny. What keeps it from being funny is the seriousness of the subject with which it is dealing. The United States has been severely criticized for her "isolationist" policy during the 1930's. It is felt by some that this major industrial power could easily have quashed the rise of Hitler and Facism during that period, thus preventing World War II. The United States is now being criticized just as severely for attempting to halt the spread of communism in Southeast Asia, possibly preventing a World War through their action there.

A more accurate headline for your article would have been: SUPA ATTEMPTS TO SWAY UNB. Your article implies that the entire UNB student body was won over by the SUPA representatives. This supposition is not only false, it is an insult to the intelligence of the students of UNB.

You say that Richard Paterak, the draft-dodger, explained "in a calm and convincing tone of voice" how the U.S. selective service system, operates gave his "personal solution to the draft", and impressed the hecklers "when he spoke of his love for the country he has irrevocably left behind."

This is all very impressive. It is folly, however, to assume that a draft-dodger now living in Canada could, know very much about the U.S. selective service, much less pose a solution to a problem that a U.S. Congressional Committee is having so much difficulty with. Paterak's love for his country becomes suspect to me when I can see that he has left it of his own free will, and is now touring Canada, possibly damaging the country that he claims to love, with seditious criticism.

I am not here trying to suggest that all criticism is bad; but criticism that is ignorant, or criticism that is based on false premises and deliberately distorted serves no real purpose, unless it is to satisfy the needs, desires or whims of the anti-critic. Paterak said that serving in the U.S. Army is a horrible experience. This is not true; it is an invaluable experience.

Paterak said that draftees serve only in the Infantry or Artillery, and not in any other branch or corps of the Army. This is a lie easily refuted. I know because I was drafted and served two years in the U.S. Army. Since the Artillery and the Infantry are the largest branches of the Army, more men serve in these two branches than in any other. Draftees and Enlistees alike, however, also serve in all other branches and corps of the Army. You say in your article that "It is felt that Paterak's appearances will do much to change the Canadian attitude that draft-resisters are cowards taking the easy way out."

I hope that this is not the case. Certainly his seditious speeches to Canadian students will have no effect on the selective service system in the U.S. or on U.S. policy in Vietnam. I, for one, was grateful for the opportunity to see a real, live draft-dodger. Many students that I talked to, however, were distressed that Paterak and his cohorts were staying in UNB residences at the expense of the UNB student body.

I say that Paterak, this man without a country, is a coward. His tour through Canada has been an attempt to justify his cowardice to himself. He

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