

# FEEDBACK

Dear Sir:

Recently in the Brunswickan various student groups have expressed concern about the form of UNB Yearbook is to take this year. I should like to explain the background leading up to the proposed soft-cover proposal.

For the past three years the Yearbook has consistently sold about 1300 copies to a student body of about 5000. Last year however, the price of the traditional hard cover 'Up the Hill' was actually \$7.50 per copy. The book was sold at registration that year for \$5.00 per copy because the SRC had no knowledge of the forthcoming increase. Thus the Student Union was subsidizing each 'Up the Hill' by \$2.50. Out of this arose the soft-cover proposal to lower the price.

As a result of the soft-cover proposal Yearbooks were sold this year at \$3.00 per copy. However, in view of the extensive student concern, on October 24th, the SRC passed a motion unanimously to subsidize the Yearbook by 50 cents per copy in order to provide a hard-cover.

It is my hope that in the future students will continue to voice the opinions regarding issues they disagree with on campus and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those students who spoke out on this issue!

As always, Dan Fenety, SRC Comptroller

Dear Sir:

As members of the Student Representative Council we urge the Brunswickan to pursue its relentless task of championing UNB student rights. Journalism as a democratic society envisages it, is held to be responsible in that it must present facts in an unbiased manner so as to lead to the correct information being conveyed to readers. Unfortunately the Bruns has slipped in that it seems determined to pursue a road towards self-perfection? by holding others to ridicule, the SRC being one of the favourite victims. We do not suggest for one second that you should case aside your hard won title of "watchdog of the SRC" but we do invite you to adopt a more responsible form of journalism.

Last week's editorial was a glaring example of the Brunswickan's determination to use the most crafty of weapons i.e. innuendo. By choosing isolated resolutions of the council and holding them to ridicule, students are not informed in the manner in which they have a right to be! UNB students deserve responsible journalism and we challenge you to attempt to master this most difficult task.

Nothing is to be gained by drawing distorted conclusions from resolutions put forth before council. As to the criticizing of the resolution dealing with the contest for a proposed symbol for the UNB student union, this is clearly an example of the irresponsibility of the Bruns in suggesting that

the council has no time to deal with small yet meaningful changes but must always concern itself with world shattering problems!

You have accused us of playing playpen politics, we might as easily accuse you of playing sandbox politics but name calling will not further either of our purposes. Our purpose i.e. that of the SRC, is to provide responsible student representation. It's so easy to remain aloof from the council meetings and draw incorrect inferences. It's readily observable to any one who attended the council meeting on November 14th, that the person who wrote the editorial was not present. He has proved so by showing his ineptitude in grasping council's purpose for the two resolutions in question. We disagree with his contention that the SRC excels in deceptive and shallow tactics. This is not so, we have sincerely attempted to improve the quality of a student's life while attending UNB, by endeavouring to promote better faculty - student relationships, better housing, consumer control, and all round better student services.

We again challenge you to carry the banner of responsible journalism and to cast aside your circus ring sensationalism. Respectfully yours, Mike Richard and those Council Members who have expressed their concern!

Editor's note:

Thank you for acknowledging the fact that we try to keep students rights and their pursuance, one of our goals. We also make no claims to being perfect.

We did, contrary to your opinion present the facts. The minutes of the meeting we made reference to were printed (page 13). However it is our aim (and that of the commercial Press) to interpret the actions and alert readers to the consequences of the actions of the facts. It is also the point of an Editorial to put forth one person's point of view (or that of a board). There was no bias in the story 'Council meets ...'

Speaking of 'irresponsibility' we did not pass a motion for a Student Union Symbol, did we? Surely, using its 'power' the SRC could try and exert pressure on the government to make more money available to students for loans and bursaries. After all isn't that a problem close to all our hearts. It may not be 'world shattering' but neither is a wine and cheese party.

In response to your accusation of ineptitude, it was apparent on talking with some Council members that they did not grasp the purpose of the two resolutions.

We did not state that the SRC excels in underhanded tactics. There were no serious claims as to SRC excellence in any area.

Why did you not refute any of the points put forth?

Who, praytell are the concerned Council members?

The Editor

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