

The president's post is the most important on our SRC

Next Wednesday will be the day that most of us will be voting for a new SRC President, Comptroller and some new Council members. The candidates for the various positions have started their campaigning this past week. A good many of you will not know who's who except by seeing posters slapped up on the walls of every building on campus. As in any election, a number of people will get elected because they had the most posters up, their name came first on the ballot or it came last. Although this is not the best way to vote for someone, it is still the way a good many people do it.

However, in this election we are not just voting for someone to represent our faculty on the SRC. We are voting for a person to be the President; someone who will represent us to the administration, the community, and to other universities and communities outside of Fredericton. This therefore, is an extremely important position. (Although some may argue that the Comptroller is more important as he controls all of our money.) The President must be a person who has the necessary leadership capabilities to lead the SRC as well as to represent us. It is definitely more than a public relations position, although that part is also an important aspect.

In this race for the presidency we have four candidates from which to choose. Alphabetically they are Peter Galoska, Daryl Hay, Dave Kent and John Malcolm.

If you are going to use your vote responsibly you will of course want to know what sort of things each person has been involved in, and to what level has a particular candidate been involved in student affairs before.

John Malcolm is a newcomer to the rat race of SRC politics. Apparently he has not been involved in any sort of student

groups in his three years here. This is automatically one point against him. Nobody has heard of him before.

This is not to say that he would not make a good SRC President. He might be an excellent choice, but he has no credentials to back himself up with. Any person who runs for this post must be able to understand the system and have worked with it, even if only to a minor extent. The other three candidates have had some experience in working with the SRC and other student groups.

Dave Kent is one student who has been involved. He has spent a year on the SRC and is now on the SUB Board of Directors. The majority of his platform is quite similar to that of the remaining two candidates, with the exception of one point. He suggests looking into the possibility of having a wholesale supply shop for athletics. A point worth looking into no matter who becomes the next President. During his stay on the Council as an Arts rep I do not remember him as being all that outstanding. While I do not disbelieve that he is seriously running for the post, I

have, to the best of my memory, never seen him being very serious in the past. That does not mean that he wouldn't be if elected. But, as I said before, past "credentials" are what we look at.

The next candidate, Daryl Hay, has never been a member of the SRC in the past but has certainly had dealings with it. As Pubs Officer he feels he got a bum deal and resigned his post because of it. I believe that is when he originally thought about running for President. At the time I think it was more a matter of revenge than anything else. As well, he probably thought that he could improve the office so that the president did not meddle in everyone else's job, a thing that Roy Neale has been doing during his two years as President. Although Daryl probably has very good intentions I don't think he has the necessary leadership qualities needed for our SRC.

The last presidential hopeful is Peter Galoska, who is presently the treasurer of the SUB Board of Directors. Originally he was 'asked' to run by a good many people as they thought that he

would be the only person capable of beating Neale, who had announced that he would run for a third term. Neale withdrew, but Peter decided to continue running. Although he has not been a member of the SRC in the past he nevertheless is familiar with its' mechanism. Of the four candidates I feel that he would make the best President. Although all four candidates are just as serious in their endeavour, I think that Peter has the necessary qualities in leadership and knowledge, that together would make a good President.

I have no doubt just made at least three enemies. However, I have been around this campus for a good many years and have been a member of The Brunswickan for three. In these years I have had continual dealings with the SRC on a day-to-day basis. I have attempted to be as fair as possible while writing this, keeping in mind that whoever is our next President, it will have to be someone who can do the job the most effectively. That is why I'm voting for Peter.

Chris J. Allen

Hockey fans relieve anti-French feelings

Over the past few years, hockey games between UNB and Universite de Moncton have provided fans with some fine action. All too often, however, the fans have used these contests as an opportunity to relieve themselves of anti-French hostilities.

Usually they're just content to shout ethnic insults at the Moncton players and fans. Last

Friday, however, some UNB fans apparently thought they had to get the message across a little more clearly. One fan hoisted a large stuffed frog with "U of M" emblazoned on it every time UNB scored a goal. Another group arrived at the game with a banner which read "Croak! Croak!"

Brilliant. Needless to say, this sort of behaviour is more than a little uncalled for, especially at an

"institution of higher learning." What should be particularly embarrassing for members of the UNB student body is the fact this display went on before the usual large contingent of spirited but polite fans from Moncton.

The Monctonians, no doubt, went home with the impression that not all of Len Jones' support is confined to Moncton. Pretty sad, isn't it?

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