



mugwump journal

By SUSAN REED

Well, here we go again with renovations and referendums. This time the Social Club wants to move upstairs next to the ballroom. While it is true the space upstairs is not used as much as it could be, I'm not sure that a private enterprise like the club should be allowed to take up so much room, particularly when space for other student activities is already limited. It would be different if every UNB student was automatically a club member. As membership is limited, it becomes a question of the SUB accomodating Social Club members and not student union members.

There are more practical problems as well. At present only the side door of the office wing provides entrance to the club. This means that after midnight when the building is locked up, this one door can remain open without endangering building security. Moving the club to the main part of the SUB would seem to create more headaches than it would solve.

Besides, our business manager informs me it is easier and safer to stumble up one flight of stairs than fall down two.

Council has passed the Winter Carnival financial statement. I know we are all bored with financial reports and everything, but someone please tell me what miscellaneous income is. Just curious.

Hopefully some concrete results will come out of next week's protest against cutbacks, etc. The SRC is promising us more organization this time so perhaps we'll have fewer impromptu speakers who go on and on...How fondly we remember Sen. Bosnitch's first public bow as he launched a personal diatribe against members of the legislature.

Student support is needed for next week's events including boycotting classes Thursday and clipping out the form letter in next week's Bruns to send to your local government rep. Let's all help out.

Students should pick up their insurance cards at the business office. What am I talking about, you may ask? Remember registration? As a UNB student you are automatically covered.

Odds and ends...UNB Camera Club exhibition winner Alain Sallard was sponsored by the Aquinian.

For those avid readers of Reaction who are wondering where the column is this week, after failing to meet our deadline, John refused to submit any material.

Hi Barnaby. Hope you're feeling better.

soundoff

CAUSE on referendum

Dear Editor:

In our continuing efforts to curtail the waste of student money we the executive of the CAUSE committee would like to inform the student population of the facts regarding SUB renovations.

Since the Nov 16 referendum in which the student body voted overwhelmingly against needless, unwanted, and wasteful renovations, your student government has effectively stood still on any movement towards an alternative plan. Only in the past two weeks have we seen a "SUB study committee" formed to give the appearance of action.

It is obvious that the SRC has displayed its indifference towards the SUB. Consider the following points; The CAUSE committee has held weekly meetings since the referendum in order to work out a viable alternative, a comprehensive set of 40 proposals was put together and presented to the SRC in the vain belief that they would listen. On the other hand, there was only a token gesture in the form of a "request for submissions," on the

SRC's part. The SRC neglected the opportunity to take initiative on this issue by going to the students, perhaps in the form of a questionnaire. With the few suggestions that were received, it is feared that our SRC intends to put forth a plan after only a week of preparation.

It seems that the SRC's plan may include the Social Club moving to the top floor. Apparently there is the tendency to favor proposal on the mere ability of the proposer to pay for them, rather than their potential benefit to the entire student populace. The CAUSE priorities are as follows: renovations should reflect student interest; we should increase our use of what we have now in space; we should put the space we now have to better use, and we should not renovate until we have done the above.

Finally, it seems that a referendum is coming up in March regarding renovations. Should any specific plan be the subject of the referendum, we will strongly oppose it as a

premature and hastily-formed plan. What we do recommend is as follows:

That the fund for the now paid-off SUB mortgage (\$55,000) be reallocated in its entirety towards SUB renovations.

As no reasonable renovation plan should cost much more than this, we believe that, where students now pay \$15 towards the SUB, a much smaller amount, at most \$10, will be all that is necessary.

Until a specific plan has been approved by student referendum, not one penny of this fund should be spent.

As we believe the SRC's course of action presents us with grave implications for the future of the SUB, the CAUSE committee is holding an emergency meeting Monday at 3:30 room 103 to form strategy on the ensuring of the hearing of student views.

Sincerely yours,
Steven Kitching
chairman

Randy MacDonald
deputy chairman

Asiad Debly
STU deputy chairman

Insulted and dismayed

Dear Editor:

I was most disappointed to read the comments in last issue's Mugwump alluding to some sort of supposed racist or Nazi affiliations to the Student Party. I personally was most insulted and dismayed by your statements criticizing us also

for being undemocratic simply because we appeared determined to achieve our goals!

Maybe you will finally understand my complaints when I tell you I am a non-white student at UNB. The honest fact is that our SP was the only group to garner

any real support from foreign students, and furthermore our candidates were the only ones to be selected by a proper fully democratic nominating process held in public.

Please check the facts before accusing people again.

Neilan Mehta

Student Party expresses itself

Dear Sir:

In response to your Editorial in the last issue of this publication, the Student Party would like to express itself on your remarks.

The role of the Student Party (SP) on this campus is to fill the absolute leadership void currently existing in student political affairs. Many essential issues regarding UNB and the future role played by students in it, go unanswered, unchallenged, and unquestioned.

You criticize that which you perceive as a lack of individuality expressed by the party slate system. I urge you to consciously examine all candidates in the election, and decide which group of people had the guts to stand up for their principles and not fear to depart from traditional mindless ways of campaigning. Perhaps you see inherent individuality in identical "Vote for Me X" soliciting, where the

candidates' unique claim to qualification for council is the size of his smile. The number of brownie-points they accumulate on countless stillborn committees in attempts to receive gold rings from the university, only stands as evidence of the current stagnation.

You rightly point out, sir, that all candidates lost votes because of affiliation with the Student Party. John Bosnitch, nevertheless elected, lost many votes presumably for his offensive poster poses. This rule equally applied to other SP candidates. The posters in question were designed specifically to counter witless packaging of personalities. The SP is intersted in support only on the basis of its goals, principles, and platform, not popularity. We prefer the votes of those students who agree with our ideals, and are willing to forgo the votes of people influenced by images

or attracted to cartoon-faces.

Your assertion that the SP is unwilling to compromise with many interests is absolutely correct. The Student Party refuses to compromise on its basic principles. We refuse to appeal to the greatest possible voting public by prostituting our convictions to agree with every Bob, Doug and slug who comes along. Furthermore, we refuse to appease any disagreement with our platform with deliberate ambiguity since we encourage public debate and expression of ideas, we stand committed to encouraging everyone to express any comments or criticisms openly. Above all we decline to change our name or our 'perceived' image, whatever it may be, to appease the rumblings of lumpenproletarian criticism from apathetic and apolitical professional sideliners.

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