



Mugwump Journal

By TOM BENJAMIN

Monday's minor explosion at the Aitken University Centre is just one of the problems facing the building recently.

Although I - and most other students - hope for the best in the construction of the centre, there are some serious questions to be answered.

Why has there not been a meeting of the centre committee (composed of faculty and students) since last March? As is usual in any major construction projects several adjustments have been made in the plans for the building. Why hasn't a meeting been called to discuss the changes?

A memo from the centre's acting director mentioned several endorsements of a Rintex ice covering system mentioned in this column last week. The director continued to say "I only hope we can afford it (the ice covering system)."

I only hope we can, too.

A more serious question concerns to acoustics of the centre. As originally planned the building was to have acoustic qualities suitable for concerts.

The plans called for perforated metal to be used in construction to allow for the acoustic qualities, but a strike of the metal perforators prevented that system from being used.

The building will lose its "multipurpose" name tag very quickly if the acoustics are not of a suitable quality for a concert.

One source has said two alternate proposals are under consideration to give the centre suitable acoustic qualities.

Prices mentioned ranged between \$60,000 and \$150,000, although UNB administrators have said they have not received quotes on either system as yet.

One worry is that there will not be sufficient money available to install either system.

Students aren't as informed about the changes as is necessary - a situation which should be rectified immediately if we are to have any faith that the end result will be truly multipurpose.

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The SRC passed a motion at the last meeting that proves council is not really in touch with what is happening on this campus.

After a suggestion from ex-assistant comptroller Rod Doherty, council passed the motion allowing Doherty and his brother to conduct an organizational development study of the SRC.

Apparently the study will focus on financial matters, including the relationship between the SRC and the Administrative Board.

It's common knowledge that Doherty has been quite disturbed lately when motions passed in the AB were overturned by the SRC. Some people seem to think a lot of the problems found in the SRC at present stem from the fact the Doherty was annoyed when the AB's recommendations were not followed by council.

Asking Doherty to conduct such a study after seeing his actions on the AB is foolhardy, to say the least. It's obvious the study will be biased in favor of the AB.

The key point in the AB - SRC conflict is that, by constitution, the AB is a financial advisory body and was never intended to make policy decisions. It's a point that seems to have been forgotten recently.

It's time for the AB to start functioning in the capacity it was intended to, leaving the final decision to council.

The AB has overstepped its jurisdiction too often lately - such as the incident when council called for the resignation of its president.

The original discussion leading to the call for resignation was held during an AB meeting.

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Speaking of resignations, we have two this week, and we can afford neither.

SRC president Warren McKenzie and Atlantic Federation of Students chairman Jim MacLean separately tendered their resignations this week.

While I cannot say I have agreed with everything those individuals have done on campus I do admit I'm sorry to see both leaving student politics.

Both have contributed an inestimable amount of time and energy to the cause of students on this campus.

I only hope we can find two individuals who can even come close to the quality of the two that resigned this week.

Academic workloads apparently were a determining factor in both resignations, but I hope they both can find the time to give us folks at THE BRUNSWICKAN a hand.

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The Daily Gleaner, Oct. 3, published a National News Syndicate cartoon portraying a stereotyped "Indian" armed with a tomahawk and squatting between lines of ticket buyers to the World Series. A security official of some kind, according to the caption, was asking two individuals in the line if they had seen any "scalpers."

The cartoon was in pretty poor taste since it represented one of the many ways with which the public is conditioned to develop stereotyped ideas about groups in Canadian society. Not only does it enforce the inaccuracy that native people started the practice of saving human scalps as a proof to kill (this practice was started by white colonialists) but it also detracts from the effects of the native people to increase consciousness of their heritage and awareness of their identity.

Perhaps the ultimate responsibility here lies with the news syndicate, but the Gleaner is at fault for publishing it. This is a pretty poor behaviour for a newspaper which, ideally, should work towards discouraging such stereotypes and destructive social attitudes.

President explains resignation

Dear Students:

When elected SRC president February 12, 1975, I had great faith in what a group of students working together with sufficient resources could do for the student body at UNB.

The SRC Executive and Council worked hard in the next three months to overcome differences which had existed between the student union and the SUB board and between UNB and STU Student Unions. We entered into discussions on an improved Student Aid package with the provincial government as part of a new and strong Atlantic Student Federation.

In the weeks prior to final exams it was brought to council's attention that the library hours should be altered and, during reading and exam weeks, extend-

ed. Discussions were held between the Chief Librarian, Councillor Doug McKay and myself with the result that the new hours were implemented.

In short, council was functioning as a unit.

During the summer in conjunction with officers of various student clubs and organizations plans were made to implement a speakers tour, to continue lobbying the provincial government for better student representation on policy making bodies and to provide a better quality of service to students in areas such as housing, entertainment and travel.

However, September saw a fundamental change in the approach of student leaders. There seemed to develop a "mindless no" attitude on the part of certain individuals. It has become appar-

ent to me that as a result of this development the issues which I support are no longer judged on their individual merits but on the other hand are jeopardized by my mere support. Because of these developments I feel that student government on this campus has become ineffective and with it my function as president. In addition I have come to the harsh realization that one cannot be a good student and a good student leader simultaneously. This statement indicates the priority I have chosen.

I therefore submit to the student body of UNB my resignation from the office of president effective November 29, 1975.

Yours truly,

Warren D. McKenzie
President, SRC

Foresters' reputation discussed

Dear Editor:

As you may or may not know, foresters in the past have lived under a bad reputation. People at large have considered foresters to be goons who run around during forestry week painting everything in sight a glorious shade of green and generally wreaking havoc upon campus. However, has anyone noticed in the past few years how the damage done to campus material and the paint has begun to diminish until, this year, there was no painting whatsoever done anywhere on campus and (to my knowledge) no damage. Something which has not

stopped, however, is the practice of lifting the plaques which are mounted on the wall of the forestry lounge. These plaques were placed there by the graduating classes of previous years and were intended to serve as mementos of these early graduating classes.

It has been a sort of tradition to attempt to steal Paul Bunyan from the foresters and I can go along with that. I feel, however, that this practice should not apply to the plaques. In recent years some of these plaques have been returned to us damaged or even broken and I feel that it is time to stop. The fellows that made them spent a fair bit of time and money making up

these plaques so that future generations of forestry students would remember them.

I am requesting that the person or persons who have these plaques in their possession please return them to the forestry lounge where they belong. No questions will be asked and there will be no hassle. In past years I have received complaints from several residences about foresters coming in drunk and creating an ugly scene about the plaques. This would not happen in the first place if the plaques remained where they belong.

At this point I rest my case. I would like to commend all forestry students for their participation during Forestry Week. I would also like to commend them on their ability to make this the cleanest Forestry Week on record for quite some time. Finally, I would deeply appreciate it if the forestry plaques were returned to their places in the forestry lounge. I am sure many other forestry students will join with me in this request.

Yours truly,
Larry Armstrong
President
U.N.B. Forestry Association

Non-smokers speak out

Editor's note: The following letter, addressed to the president of the university, had 78 signatures attached.

Dr. John Anderson
President
University of N.B.
Fredericton, N.B.

Dear Dr. Anderson:

We, the undersigned, believe that it is time something was done with regard to the enforcement of the no smoking regulations on this campus. Non-smokers all over the university have had to endure much discomfort in classes, movies, and in other UNB activities due to lack of consideration by smokers and lack of enforcement by the authorities.

People attending films held in the Tilley Hall auditorium are subjected to polluted air caused by tobacco and even marijuana smoke. We feel that this must end. An obvious solution to this problem would be to have campus police present to monitor the area.

More important than this is the matter of smoking in classes. Since classes are necessary, non-smokers cannot simply leave the room when the irritation is great. We realize that some professors

smoke, but in view of the ban passed by the senate, surely it would be within reason to ask for a little co-operation from both the students and the faculty of this University.

We hope this matter will be given every consideration.

Bombers need support

Dear Editor:

If you have attended a couple of the Bomber's home games within the last two months, you must have been amazed by the lack of fan support for the team. Sure enough, people attend the games but seem to be scared to give a little vocal support.

A couple of weeks ago a number of the men of Aitken, ladies of McLeod and myself drove to Mount Allison to watch and support our team. At Mount A we met up with other Bomber supporters from UNB to form a cheering section of some 60 fans. These 60 people made more noise than the combined effort of the Mount A fans.

I do not say it was us that won the game for UNB, but our vocal

support sure gave the Bombers more spirit than the dead looks given to them at their home games. This seems to be a poor way to show the freshmen how spirited our university is.

To rectify this apathy at home, the true supporters of the Bombers will be gathering this Saturday at College Field to support their team in their last game of the season. To many players, it is their last game because of graduation so let's send them out with a game they will always remember. So remember, if you don't mind giving a little vocal support, drop down to College Field and join in on all the fun. Remember, we'll be there regardless of rain or snow to cheer our team on.

Brian Edwards