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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Admin Successors on Campus

Editor:

I hope the drunken bumbler who had to get plastered out of their skulls in order to prove their allegiance to the university and its administration on Saturday night, by trying to oust the sitters-in at Bailey Hall, are proud of their little shreds of green rope souvenirs. That's all they have to be proud of. They ought to be ashamed of themselves. I'm not going to tax the limited abilities of these sodden morons by asking them to think for themselves, but if they could, I would like to know if they really think that their beer-bottle throwing, fire-cracking, vigilante lynch-mob tactics cast all that much sweeter a light on the university community than the quiet, sober, controlled, harmless, self-contained demonstration of the sitters-in at "liberated area 130". If these ignorant philistines' tactics and thinking (chants of "We hate Strax" and "Kill Strax" were heard Saturday evening) are a genuine expression of majority opinion on this campus, God preserve us from democracy @\$%&\*() ¼¼†-\*(¾. At any rate, if the administration is looking for successors, they needn't peer past their front steps—Head Hall and the Forestry building would appear to be well stocked.

Gary Zatzman, arts 4

### Strax Should be Fired

Editor:

I wish to extend my congratulations to Prof. Boone and Colin B. Mackay for finally carrying through an act that I, and a majority of others, have been looking forward to for a long time—the suspension of Strax (as I have no respect for this man I refuse to allow him the courtesy of having me address him as Prof. or Dr. Strax.) I can think of only one follow up to improve on Prof. Boone's action—the complete firing of this man who, as a leader of a very minority group on this campus, has dragged the name of U.N.B. through the mud both on and off campus for the past two years (at least), with the result that the outside world is sure that he and his followers must represent the majority of the campus.

Thanks to Strax and his "Mobilation" U.N.B. now has a black mark not only in this area but even as far away as Washington. I

realize that living in a democracy grants Strax the right of freedom of speech, etc. as it does myself, which leaves me the right to say I don't like what he says, I don't like what he stands for and I think that he and his 'party' are sticking their faces into places that don't concern them. This last instance with the library is a good example—after all we had to show our student cards to take out books before—what difference does it make if our pictures happen to appear on them? And it certainly doesn't warrant obscene anti-I.D. card notices!!!

I'll close here because I'm liable to write what I really think about this man and, without proof, it gives him the 'right' to sue. "May he never return."

Greg Everett-M. E. II  
 Believer in Democracy

### We Must Get Involved

Editor:

I would like to make an effort by this letter to improve the quality of student life on this campus. The past year I worked instead of going to college in order to find out where I was at, where I was going, and what I wanted out of life. This was the first full-time, year-round experience I had with our society, out there, other than summer jobs, etc. I came back to UNB to improve my education and I didn't find here those things I wanted to find. The way UNB life is turns me off.

The universities are supposed to be proving grounds for new ideas, different points of view, new experiences. This one is not. People get four years of education and come away much the same way as they entered. Of course, we meet new people, learn about sex and booze, but much more than that, no. We generally are idealists, like to change things for the better, and use our education to make our lives happier. How can we do this to society as a whole if we can't apply it to ourselves? There are a thousand and one ways to improve student life here with new ideas and experimentation.

People who have gone to the student centre two or three years find it boring and dull. Sit around looking at one another. Big deal! People find the SRC dead and not taking action on a wide variety of necessary topics. Social life here is non-existent for the campus as a whole. We don't like the way the administration does things

so we complain to each other. People don't expect. People don't expect their new ideas to the university as a whole.

Why can't a guy in student center go and talk to someone he thinks interesting? Why can't a person stand on the street and preach his new theory of life? Why can't we introduce new methods of correction in our SRC Disciplinary Council? Why don't we improve our way of doing things? We could introduce a place on campus where anyone is liable to be talked to by anyone else. We could make people caught by the CP's cleaners after a dance instead of paying a fine. We could have a Get-Kissed Dance every week. Who knows how many girls are hiding out in Lady Dunn every weekend? Why don't we have an apathetic bunch of good people attempt to improve things from the way they are, this place will be dull, boring, apathetic and dead. Until we get a clash of new ideas and methods UNB will just be a machine churning out educated job fillers who have done nothing to improve society or justify calling UNB a university or calling themselves intellectuals. Even one must get involved instead of .15%.

If you've got a goddam comment to make, write me a letter.

Frank Sayer  
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### Commission Gives Report

Editor:

Technical Planning Commission: Canadian Branch Eastern Sector, UNB Division.

Subject: First Annual Report.

Since this report (No. 00465/1) is the first introduction of the Technical Planning Commission to the people of Eastern Canada, some remarks on the nature, scope, history, and purposes of the TPC are in order. To save time and be sufficiently technical, the information will be presented in the form of a series of technically related items, or, in the terms of the layman: a list.

1. Beginnings, or: The Origins and History of Incredible Forms of Consciousness.

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## diverse opinion is a must

The SRC-sponsored think tank at Oromocto this weekend is of utmost importance to every student at UNB. The think tank is being held to discuss the present structure of the SRC and alternatives to it.

If a large number of students do not attend then discussion will be fruitless. The students most likely to be there are those who have been discussing the voluntary-student-union issue since UNB left the Canadian Union of Students.

Union of Students. The members of this select group have nothing new to say to each other. It is essential to have a great many students there who have either belief or disbelief in the present SRC and are willing to toss new ideas around. If there are not, it shows a complete lack of interest in the doings of SRC.

It is up to the SRC and president Cox to make sure as many students as possible are encouraged to attend, through leaflets and posters distributed around campus. If this is not done, it will show a complete lack of interest on the part of Cox and the SRC toward the students they represent.

The only way students can ensure themselves of action on important matters is to go to Oromocto and force the issue of a voluntary student union. A voluntary student union would be joined by only a few. But these few would be willing to work for the student. They would not get bogged down in the trivial debates which hamper the present SRC.

Students must demand that the SRC call a referendum on the voluntary student union so that they can express their opinion before the November SRC elections.

## no real strength in numbers

The administration suspended physics prof Norman Strax and then refused to say why. Is the administration maintaining silence because they know they're wrong? Because they know a prof can only be suspended for academic incompetence not political beliefs? Strax and the rest of the university community have every right to know the reasons. President Mackay says they're obvious. Well, they're not!

All that's obvious is the administration's damning silence.

And why aren't the faculty saying anything? A week's gone by and nary a peep from them. Or are they afraid of the power they put into the president's hands when their representatives agreed to major changes in the University of New Brunswick Act last spring?

And the students who oppose Strax, screaming about his use of obscenities and his dirty ski jacket. A group of those students stood under Strax's office window Saturday night screaming obscenities and throwing beer bottles and firecrackers. Brave midnight skulkers who wouldn't come near the window in daylight.

There are two words to describe the actions of these administrators, faculty and students: **BLATANT HYPOCRISY!**

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