

## bad tactics

Several members of the CSDS reliberated Liberation 130 Monday night. The apparent reasons were to demonstrate the administrations willingness to use naked force to control dissent and for shock value in preparation for a march which was to have happened Tuesday morning. Support for the CAUT delegation visiting campus this week to discuss the Strax affair with the board of governors was also mentioned.

The administration used its illegitimate authority to call in the police but the liberators should be thankful they're not sitting in jail right now.

Several were indignant, after the bust, at the lack of outside support. But it was their bad tactics which caused that lack. They reliberated the office Monday night, for no reason which was valid in the eyes of potential sympathizers. If CAUT demands had been rejected, today would have been perfect for reliberation and a march on the administration building.

Many people on campus are demanding due process in the Strax suspension. Few are supporting the shock tactics of the CSDS.

Through this unthinking so-called, radical action a few people have thrown away the support and sympathy for their legitimate demands; which desperately need that support. And they have destroyed the effectiveness of any future action!

## new structure needed

The present state of student council: Four resignations at the last meeting including acting president Alistair Robertson. Struggles to reach quorum each week. Members walking out halfway through meetings and breaking the quorum.

Student council effectiveness has been non-existent at UNB. It never mattered until this year when council attempted firm stands on several issues. Big hassles began and the student union's weak structure collapsed.

The constitution is one big loophole and makeshift repairs to the bylaws haven't been enough.

Representativity has been questioned and this brings sharply into focus the possibility of a voluntary student union.

The structure doesn't provide a firm source for policies, now generated by random committees. The executive is not strong enough or large enough to provide leadership for council.

The only bright light at the moment is the number of nominees for SRC positions for the Wednesday elections. Only two constituencies have been acclaimed, education and forestry. After the aborted January nominations there would have been an election in only one constituency.

The new council's first duty will be a thorough examination of the SRC's and the student union's role on this campus. This examination will show that council must adopt strict policy of unionism, either voluntary or compulsory. It must encourage academic democracy as well as union policies for negotiation of equal representation in university government.

An independent student-group has already begun plans for a study of council. One of the group's aims is that council become operative in relation to the students before attempting to broaden its goals. The new SRC should work hand-in-hand with this group.

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## Letters to the editor

### Don't give police the green light

Dear Sir:

The ethics of the recent and short occupation of Liberation 130 is not my present concern. What does upset me is the use of more than twenty city police to evict the eight occupants.

Last November 10, UNB became the first Canadian campus to use outside police to break up a demonstration (a dubious distinction earned by our administration). This was precedent setting. As UNB went, so went Peterborough, so went Simon Fraser so went Moncton, so went Sir George Williams. And now the ball has bounced back to UNB.

What force are the administrators unleashing on the Canadian campuses? What perils to all of society will result from the dangers encountered by making police the policy, the rule and not the exception? How soon before the stimulus of demonstration will yield the response of police force? Too soon, I fear.

We pay lip service to the

basic rights of Canadians. We also acknowledge the right to bring attention to the abuse of these more basic rights via the press and demonstration. To quash such demonstrations means, in effect, that we do not really possess the fundamentals that we so avidly proclaim as part of our cherished freedom. When the Russian tanks rolled into Czechoslovakia, and when the twenty or more police rolled into Liberation 130, the effect was the same—the systematic totalitarian suppression of democratic rights.

In reaction (as in reactionary) to student dissent and racial difficulties, the cry has been "law and order", meaning that if we were to increase the numbers of police, things would not get out of hand.

This, in turn, means that the police would be used more often to suppress, perhaps prohibit demonstrations and other acts pointing to the abuse of individual rights. Carried to its logical

conclusion, it ultimately means the formation of a police state. Hitler recognized the need for law and order. He created his police force (the S.S.) to insure that law and order would prevail. His law was the extermination of six million Jews; his order was a Fascist state that was part of the greatest disorder the world has ever known.

I see no virtue in the example that Hitler set. I also see no virtue in the example that UNB has set for all of Canada. If we are going to reverse this trend, then our first job is to understand the dangers involved. We must not give the police a green light. We must stop them now, paradoxically enough, for the protection of individual liberties and all of society. The policeman, our friend, (so I learned in grade school) can too easily become the policeman, our enemy.

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### Why we reoccupied Liberation

Editor:

CAUT requests must be met in this order.

1. The injunction against Dr. Norman Strax be lifted.
2. University take over all legal expenses incurred by Dr. Strax.
3. An impartial arbitration board be set up according to the rules of CAUT.

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The reoccupation of Liberation 130 was undertaken not as a sensation — people hardly risk their academic and personal futures for sensation, or just to create an issue. Twenty police and a shakened Administration have finally realized an issue that students have or should have realized months ago.

A credibility and communication gap exists here. It has for a long time. In the interview with Dr. Mackay in the SUB last week he stated "little concern" about the pending CAUT censure. This is hardly understandable. Essentially censure means that CAUT advises professors why the censure was invoked and

that they should not accept posts at that institution. Inevitably this drastically lowers the calibre of teaching there. Students therefore suffer most. The quality of degrees is lowered; furthermore, other universities look upon a student as having been educated in a system sick enough to be censured. This is the issue.

A censored university is not an institution that reveals a free and viable educational atmosphere. Yet this should be its foremost intention. It is imperative that honest and sincere dialogue occur; dialogue instead of deceit, dialogue instead of blue-uniformed coercion, dialogue instead of dishonesty — dialogue for communication, the essence of learning.

The administration's actions of October against Dr. Strax-condemned for months by the CAUT — ably expresses the lack of consideration for the faculty of this university. The term "academic" has been subordinate too long to the term "authority". There are situations of weakness where strength lies available to those

who are determined and sincere enough to attain it. There are some students who balk at four years of dictatorship. There should be many more.

The students in Liberation 130 had planned to walk out the next morning. An irrational administration chose 11:00 p.m. and twenty police. This is not Sir George Williams. In any event, a man pushed up against the wall can only come down; sometimes it's down hard.

It is indeed time to create an atmosphere conducive to and advantageous for learning. Indeed it is time for reform. This radical action was undertaken to try and create in the administration a radical action of its own — that is, accepting the just demands of the CAUT and enabling the creation of a "reform" atmosphere and an easy and mutually satisfactory situation. The time has long been here to eradicate deceit, dishonesty and coercion. These are words one can only learn NOT to accept. If one exists within the boundaries of these things, one does not exist within the boundaries of education.

Daniel M. Weston

### He misconstrued another one

Editor:

The SRC's invoking the campus to "participate in 69" (on the back page of last week's Brunswickan) has raised a plethora of myriad possibilities in this reader's mind. Most notable was their call for nominations to some fifteen positions, once again revealing the SRC's traditionally imperfect understanding of which end is UP.

Participation is eminently democratic, but among fifteen can become offensive, if not positively criminal.

This letter is nothing more than an "Appeal for Moderation" on the part of all present and would-be participants.

After all, "everything in moderation....."

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Tuesday 1:30 - 6 pm.  
Wednesday 9 - 11:30  
1:30 - 4:30.  
Thursday 9 - 11:30;  
1:30 - 4:30.

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