

Let's put the bitterness aside

If you passed by the SRC meeting Monday you would have seen a different sort of meeting. Representatives from the Brunswickan, CHSR, and the Administrative Board were all present, as was SRC lawyer Peter Forbes. Tension was heavy in the air. Pencils were being chewed, fingernails were being bitten. Nervous and scowling faces stared at the floor or the table. The meeting was the culmination of weeks of petty in-fighting and politics surrounding CHSR's move to FM and recent decisions by the Administrative Board.

What started out as a relatively simple decision for CHSR to go FM has disintegrated into a barrage of accusations and counter-accusations by SRC Comptroller Scott Cronshaw and CHSR station director Doug Varty. Politics at any level can be intriguing and exciting; it can also be dirty and trivial, like it is at UNB.

While it may be exciting to check the Bruns to see if your opponent has written any nasty letters this week, in the end this type of excitement is counter-productive. It may also be exciting to write a letter of this type but this is equally as ineffective for all but the most self-serving. The time has come to stop the petty back-stabbing and return to the business at hand.

Recently, students and the general population alike witnessed the fiasco of the choosing of a new president for UNB. The politicking and manoeuvring behind the selection and rejection of Cassano boggles the mind. Yet there is no indication that if the SRC and CHSR were choosing the president we would be any better off.

The problem that has developed now is the 'us-them' syndrome.

The Bruns would like to point out there is no 'them', there is only 'us'. Scott Cronshaw is not an ogre who cuts budgets for sadistic kicks. Doug Varty is not a power-tripping meglomaniac who uses the referendum decision to go FM to ask for unneeded funds.

In fact this is one of the ironies of the entire situation. Both Cronshaw and Varty are hard-working individuals who do their jobs well. Doug Varty has successfully led the change towards a FM station.



CHSR is now a progressive rock station which is an alternative to the more commercial fare usually heard in Fredericton. Scott Cronshaw has been a dedicated, if sometimes overzealous, watchdog of the funds of the students. This is his job and future student administrations will gain from his close control of the purse strings. Besides being effective in their jobs Scott and Doug are decent individuals. In dealings with them, the Bruns has found that both have an excellent sense of humor and are a pleasure to talk with.

The time has come for both sides to let bygones be bygones. A lot of bad feelings have been

created in this mix up and it will take a lot of maturity on both sides to be done with this stupid quarreling so the individuals concerned can continue to do their jobs.

At times last Monday it seemed as if SRC Chairman David Kay was supervisor at a nursery school. Both sides were at fault.

Let's put the bitterness aside. There should be no reason why the Comptroller and CHSR's station director could not get together calmly and reason this out over a beer in the Social Club. If it would help, the Brunswickan would buy the first beer.

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