



By **GORDON LOANE**

Last week a meeting was held by various student leaders to discuss the future funding of the student union building. The meeting was called by Kevin Ratcliff, president of the student union. It was a very productive meeting in my view. A firm consensus of opinion emerged - that we need to support our very own building. I could not agree more. It will be interesting to see what plans the SUB Board comes up with.

Speaking of the SUB board, I attended my first meeting in quite a while this week. I was impressed at the business like manner in which the meetings are conducted. Many issues were discussed and the meeting was not a long drawn out affair. Much credit in my view should be given to SUB Board chairman David Kay.

Coffee shop hours in the SUB have been cut back again. Closing time will now be 11 p.m instead of 12 midnight weekdays. This move follows close on the heels of a cut-back in weekend hours announced last week. I for one am concerned about this trend. I think Beaver Foods should be expected to maintain some level of service in the coffee shop. I have expressed my concerns to Dean of Students, Barry Thompson. The economic case is only one side of the argument - service is the other.

Last week I called for action on the part of the dean of students search committee. I have received several strong reactions to my comments. I want to make one point clear. I was not questioning the integrity of the search committee, just some of the problems it is dealing with and the possible methods it will employ to solve the problems that now exist with the dean's office. Most members of the committee have a far greater perspective of the problems than I have. This week the president of the student union will be sending a letter to the committee. I am given to understand that he is in basic agreement with our paper that changes are needed in the office of dean of students. CHSR-FM are discussing the issue as well and it will be interesting to see what their point of view is. Editorial comments are rare at CHSR so they will no doubt have something interesting to say about this issue.

The student union has finally done something to honor the Red Shirts. This week council passed a motion to donate \$500 towards the cost of buying blazers for the team. Congratulations again to the Red Shirts - I hope you all wear them with pride.

Winter Carnival was less than a success again this year. The concern was expressed by several councillors at this week's SRC meeting. I am in agreement with council's decision to take a long hard look at this event. I am short on solutions myself but maybe something can be done to liven up this event another year - or perhaps there just isn't enough support for carnivals anymore. I have heard that the estimate of the loss may be close to \$3,000 - a sad comment, I guess.

It appears that Law school students are not very happy with the service being provided by Beaver Foods and their vending machines. As a matter of fact they have been dispensing coffee on their own. Apparently a meeting was held with law students to try to put an end to the citizens' undercutting the price that Beaver Foods charges for its coffee. The health authorities were called in and were present with other university officials when they held a meeting with the law students. Apparently, law students need a license to operate. I am happy to see that the university is suddenly concerned with the health of our law students. It also seems to me to be a little heavy to call in the health authorities. Surely, problems can be worked out around here without resorting to such tactics. As one law student pointed out, any non-profit group, church group or whatever does not need a license to dispense food and coffee when fund raising or suppers are held. Why do law students need a license?...

P.S. Have a good March break...studying or relaxing or both?

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Bus shelter needed

To the Editor:

A common sight in these days of crazy weather is a group of cold and often wet students huddled at the bus stops in

front of Lady Dunn and on Windsor Street behind the bank. As our cynic stated not too long ago they often have a long wait.

Why don't the university, the SRC, the city, and transit officials get together and build shelters at these very busy bus stops. I'm not asking for

anything fancy, just something to keep you dry and out of the wind. Surely this wouldn't cost too much and would be in the students' (and bus riders) best interests, don't you think?

James Caven

UNB Business Student

Critics stupid

Dear Mr. Editor:

In regards to the review of our performance at the Woodshed last week, I would like to quote something that Leo Tolstoy once said.

"Critics are the stupid that discuss the wise."

In this case I could not agree more.

Graham Topp

Dear Sir:

I wish to express my thanks to MacKenzie House president Colin Whitcomb, social chairman Jim Bewick and Steve Mundle, Schooner rep Doug Frain and the great audience who made last Thursday's concert which I gave in MacKenzie House a success and such a

pleasure to perform. Special thanks are extended to Tony's Music Box in Fredericton for all their help, my stage crew for their electrical expertise and for sheer brawn, and CHSR for giving me their best sound system.

Thanks!

Wilfred (Neckbrace) Langmaid

Thanks

Ballroom poorly designed

Last Friday night was Africa Night, held in the SUB ballroom and so I decided to take in some culture. This was the first time I had attended a social event in the ballroom and in my humble opinion, it has to be one of the poorest designed rooms I have ever been in.

I would first like to comment on the stage, or lack of one. A performance of any size is hindered by the definite lack of floor space. On several occasions I noticed the African dancers brushing against the curtain at the back of the stage. During intermission I was in the lobby directly behind the stage and it occurred to me that this would provide the extra space needed to expand the stage area to a meaningful and useful size.

The washrooms, what a joke. There were no signs on the doors and upon entering the facilities I was a bit more than astonished to hear female voices coming from the stall. I was a bit fearful that my 50/50 gamble had not paid off, but once I rounded the shielding partition I discovered a pair of matching urinals. Which proved to be a relief in more ways than one.

Another question that comes to mind is how in hell are two washrooms supposed to be adequate when the SUB ballroom was filled to it's capacity. I can well imagine that it's a repeat performance of the Arms.

It was my observation that the SUB ballroom has a lot of wasted space in the form of corridors. Corridors and a

lobby surround the ballroom on three sides. There may be fire standards to explain this abundance of hall space, so I don't dare criticize this point too much.

The most senseless, aggravating event of the night came when I was leaving the ballroom. Again, I was given a chance to play the 50/50 game, but this time lost as the door I closed was locked. Luckily I had several other chances to even the score. Why did the original blue prints call for double doors when one of them is always locked? Would it be too difficult to unlock the other door, if for no other reason then to allow the carpet to wear evenly? These doors are all marked with EXIT signs and commonsense should dictate

they be unlocked. If they remain locked at least change the signs to read EXIT/2!

Finally I would like to comment on the chairs and tables used in the SUB ballroom. Besides being unattractive, they are not functional. The chairs are especially troublesome. The legs sprawl out in all directions which make it a nuisance when attempting to manoeuvre the damn things for a better view of the stage or to let someone pass by the table. Legs become entangled in legs and you cause such a commotion freeing the whole mess that you find your table deserted once the situation has been remedied.

Jeff Russell

Wight comments on carnival

Dear Sir:

I would like to make a couple of comments concerning your editorial on Winter Carnival that appeared in last week's Brunswickan. Although I did say there was lack of commitment by the Winter Carnival

Committee, there were also a dozen or so who carried on most of the functions of Carnival '81. I don't want these few workers to think their effort went unnoticed. You know who you are, and I thank you for your assistance.

At this time I would like to

apologize to CHSR-FM for denying them information on Carnival. Time seemed to sneak by and you were unintentionally left out. However, with no discredit to your station, I really don't know if it would have made a difference. Again, I am sorry you were not informed of the Carnival events.

It is unfortunate that we do not want to take advantage of Winter Carnival as an opportunity to break up the monotony of the January and February months. It appears

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