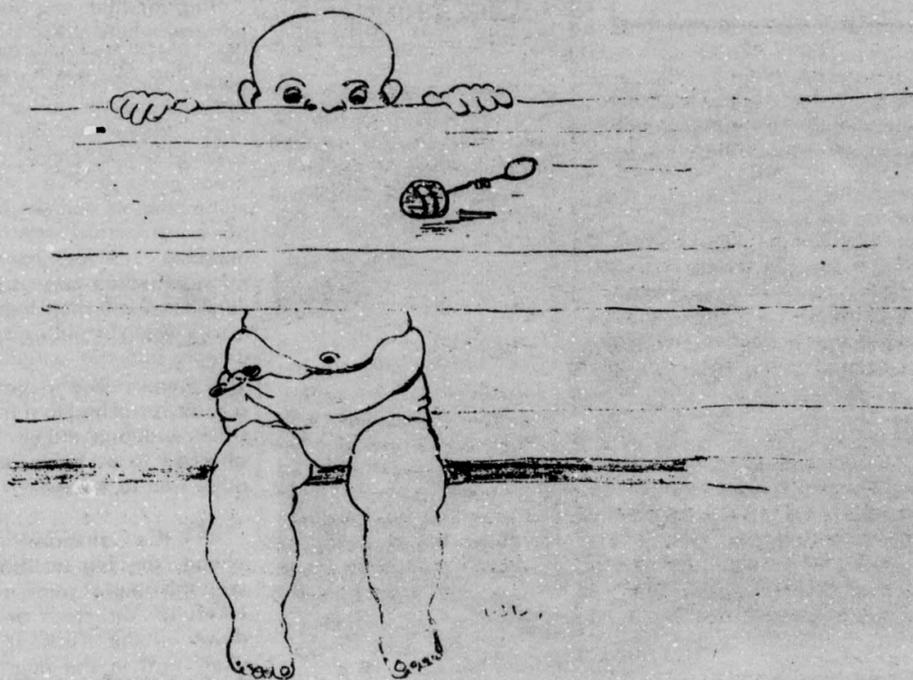


Mommy for prez



On some campuses the student council is very strong and works hand in hand with the administration of the university to organize a myriad of events and programs for the benefit of all the students.

At UNB, the SRC has been reduced to a caretaker of funds for other campus organizations, and to a source of pseudo-political gossip.

This must change.

You, the students will have a chance to help improve the situation by exercising your democratic right on October 20. This will be SRC election day; nominations opened this week for a large number of positions.

Who do we need to govern student affairs? To start with we need mature people. One of the big problems on council now is immaturity, this is by no means a fault of all councillors but some exhibit a spoilt-child attitude.

Secondly, we need intelligent people who will think rationally about what they do.

Most of the present councillors are quite intelligent; however, the use to which they put their intelligence is questionable in some cases.

Thirdly, and perhaps most importantly, the SRC needs people who are willing to communicate, to discuss the issues without prejudice for person or point-of-view. We do not, however, need people who will blindly follow - we need leaders.

Recently, there have been a series of resignations that have stripped the SRC executive to bare bones. Andy Young is doing an admirable job in his position as comptroller. Budget meetings of the past weekend seemed to go very well - the Student Union should not be in any financial trouble this year (hopefully). There is a danger that Young, presently the WHOLE elected executive of the SRC (Susan Crockett, the assistant comptroller is appointed), might become overwhelmed by a sense of power and abuse it. Beware Andy! The question still remains though of who

will perform the duties of president and vice-president. Young will be far too occupied with financial matters over the next few weeks. A non-elected person will have to run the election, we can only trust that he or she will do a good job. With the SRC's seeming inability to do anything concrete, and without enough executive members to do anything either, it looks as though we will not be getting the services we paid \$40 for until after the elections - and then only if the right people are elected.

If you think you fit the criteria mentioned above why not consider running. We especially need a candidate for president to lead the SRC out of the doldrums.

Even if you do not feel inclined to run, think carefully about the candidates whose posters you will see around campus during the coming weeks. You have four weeks to make the decisions, take your time and make wise ones.