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## whose card is this?

On the ID card, the validating signature is the vice-president of the administration, Mr. Macaulay. Is Macaulay the president of the SRC? Afraid not. Or the SAA? No he isn't. And yet the small vertical print on the card reads SRC-SAA. Whose ID card is this?

It is a library card. It is a residence meal ticket. It is identification at the Bookstore. What does the Student Council have to do with the library or the residence meals or the Bookstore? Nothing directly! These are responsibilities of the administration.

The administration paid \$3000 for the equipment. The students have been asked to pay \$1500 every year for lovely plasticized cards which are of most benefit to the administration. The paper SRC cards formerly used cost the students less than \$100.

This is the administration's card. Let them pay for it.

## week of awareness

The president of UNB's SRC, Dave Cox, has rejected the concept of a voluntary student union.

Cox says in his letter that all students would not be represented by such a union. It was never intended that all students be represented, and we wonder whether Cox is himself aware of the prevalent issues.

Who says that the union must represent all students at UNB, even against the will of some of these students? The union should represent only those who wish to be represented. Union membership is something that should be open but no compulsory.

A voluntary student union could provide its membership with more voice and power within, and outside of, the university. It would expose the present council's lack of power: for a start, the administration wouldn't be there to collect the new fees.

A voluntary union could make its members, and maybe all students, more aware of the social justices that are largely accepted by our society (treatment of Indians, poverty in all areas, and many of the excessive habits of a largely capitalistic society).

The SRC cannot ignore the fact that most students hold it in a bad light. Cox has a "week of awareness" in mind. Might we point out to him the failures of last year's SRC with its Think Tank and "week of awareness" on student representation. And last year's council, in our opinion, was in better shape than the present version of student representatives.

A referendum now on the question of voluntary membership is a first necessary step, if a union is ever to obtain the all-important representative status.

Other student unions have resigned or dissolved themselves in mid-flight. It is never too late for a referendum.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All together now, 1-2-3

Sirs:

By George the saga of Allan B. Pressman has touched my heart. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in this, the Brunswickan's hour of need. These summers of introspection can break a man if the Montreal conference (sic) expense accounts don't get to him first. May I suggest that Al has no fear of measuring out his life in coffee spoons? A large trowel would be more appropriate, or perhaps a small shovel. In any case, I know that the whole campus will want to join me in a quick chorus of "Kiss Me Mother, Ere I Die", at this time.

Derek Hamilton, pg arts

Editor:

Please let me correct several errors which appeared on page 3 of the September 17 Brunswickan in an article titled "SUB should open in January". Here are some facts.

1. Contrary to what is stated in the paragraph under the photo of the Student Union Building, there has been no delay in the construction of the SUB. The "errors" in the building were made long ago in the design stage and have nothing to do with the construction schedule.

2. Tenders for furniture were called for about two weeks ago, and the furniture should be here in a few weeks. When I talked with your reporter, Dolna McNeil, I said nothing about last year's committee forgetting to order furniture, so the quote was incorrect. If the SUB

committee got prices for furniture last November it is news to me. As far as I am aware at this moment, nothing at all was done about furniture. It was about furniture. It was neither thought of nor forgotten.

3. To the best of my knowledge there are no "instructional defects in the building". There are some design errors, but this happens in most construction projects. I am told that the building is structurally sound and should last for many years.

4. The darkroom is not the "Brunswickan darkroom". It will be shared by six organizations, including yours and the student newspapers of St. Thomas and Teachers College, and by the three co-yearbooks. A plan is being drawn up for its operation. Remember, three colleges are involved in this project. That is one reason why the Brunswickan does not have a private entrance.

Also, your article says that there is a need for double doors, to prevent light leaks. This is not a common facility in darkrooms, as most photographers know. One door, properly sealed, will suffice.

5. Putting a wall between the Council Chamber and the Music Listening Room seems to have been a mistake. A portable wall was not even intended, however. It would be costly and probably could not be soundproof.

6. The rumour about insurance for the balcony might as well be squeaked here. I am not aware of any ruling that the balcony will be inaccessible to students. If insurance is required and enough students want to use the balcony, insurance can be

bought by the Board.

7. The constitution of the Board has existed for several weeks. All that needed is for the student councils to prove it so the Board of function officially.

That's about it: your article.

It was disappointing to find the alleged defects of the building so greatly overstated and vastly overemphasized for several column inches at the beginning of an otherwise adequate article. Perhaps next time Miss McNeil will make a greater effort to be accurate, and perhaps the editor, who is on the Board of Directors of the SUB, will offer his own knowledge to his reporter.

Gary Davis.

Cox explains move

Editor:

I feel it is necessary this time to explain why the executive of the SRC adopted the new student ID Card in lieu of the type issued in the past.

Over the past year, some students connected with organized entertainment have shared the feeling that there has been an undue loss of revenue because non-students being able to obtain the use of SRC cards to gain entrance to sports events, dances, etc. at the student rate of admittance which is usually much lower. Lost cards were seldom, if ever, turned in so that they could be returned to the student. Other inconveniences arose because of the non-durability of a paper card.

For the above reasons a thorough investigation was made into obtaining a durable plastic card which could be produced cheaply

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quickly and with minimum inconvenience to the student as well as a fast and efficient procedure for the implementation of all the systems. The Polar system proved to be the best of this was not until after the 1967-68 academic year when it was implemented. A referendum subject before when it was needed a commitment in order to a better card at reg. The Executive SRC arranged in conjunction with the Administration of the University to obtain the new basis that it would be a convenience to in the form of a takable identity also provide a system for issuing meals, library to reduce costs.

The cards have been produced at a material cost (card) and charged to the SRC budget which the administration has the equipment administrative costs. The system is open to academic year.

The executive Council acted on behalf of the However, if warrants charged system, it will be re-investigated.

David R. Cox President. SRC

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Editor:

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"What is it? Personally I prefer egg-plant soup."