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I imagine that many of you students and numerous people off campus have heard the news stories of CHSR and the commentary by Jeff Fryer. Jeff Fryer is the News Director of CHSR and is therefore responsible for the copy that goes out over the air. On Tuesday of this week the lead story, (I repeat lead story) was on the omissions and errors in the special issue of the *Brunswickan* released the same day. I find it interesting that this would be the topic of the lead story. In fact it is incredible that this would be in the news at all. Since when is it the duty of one media to criticize the work of another? Wouldn't it be great if the *Brunswickan* sat back and listened to all of CHSR's newscasts, also those of CIHI and CFNB and read each daily issue of the *Gleaner* and *Telegraph Journal* merely to pick apart their stories? A little childish, wouldn't you say?

One wonders, then, why Jeff Fryer would allow such activity? Perhaps a little background would help shed some light. Due to lack of space and help some articles had to be cut out of the special issue. It is unfortunate that this had to happen but there was no way of avoiding it. Therefore, we decided the fairest way to do it was to exclude those areas where only part of the candidates submitted their platforms. Jeff Fryer was among this group. Thus we have incident number one.

Second incident was that Jeff's photo for his poster was not taken. Why? Because he did not show up when our photo editor was here. Rick set aside certain hours to take photos of the candidates. I don't think that it is asking too much for the candidates to show up during those hours. Jeff did not.

Jeff Fryer is misusing his position as News Editor of CHSR for his own personal gain. Because of a sour grapes attitude he is using CHSR to air his complaints. I suggest that Jeff stick to news, not complaining. Perhaps if Jeff has a complaint about a member of the *Brunswickan* he can come to the office and do it in person. I gave him the chance to do so on Tuesday but he declined.

Granted there are mistakes in the special issue but that is to be expected. After all we have other obligations besides the paper. We are students and, of course, we try to have some kind of a home life.

Why is it so wrong for the *Brunswickan* to use the help of the election candidates while it is not for CHSR. We have no complaint about CHSR but only about the double standards of their News Editor.

In conclusion, I suggest that if Jeff Fryer cannot keep his personal opinions and gripe out of the newscasts then he should resign.

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There is going to be a winter carnival logo contest. The theme is "Cartoon Carni '83". The deadline for the contest is Nov. 1; all submissions should be taken to the SRC office. It is suggested that contestants try to incorporate approximately those different characters into the design.

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A survey of 1982 orientation is now being distributed to all first year students. Those students on campus should receive a copy of this questionnaire in the mail, for all other students the survey is printed in this weeks *Brun*s. Brent Blizzard, chairman of Orientation '83, requests that all students fill out the forms and return them to the Orientation office. This is very important as it will help the new executive improve Orientation.

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It was my impression that campaigning was to stop at midnight the night before the election. If this is true, why then was the Unity Party allowed to hand out flyers urging people to vote. The flyers mentioned that this idea was sponsored by the Unity Party and authorized by Ken Cuthbertson, the Chief Returning Officer. Although not a direct campaign ploy (i.e. mentioning specific candidates) it was an indirect ploy in that it reminded people of the Unity members as they voted. How was this allowed?

# soundoff

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## Bruns is biased

To the Bruns:

I am submitting the attached comment for publication in this week's *Brunswickan*. The comment was aired on CHSR-FM on Saturday, October 16 and Monday, October 18. I would like to emphasize that the comment does not necessarily express the views of CHSR-FM, it's management, or advertisers.

Jeffrey Fryer  
News Director  
CHSR-FM

Interviewing the candidates in the SRC election, and Chief Returning Officer Ken Cuthbertson, as well as my own experiences as a candidate force me to raise some serious questions about the role of UNB's student newspaper, the *Brunswickan* in this campaign. Knowingly or not, it has managed to virtually destroy the campaigns of some candidates while promoting others.

The special issue of the *Brunswickan* coming out Tuesday is the most flagrant case. For this issue, the Bruns requested that each candidate submit a 2 page writeup. Many candidates went to a great deal of trouble preparing these. First of all, those submissions mysteriously disappeared from the Bruns for a day before reappearing, then the *Brunswickan* decided they had to do some editing. So they edited down some submissions to a paragraph or two. Others

they excluded entirely. For instance, Arts Candidate Felix Kofie and I submitted writeups but our opponents didn't. Since the Bruns only received one submission, the *Brunswickan* decided not to print any. So all our efforts expended trying to tell the students where we stand on the issues is wasted. Meanwhile, in the last issue of the Bruns, there is a large letter praising my opponent. Certainly, the impartiality of the Bruns in this case is open to serious question.

The *Brunswickan* also failed to print the submission of Senate Candidate Deborah Hempell even though it did print the submission of Vice Presidential candidate and Bruns News editor Tim Lethbridge, who is also running against Miss Hempell for the Senate seat.

The *Brunswickan* also seems to be carrying out a campaign against John Bosnitch. In the October 8 issue, they printed an offensive cartoon about politicians next to his platform. And last week, they failed to print his Sound Off column in which he was announcing a debate among the presidential candidates. (They did however print the columns of two other election candidates- Richard Hutchins and Mike Pringle). In addition, the original layout of Tuesday's special issue of the Bruns put only 3 presidential candidates on the front page

and relegated John Bosnitch to a small article inside the paper. By the way, 3 candidates- John Bosnitch, Tim Lethbridge, and Matthew Stevenson did almost all of the work for that issue. Bruns editor in chief Christie Walker and managing editor Mike MacKinnon put in little effort. Again questions about the impartiality of the Bruns are raised when three candidates put out an election issue.

And finally, the Bruns did more than botch up their newspaper; they also messed up the preparation of posters. My experiences, I guess, were typical. The *Brunswickan* photo editor Rick Wightman refused to take my picture for my poster or for the special issue of the Bruns. By the time I finally got someone not associated with the Bruns photo staff to do it, it was too late to make posters. Other candidates have had similar trouble getting their pictures and posters done at the Bruns. The prevailing attitude of the Bruns staff towards the candidates seems to be Don't Bother Us-you're lucky to get your name in the paper and don't expect to get anything more. It is too bad that what promised to be a great election is marred by the people at a newspaper I used to have a great deal of respect for, the *Brunswickan*.

## Commentary is inaccurate

Dear Mr. Fryer,

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of The *Brunswickan*, to reply to Mr. Fryer's comment which aired this past Monday, October 18, on CHSR radio, and which also appears in print above.

We were disappointed to hear Mr. Fryer's allegations, and it occurred to us that not only were many of Mr. Fryer's statements contradictions but many of his facts were inaccurate. Hopefully, this letter will clear up any misconceptions people may have about The *Brunswickan*, our purpose and our attitudes.

First of all, your notion that we managed to "virtually destroy" the campaigns of some candidates brought to our minds only one question. Who?

The case of the submissions that we requested be submitted and subsequently disappeared is as mysterious to us as it was to anyone else. We

apologize to all those who took the time and effort to rewrite their articles.

Concerning the cuts and omissions in the election issue itself, we asked for those submissions fully intending to print them all. It is, indeed, unfortunate that space did not permit this. It's a fact of "newspaper" life that over thirty articles will not fit into four pages and thus we were forced to edit or cut some submissions. Our decisions about what to cut were made in a totally professional manner, we did what we thought best by cutting submissions that were the only submissions for that seat which was the case of Mr. Felix Kofie. Not to say that some seats and positions are more important than others, but obviously something had to go and if it was your article, than I am sorry. It was not intended as a personal vendetta.

The large letter praising my opponent, Mr. Fryer, was a let-

ter to the Editor. How could anyone assume that a letter to the Editor reflects the way we feel about a candidate just because we print it? Had a student written a letter praising you and your efforts, I would have gladly included it in the sound-off section. That charge is seriously unfounded.

We did not print Deborah Hempell's, Timothy Lethbridge's or Willa Stephenson's articles for Senate for these reasons. Miss Stephenson was unaware that she had the opportunity to submit an article, and Miss Hempell and Mr. Lethbridge's articles were out due to lack of space. Mr. Lethbridge's article for the Vice-Presidents seat did not mention he was running for senate. Does the fact that Mr. Lethbridge is our news editor have a bearing on his status as a candidate? One could fairly ask the same question of you.

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