

Councillor 'dismayed' at reports of SRC meetings

Dear Sir:

With reluctance I must tell you that, as a member of the Student's Representative Council, I have been both dismayed and annoyed at the way in which our Monday evening efforts are described. It seems strange that some of the least apathetic students on campus must be subjected to weekly ridicule. However, this does indeed seem to be the case.

The surprising thing about the all-too-frequent misquoting and misinterpretation of our remarks is that members of The Brunswickan staff actually attend SRC meetings. There seems indeed to be a filtering of information, so that any praiseworthy business done is soon forgotten, while what is construed as negligent is

described vividly in time for publication. The "balance of power", suggested as the main function of reporting by The Brunswickan reporter present seems to be top-sided — or perhaps merely on scales that are begging for readjustment.

I should not have to remind that the Administrative Board examines all budgets very carefully days before their submission to SRC for final approval. The Board run efficiently by our Comptroller, Fud Steeves, and the members give each issue their undivided attention. We in the SRC are certainly encouraged to question their decisions, but to totally reject their well thought judgements strikes me as at least slightly stupid. We have delegated these tasks to AB; to reject AB's

decisions is to deny the Board of its *raison d'être*.

In conclusion, may I just say that if The Brunswickan continues its present practice of being harshly critical of the SRC — its executive and members — and to say repeatedly that the student body is apathetic, these myths will eventually be inculcated in the minds of all. There are many students contributing time and energy to the smooth functioning of the various campus organizations, committees and teams. It is time to thank these people — not to criticize unless the rebuke is warranted; time to encourage more students to be active; time to readjust the scales of our values.

Sincerely,

Barb Hill
Rep-at-Large

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The criticisms of the SRC to which you refer were, for the most part, in articles contained on page seven, our Comments page. This simply means that anyone — and that includes Brunswickan staffers and SRC members — can express their opinions freely in the newspaper. The criticisms of which you speak came from individuals who happened to be on the paper. None of the opinions on page seven are necessarily those of the newspaper. Your arguments are therefore with the individuals concerned, and not The Brunswickan.

Our position is quite clearly stated on page six, the Editorial page. Frankly, the SRC has been given as good or better coverage this year than in the past three. Believe it or not, we have praised our councillors from time to time.

However, please don't misconstrue one person's opinion as that of the entire staff. Editorial opinions — those of the staff — appear on page six only.

In defence of the ministers'

Dear Sir:

After reading your blurb "in defence of the Happy Hooker" in last week's Brunswickan, I'd like to make just one comment "in defence of the men in cloth"....

Perhaps the local ministers' congregations never exceeded 1600 people; but, how many local prostitutes have drawn that many people? You brought in Miss Hollander and she drew 1600; let us bring in Billy Graham, and 1600 people would probably fit quite comfortably in one corner of his congregation!! (I doubt that there's a building in Fredericton large enough to hold the people that would turn out to hear him.)

D. L. MacDonald

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Photo by Mike Carr

Several members of the student council complained this week about the coverage they get in The Brunswickan. They are Fud Steeves (centre, with his back to camera), Barb Hill (left, leaning back in a chair) and Valerie Jaeger (seated at the end of the table).

Descriptions questioned

Dear Sir:

Of late there have been numerous articles in The Brunswickan condemning the "apathy" of the Student Councillors and the pig-headedness of the Executive. For the most part I would question both these descriptions. I know that most of the members of Council work extremely hard and put in long hours for the student body.

These efforts are continually being put down and Council's actions constantly criticized. I feel much of this criticism is not only biased, which is excusable and maybe even beneficial in the Press' role as watchdog of the government but also inaccurate which is inexcusable. In the October 5 edition of The Brunswickan the following 'slips' occurred:

1) Due to council "occupying much of the air time" should read "due to executive "occupying much of the air time" ."

2) Keith Manuel, Barbara Pomeroy and Barb Hill were appointed to the Administration Board, should read 'Keith Manuel, Kathy Pomeroy and Barb Hill were nominated for positions on the AB and those nominations will be considered'.

3) A picture of Council taken three weeks ago was captioned Council meanwhile passed a \$40,000 budget in about 10 minutes with hardly a question.

In regards to 3) this same budget had been discussed at great length by the Administrative Board, in effect Council's Finance Committee. Any points in the budget inconsistent with the general policy at Council would have been brought up then. We do have some faith in our Committees and I, personally, will vote in favour of a motion if I agree with it and not spend time in discussion that has previously occurred.

I feel that The Brunswickan could be more informative in its

coverage of SRC meetings if they opened their eyes to all the facets of Council rather than bemoaning its blindness.

Sincerely,

Valerie Jaeger,
Science Rep.

SRC comptroller complains too

Dear Sir:

I read with dismay the caption under the picture of the SRC in last week's Brunswickan. Quote, "Council meanwhile passed a \$40,000 budget in about ten minutes with hardly a question."

To set the record straight; the Administrative Board (the standing financial committee of the SRC) had spent several weeks prior to this meeting interviewing, debating, reviewing, and finalizing these proposed budgets — a fact that should be well known to The Brunswickan. In other words, what council received from the AB was the culmination of weeks of effort designed solely to eliminate the red-tape and redundant debate that you imply was necessary.

It is misleading, shot gun, statements of this nature that present to the student a very inaccurate picture of the SRC.

The fact that this type of statement was run in conjunction with the headline, "SRC NOT GETTING GOOD PRESS SAYS NEALE" can only lend credibility to our opinion of your coverage and presentation of the SRC to the students.

Sincerely,

Fud Steeves
SRC Comptroller

Along the tracks

By STANLEY JUDD

Reading last week's Viewpoint in The Brunswickan and noticing the general lack of appreciation expressed for Xaviera Hollander, brings to mind one gentleman I met a few months ago who did indeed appreciate her and who spoke quite highly of her philosophical teachings.

I met him just this last summer in Vancouver. I was in that city of dastardly dope and dopey dames for the first annual policy-making convention of the League of Visionary English Underminers (which I will tell you about at a later date). As was usually the case, I had the day off and chose to spend this particularly hot afternoon in the air-conditioned comfort of one of those huge, money-swallowing department stores. I was in the women's wear section (pretending to look at women's dresses, but in reality hoping to see women undressing) when I noticed this attractive woman being escorted from the store by two uniformed and obviously well-informed, policemen. Being a faithful lover of blonde women and a strict believer in law and order, I decided to follow this most intriguing trio.

They exited the store and entered the street where a police car was waiting. A crowd of hungry pleasure seekers formed to see what pleasure could be usurped from this situation. Not wishing to clutter the course of justice, I took up my position at the rear of the crowd, where I fell into conversation with an old man, hunched against a lamp-post. He was unshaven and wearing a long overcoat (even though it was summer) and on his head was a sailor's cap. In his pocket was a near empty bottle of Canadian Sherry.

"Who is she?" I asked, anxious to find out who she was and what she had done and thinking that possibly I might be able to give her a hand. (I'm a romanticist at heart and the dream of rescuing a pretty lady in distress is quite common to me.)

"Whyse sheese a woman, sonny. Ain't youse never seen a good woman before?" he replied with a smile and a slurr.

"No, I mean, yes, yes I have. What I mean is what's her name?"

"Whyse sheese Exrapier Ballinger, sonny. Ain't youse never hearda her before?" he slurred again, taking a drink of Sherry from his bottle.

"You mean Xaviera Hollander?" I offered.

"Yeah, youse never hearda her?"

"Well, I remember seeing a book of hers in a store, but I never paid much attention to it. What does she do?"

"Whyse sheese a writer, sonny, shee writes books. An sheese a hoomanis, sonny, a philsosifer, shee knows all about hooman beens, sonny, speshally us menkind!" he shouted excitedly, calming himself down with another drink of Sherry.

"Well, she certainly is pretty."

"Aye sonny, she's a real dutch treat if I ever seen one. I'd give my false teeth to see in her philsosifical presence for awhile. Sheed shoer cuer the aching in these ole bones. Can you spare a quarter?"

By this time the police car had left with the blonde and the two policemen as occupants. With it went my dream to rescue the fair maiden. But the man had been entertaining and most informative so I gave him a dollar and wished him luck. He thanked me, handed me his now empty bottle and staggered on his way, whistling "Onward Christian Soldiers".

So despite the lack of appreciation expressed for Xaviera Hollander by most UNB students (though I understand at least one of our more prominent peers responded quite quickly, though not necessarily efficiently, to her charms), she can take solace, not only in the fact that she was the hottest box-office draw at UNB in a long time, but also in the knowledge that there is expounding on her beauty and her worth.