

Will the students ever see Course Evaluation

The committee report on this year's proposed course evaluation, presented at Tuesday night's Senate meeting, was tabled pending further study. Postponement of discussion was prompted by strong opposition from the SRC.

The SRC had gone over it at their Monday night meeting and could not support the entire document.

A small pilot project in course evaluation was run two years ago. Last year a much larger effort was put into it and about 50 percent of the courses taught at UNB were evaluated by the students and professors involved. The results of this undertaking were to be printed up and made available to EVERY student upon their return in the fall. However, due to a screw-up at the computer center, the publication never became available. However the results, in a generalized form, were given to the faculty.

Now, this year the Senate committee proposes to conduct a similar survey.

According to the report, the evaluation is "To provide students with valuable information which will assist them in judiciously choosing their courses".

However the report then proceeds to recommend that "There will be no publication of the results this year, however detailed data obtained from the questionnaires will be distributed to the faculty members concerned."

These two statements are obviously direct contradictions.

Last year the committee thought it just fine for us to have access to these results. This year they don't. Why is that? There have already been two 'pilot' projects so the professors have had ample time to gauge the type of student reaction to their courses.

Committee Chairman Mike Richard, a law student, stated in The BRUNSWICKAN last March that they hoped "...to compile

and publish the results in a manner so as to provide the student with a succinct and objective appraisal of every course." Assuming that he was speaking for the committee, what made them change their mind so drastically in the eight month interval?

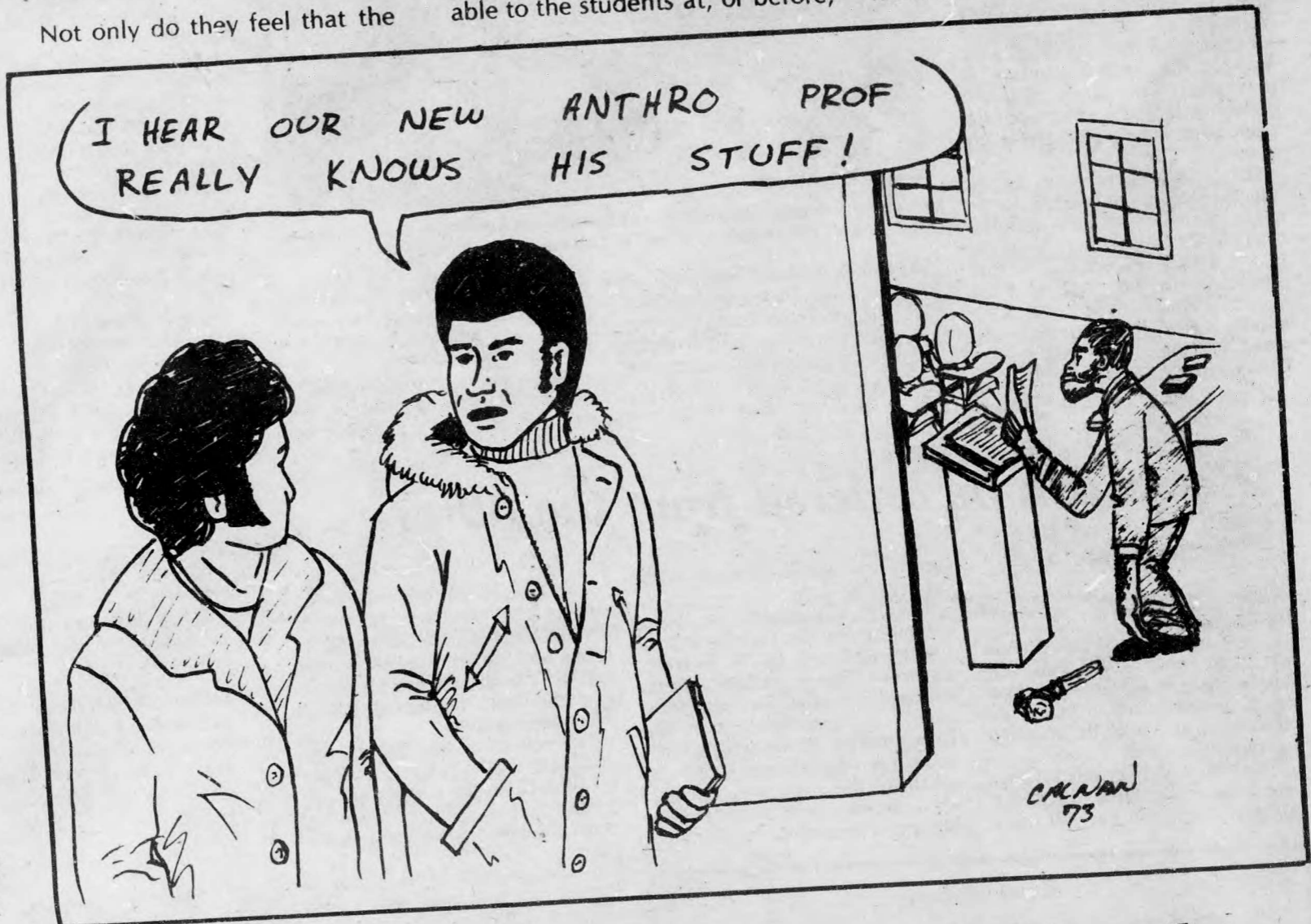
Not only do they feel that the

students should not see the final results but they also recommend that the SRC pay for half of the costs.

Fortunately our representatives on the SRC also find fault with the report. We support the Council in its bid to have all the results of these questionnaires made available to the students at, or before,

fall registration next year. At the same time we would strongly suggest to the SRC that they not even consider paying half of the costs if we never see the results.

We feel that course evaluation is an excellent program and is definitely something that is needed at UNB. However, if it is to be a success, we, the students, must be able to see it.



Students need your support Tuesday

A by-election to elect one student to the Board of Governors and one rep-at-large to the SRC is to be held this Tuesday. We have three students vying for the position on the Board and four for the Council seat.

The Board representative only needs a simple majority but the

rep-at-large position needs support from 10 per cent of the student body, not just the students who vote.

The candidates in this election need your support on Tuesday. Without a good turnout of voters at the polls it will be hard for a

rep-at-large to get elected. Equally important is the election of a student to the Board of Governors, the highest decision making body at UNB.

It will only take a minute or two of your time on Tuesday and it will be time well spent. Get out and VOTE!

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