

OUR OWN  
HORRIFYING CLICHÉ  
"FIGHTING APATHY"



## Apathy here to stay

For the past two months, The Brunswickan has made some efforts to battle what we all know as "apathy". We here are sure that the readership has witnessed a lot of time and space in The Brunswickan devoted to the cause of killing this dreadful beast. Mind you, we have approached this issue with our own plight in mind, that is, we have been trying to drum up support for the paper. We realize, too, that this may have come off as being a bit one sided. That is unfortunate—but many feel that this approach was quite proper—as we have our own interests in mind.

The time has come, we feel, to access the work we have done to rectify this sad situation. The end result? Failure, for the most part. Although The Brunswickan has quite a few new members, the overall view of affairs on campus looks pretty grim. So who's fault is that? In all honesty, one cannot blame those devoted staffers of the campus press. We feel we have done our job.

The biggest disappointment comes from the fact that there was absolutely no support shown for National Students Day (NSD) on November 9. The blame for

that blunder falls into the hands of every student on this campus. The only chance we, as students, had to stand up against government. The one and only chance we might have in our entire college career—and we blew it.

Surely, no one would even dare place any blame on the NSD committee set up six weeks ago. Bill Sanderson, chairperson of this committee had been given a mere \$110 to spend on this "big event". The Brunswickan feels that he and his committee did everything possible to make this come off right. It's just that old killer—apathy.

It has now come to the point of no return. There is no fighting apathy. The Brunswickan, in its collective wisdom, has seen that pursuing this matter is a pure waste of time.

So where do we go from here? Good question. The Brunswickan is going to give up—well—almost. You can be sure that every once in a while, we will jab you with a little spell on "apathy". But we realize that it will probably do not good whatsoever. However, there is always hope.



## Will the government continue residence subsidy?

A comment is in order with respect to the controversy over the residence system deficit.

The Brunswickan feels that there are four essential points to notice in these discussions, some of which do not seem to be coming out that clearly.

Firstly, if one is to believe the university comptroller and auditor (and we do), the residence system loses substantial amounts of money. This money comes from unrestricted Government grants and tuition. Should the residence system not lose this money, the university would be able to use it in other areas.

Secondly, residence students are entitled to live in the manner which they choose. It seems

equally valid that the students who live off campus should not be penalized in any way for living off campus. As it stands, residence students are receiving a subsidy from the university which off campus students are not receiving.

Thirdly, residence fees are as high as they can be, and proportionately they should not be raised to cover this debt.

Fourthly, the body which is supposed to manage this university, the Board of Governors, has instructed the various authorities that the residence system is to be run on a break-even basis. Coupled with this order, is the chance that the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Com-

mission (MPHEC) will emulate its upper Canadian counterparts and put an end to the practice of using any government money to run residences.

It is possible to disguise these essential points with all sorts of affirmations of the worth of the residence system, and equally so with rhetoric about the maltreatment of off campus students.

The residence deficit has been consistently disguised for the last twenty years. In case the administrators of the residence system have not noticed, the vast majority of students live off campus. Even more importantly, money is getting very scarce and anyone who insists that it is valid to continue losing an amount

equivalent to the entire budget of the Physical Education and Recreation Department, has a rather distorted sense of priority.

It is natural to defend a system which has existed in universities for the last six or seven hundred years, but surely if it is impossible to break even given the system, then might it not be time to consider changes to the basis of the system?

When the MPHEC announced last year's increase in the operating grant people refused to believe it. A 'disaster budget' the president said. Imagine, Deans Thompson, Kidd and Chernoff: the president calls you over next year and says that the residences must break even because the government has cut us off?

## Stude

Have you as a student something bothering you? We it has to deal with discrimina course/professor relations, v who, and just about any! dealing with students, maybe, just maybe, we, student senators can help, pretty apparent that the stu body is being confronted another "mystical body", this known as student senators. are we? What are we supposed be doing that you vote for various faces on those green, white and maroon po every year?

Well good news for you wh interested. The student sen are duly elected students wh for your support and inpr probably the most imp governing body of this ca We are there to represent views, needs and wants. Th fine and terrific, how ever th one necessary ingredient this. YOU! I mean, just ho hell do we know what to compromise on and to attempt to change if no on anything. I do not mean to that derogatory to the st However, how many times you heard something like ye! He (or she) is a senator, I think!" OR "I think supper with one of them the day." On the other hand you have said or heard: "Who are the student senators here." "You never see one of them trying to do anyth

## Agrees wi

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed reading an article titled "The pampered, privileged world of University Students" in the November 3rd issue of the Plain Dealer. It's hard hitting, factual and ought to make student with a rational recognize he is a member of the privileged few living off the of the working class. The s is, to be truthful, a temporary welfare bum.

Of course, students like Smith, David Miller and Figueroa would probably agree, but they are not rational people. Anybody who contradicted themselves to the extent that those three have (particularly in The Brunswickan and Plain Dealer) only be considered extremely confused, or quite literally faced liars.

But contradictions in the academic world of the university seem quite acceptable, especially in the case of conflicts of interest. UNB pr

