

## Is The Ship Really Sinking?

The University of New Brunswick should withdraw from the Canadian Union of Students.

Why not?

Everyone else is doing it. Alberta is the most recent and they have joined Bishops, Loyola, Marianopolis, Mount Saint Vincent College and Memorial. It really seems to be the thing to do these days.

Alberta, being the latest to leave, has stressed the over-extension of CUS into affairs that Alberta feels CUS has no mandate on. Perhaps Alberta is correct in this. We ourselves do not feel that CUS has any right to make statements on the situation in Vietnam and pass them off as representative of their membership.

But... why flee the ship?

If we are dissatisfied with CUS, then let us make our reasons known. Let us present these reasons to the CUS executive and then try to drum up support for them. If we fail, then try again. Nothing will be accomplished by withdrawing from CUS except emphasizing our own childishness.

We have to remember that, although CUS does not appear to be doing anything concrete for the individual student, it does exist. It is in its very existence that we have any hope for an effective student lobby.

The Canadian Union of Students has 170,000 members. It is a national union and, by its very being, it does have the machinery to be a powerful influencing force in the educational policy of the nation.

Let us not throw this out the window in a flash of petulance.

## Do As They Say...

At Sunday's SRC meeting, it was moved that a speaker's tour be arranged for the University in order that the student body should be encouraged to do more 'thinking'.

Later on, in the same meeting, a brief was presented to the Council urging that they disband after the first five or six meetings.

The student presenting the brief felt that after the SRC had prepared its budget and had allocated funds to the various clubs and organizations, the Council's usefulness was over for the year.

Council was thrown into a turmoil and many anxious minutes were spent while the SRC attempted to justify its own existence. Then, one of the previously mentioned 'non-thinking' members of the student body, spoke up from the floor and suggested that the SRC was "bloody ridiculous" in even entertaining the brief. With this prompting, the Council decided to discontinue discussion on the brief completely.

After Sunday evening's debacle, we could come to only one conclusion.

The University of New Brunswick is composed of a non-know why it exists and one that has no desire to even discuss thinking student body led by an organization that does not its reason for being.

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## Letters To The Editor

### NAZI TACTICS "DEPRESSING"

Editor:

I think the article by Mr. McKinney in your second issue deserves great praise, because of its perceptiveness and completeness.

Mr. McKinney has shown, from the eyes of an intelligent freshman, what misuse can be made of a basically good idea.

Freshmen need to be introduced to the University, that is true, but if they are to develop into the tasteless upper-classmen that some of us are, then we are obviously ignoring something important. Here is what I think should be done.

Orientation '67, or whatever it is going to be called next year, should be run by seniors and third year students. It should take place, not as a time for duckwalks and self-degradation, but as a week of intellectual and athletic development. As it is now, it is unrealistic and obscene.

One prominent personality was in one of the residences during freshman week and witnessed a crowd of sophomores (presumably) forcing a few freshmen to duckwalk and cry 'I am scum' at 2 a.m. These neo-Nazi tactics are depressing and anti-intellectual, and must be stopped if we hope to develop into intelligent people.

Another adult saw a freshman being forced to push a peanut across the floor of the foyer of Memorial Hall. He remarked to a University Administrator that it was uncivilized, and the official said something like "But they en-

joy it..."

Some people enjoy throwing beer cans, having food riots, and baiting campus commissionaires. Is this a University?

Unless this kind of devilish practical-jokism is terminated, we might as well forget about dealing with serious problems like the plight of the Canadian Indian (why not make them do push-ups?) and poverty (we waste a week collecting cigarettes and singing "Bombers Away"). We will become a society devoted to fall formals and beer drinking contests.

The freshman orientation program should begin after all the upper-classmen have registered and are attending lectures. Then the freshmen will see that the University is not all cigarettes, scavenger hunts, and freshman queens. Then they will be greeted by more than supplemental writers and sophomores (who contrary to their own, their parents', and every freshman's belief, are not so well educated, really).

A senior-run freshman week will teach them what they need to know, and probably after a month they will act as mature as the rest of us.

Isn't that what we want around here? Isn't that what we tell high school students before they come here? I think that is what they expect of us. Something should be done.

Thank you, Kevin McKinney.

Yours sincerely,  
Gary Davis.

### OPEN LETTER TO KEVIN MCKINNEY

or

There's nothing wrong with you that a good spanking won't cure.

How many times during Orientation '66 did you seek information about the Frosh Squad? How often did you speak with one of them as one intelligent human being (I'm giving you the benefit of the doubt) to another?

You, Mr. McKinney, are an ingrate the like of which I have not seen beyond the age of ten years! That piece of purple prose in the Brunswickan of Friday last, to which you had the audacity to refer as being "respectfully submitted", was, frankly, the only sadistic pseudo-Nazi tactic I had seen all week!

You begin by saying "I was summoned" — No one, Mr. McKinney, was summoned against his will. Your presence was not required (nor likely desired) until Registration Day.

But you came, like the rest of us — and you stayed; you reaped the benefits of the labours of the Frosh Squad; and you wore the beanie that branded you as "scum". If the whole think were sadistic, why then did you come??

I must admit, Kevin, old man, that you did thank the "shamefully-few" benevolent members of the Frosh Squad (and Hitler liked dogs, and Jesse James was kind to his mother).

I think you fail to realize that we were safest from harm (primarily to our dignities) when we were under the protective wing of the Frosh Squad! Last year's crop of

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