

# EDITORIAL

## Politics... Should the Student Union or its officers get involved?

As the elected body of representatives of the students it seems to me that the Student Union is an ideal voice for student concerns. In fact, I think that the S.U. should be more vocal than it has been regarding student issues. However I think the S.U. would do best to stick to student issues or at least ones that the students they represent are more or less united on.

A few weeks ago S.U. President Dean Frost and V.P. Luigi Rocca entertained the notion that the S.U. should take a stand on free trade, this idea was quickly brushed aside by council. But why free trade? I don't think there is enough of a consensus of opinion on this issue amongst students to warrant the S.U. even considering taking a stand on it. In my opinion, if the S.U. wanted to take a stand on an issue they should have considered taking a position on one that concerns students in a more direct manner. After all, everybody and their dog (or should I say Bird?) is talking about free trade but how many people are talking about university underfunding? Did you know that 100 000 students in the province of Quebec walked out of classes between October 26th and 29th? They were protesting in an attempt to get easier access to student loans. There were also protests about underfunding in Ontario.

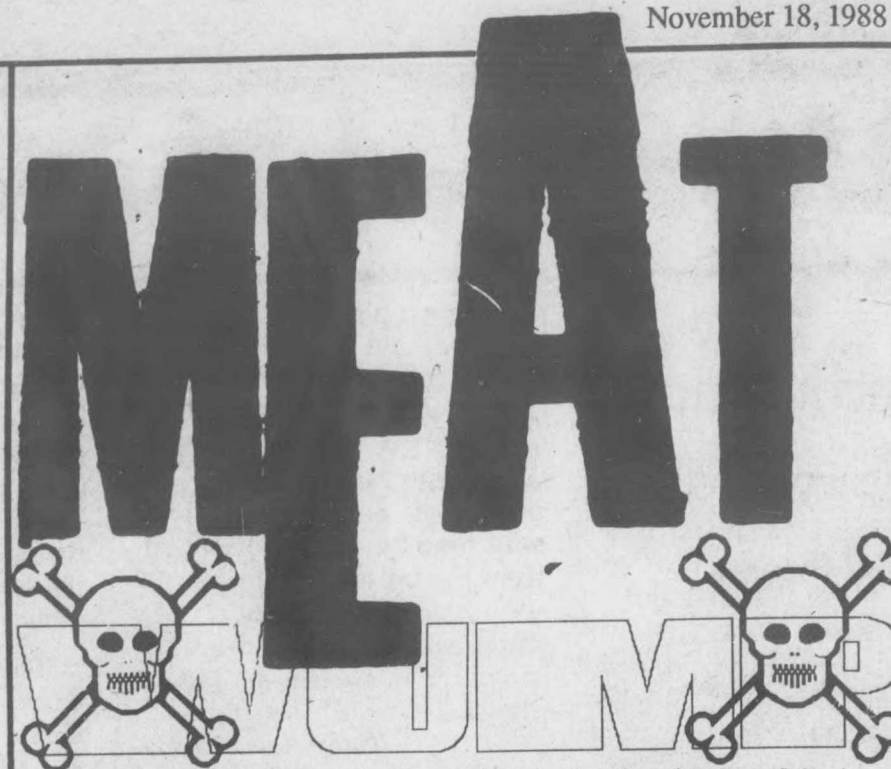
How many people have you heard complaining about a university serving one of Canada's poorest provinces having one of the highest tuitions in the country? Or about said University's library having to cut back on periodicals and journals because of lack of funding? That's right here at UNB folks! Luigi Rocca brought up the first point at the candidates debate at the cafeteria, perhaps he should have considered pushing the S.U. to take a stand on that issue. Maybe then one of the candidates would have made a stronger commitment to that problem. If we don't blow our own horns about OUR concerns then who the hell is going to?

*(Rule #1 of Campaigning: If nobody asks for it, don't promise it.)*

What about the involvement of the individual members of council? I've heard people complaining about S.U. President Dean Frost being involved in Bud Bird's campaign and about V.P. Luigi Rocca writing a pro free trade opinion in this issue of The Bruns. Is this to say that being elected to office means you can no longer help along a cause you believe in or express your own opinion? Freedom of expression applies to elected officials too, you know. Of course there is a difference between making a personal endorsement and making an endorsement on behalf of the office one holds, as somebody we know is discovering...

(P.S. Prime Minister Mulroney's in town today. Maybe we should bring up that point about the tuition?)

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Of course I'm a hypocrite if I do anything but condone hunting. O.K., I eat meat - I couldn't kill anything (although I'm a dead shot HAHAHAAAA!), but I'm an unrepentant carnivore to be sure. However there comes a time when it is absolutely necessary to lambast the VILE SCUM that abuse the privilege and cause untold amounts of unnecessary CRUELTY AND SUFFERING. You may have heard that two weekends ago, two pristine examples of REDNECK PRICK shot a sleeping bear in the mouth, as if this act of INCREDIBLE BRAVERY were not enough, they decided to leave the animal wandering around the woods with half a face for eighteen hours: it would be illegal to kill and retrieve the carcass from the woods on a Sunday (praise the good lord!) Hey buddy how would you like it if I staked your dog to the front lawn and smashed its head in and then left it within an inch of its life, in excruciating pain and unbelievable fear, only to come back the next day and blow the SHIT out of it? By the way, including a picture of the hunter's cross-eyed child on the carcass in the St. John Telegraph was perhaps one of the most DISGUSTING things I have ever seen.

Oh, Campus Entertainment is dead? What a surprise! Such an appalling strategy and management I have not seen in my six years as an undergraduate and graduate student. You did it soooo wrong. First of all you build up interest by booking several big(ish) name bands and only then can you coast through a season of promoting smaller independent bands occasionally bumping up clientele with a ringer. What's more is that it is painfully obvious that whoever it is that is actually signing up the bands does not have enough credibility to spread on a ritz-bit. Hip? Only if you're a sea-slug. For crying out loud! There are so many excellent Canadian bands out there I'm left gasping for breath. Where the hell have you been? Farewell then, but for someone that booked Beach-Boys clones for the extravaganza - good riddance wrinkles!

People that speed over designed walkways--doncha just love'em readers? As if it wasn't enough that these RICH BASTARDS have been given their nice shiny toys by parents that are f\* = king up most of the third world with their investments, they have to try and kill the rest of us by ignoring on-campus speed restrictions and 'yield' signs. At least four attempts on my life have been made this year by 3 tons of speeding metal containing a vomit-stew of air-heads in various states of alcoholic disrepair. When I think of these people it makes me entertain a rather different point of view of abortion. I strongly suggest to the student union that they employ several trustworthy traffic vigilantes. These stout women and men would be armed with guns containing fluorescent paint pellets with which to identify these death-mongers. Recipients of a 'splurb' could either claim damages or be on the receiving end of a very hefty fine.

What the hell was the deal on those whales? Here we have the two most powerful nations on earth, masturbating all over each other to set free several members of this rapidly vanishing race of sentient creatures from an ice-flow in Alaska. A very commendable effort indeed yes, But, YOU STUPID BASTARDS, does it bother you that some of your biggest trading partners are killing thousands upon thousands of these beautiful animals every year? Take your P.R. crap and rot in a pit full of Geraldo Rivera impersonators. You make me puke.

We knew Bush was going to win (see California Raisins review October 14th) but could we actually grasp the concept of our nearest neighbours being run by two of the most ideologically unsound examples of human pond-life ever to enter the political arena? Staggering in disbelief then, it is absolutely essential to remember that these wankers are nothing more than the meggot-animated cadavers of puppets whose very words are formulated by a huge army of political scribes and advisors who hopefully have slightly more intelligence than it takes to remember to take it out when going for a piss. I remember watching the acceptance speeches on Tuesday in absolute terror. Doesn't Quayle remind you of Martin Sheen in Stephen King's The Dead Zone?

Oooo! It sounds so good doesn't it? Six months no down payment and no credit and you go home with the latest in technical wizardry. Unfortunately little 'ole naive Stevie here, still dripping with amniotic fluid, fell for it. I actually tried to get a VCR on credit the other week from Wanky Wingnut's. The short of it was that both myself and my loved one were subjected to humiliating financial inquiries, inside leg measurements and the number of hours a week spent performing oral sex, etc., only to be told two days later that students were not accepted as being viable recipients of credit. In short, naff-off shit heads, I wouldn't urinate on you even if you got stuck in one of your microwaves. I bet you'd accept a credit from the silver-spooned turds that try and run us down on campus though wouldn't you? Bastards.

Well that's it for now my little poppets, keep smiling!