

Sound Off



**Mugwump
Journal**

By Susan
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The upcoming elections, Feb. 12, should be something to watch: especially the SRC Presidential race. The staff of The Bruns took a vote to see if we could come to some consensus about "backing" a candidate. Every year this is taken into consideration since it has been proven that a great many students have no idea concerning the abilities of the candidates. Two candidates tied in our makeshift election, so we decided not to support certain persons as a group. Since there is one candidate I do not know very well, I feel it would be unfair for me to give my personal preference as to any one candidate. However, I will give you my two choices based on the performances by these people as I have witnessed in the past.

Mr. Galoska has impressed me as a man with charm but I must confess his list of accomplishments has made me stand up and take notice. Cable TV in residence is a nice convenience but I cannot class it as necessary as other issues such as parking space on campus, just to mention one thorn in our side. CHSR going cable is also wonderful, but this project has been in the planning stages for some time now and I do not think Peter should take the full credit for that. Oh yes, open parking is supposed to be in progress, well, Pete's had a year, and if he really does come through, wonderful, but, personally, I feel it has not been a main project.

As for the multi-purpose arena truly multi-purpose, I have to disagree even though it is an impressive looking building. Cuts have been made on the building, some during last summer, and from "sources connected with the SRC" I understand that Peter agreed to at least most of it little consultation with SRCers in town; is that delegating authority?

Much, if not all of the work, which finally ended in the formation of the Atlantic Federation of Students (Federation des Etudiants Atlantique) I feel was done by Warren McKenzie. Other than being a Student Senator I think this has to be THE main accomplishment, more or less, to his credit.

As for Christopher Pratt, he has been around the campus media for awhile as well as active in his residence "government". He is definitely aware of what's going on at UNB and I feel he is definite viable candidate.

Des Neil is the man I do not feel qualified to talk about. He is active in the Student Union Building and from what I have heard is well liked, but that is as far as I can go at the present time.

I do not wish to give the impression that I am trying to ruin anyone's ideas concerning Mr. Galoska; but after all, being in office we have more to discuss and a year to examine. It is obvious, however, that his accomplishments have personally not impressed me to any great extent, although I give him credit for being a politician.

Therefore, my personal preferences have to be either Warren McKenzie or Christopher Pratt, in alphabetical order.

My suggestion is that you read VERY carefully the articles written for this week's issue and decide for yourself. But remember consider CAREFULLY for politicians often "coat" their activities.

But please vote. In my last year at UNB I would like to see students beat their previous "records" and at least come out 35-40 percent. Perhaps a few moments is asking too much?

The Comptroller's seat is being contested by two people, both qualified for the job. Rod Doherty is well acquainted with the SRC having been a councillor, on the Administrative Board and having been Assistant Comptroller. As for Wenceslaus Batanyita, although I do not know him as well as Rod Doherty, we found him reliable the short time he worked for us. By reading his posters he certainly has experience in finance. So in this area I tend to think both are very well qualified, however, Rod definitely knows the ways of the SRC. This is an asset, certainly, since the Comptroller's job, in my opinion, is just as important as the President's position and in some ways, more so, since it entails handling the finances of the student union (i.e. delegating money to the right places). I've watched previous Comptroller's juggle and cry so I really appreciate the job. Knowing the SRC and its organizations is an asset for sure. Any I think you shouldn't vote for Goldfarb even if he is president of the Apathy Club on campus.

Classifieds, classifieds...who ever thought classifieds could cause a problem? Well, a regular war has begun and the good ole Bruns is caught in the middle. As you may have noticed the gay friends and the anti-fag society are at odds. We had complaints about the ads, especially the anti-fag contributions, saying we were running discriminatory material. So to straighten things out we called our lawyer over to examine the evidence. He told us that either group expecting us to edit out either advertising was forcing us to take a stand which we don't have to do. He also said homosexuality is not covered in the criminal code and that there is nothing illegal about either. So to those people upset by the gay-anti-gay classifieds, apparently each has the right. Although we feel there is a joke behind the anti-fag ads, we do hope people will grow up a little around here.

Writer decries method of selling tickets

Dear Editor:

Since this is my last year at UNB I felt I should make known my feelings on Winter Carnival. I'd like to voice my opinion concerning the disorganization of the Winter Carnival Committee in selling tickets to the various events.

I stood in line for two hours and I was within the first fifty or so people from the office. The tickets were to be sold promptly at 12:00, but naturally they were late. The crowd extended down the hall and up two flights of stairs down towards the social club. To quote a friend, "would that many people line up to buy a ticket to see God?"

The people were somewhat restless and some had the audacity to try and sneak through the line. Two guys had the nerve to worm their way past us and since they butted in, we asked them to butt out. They said they had been in line as long as us, but the difference was they were behind, not in front of us. When we finally moved a few inches, a bearded wonder came out and told us to move to the right. If I had moved any more to the right I would have ended up in the men's room!

While we were in line numerous celebrities walked by, such as our illustrious V.P. who smiled as he passed. We imagined he was on his way to some important meeting with various heads of state but alas, he returned with only his drycleaning in hand. Behind us, trying to beat off the masses as he made his way through was our President. Finally, an armed guard (the bearded wonder again) came to his assistance and he made his way to the Oval Office unharmed. I was deeply hurt that neither of them waved to the people who elected them: Other SRC and WCC members went by joking and unconcerned about the rest of us; because safely fucked away in their pockets were their own tickets. It occurs to me that some of these people only run for office

and join committees in order to avoid lineups such as these. In all fairness there are a few who are concerned with campus affairs but that number is limited. When election time comes, they promise to take an interest in student problems; well if they don't think standing in a line for two or three hours is a problem, they should try it.

Another irk of mine is that once you have your tickets, you might be naive enough to think you can walk directly into the event. Well I know from personal experience at other pubs and Extravaganza last year that people wait, and they wait outside in the cold. Such excuses are that the band is warming up inside, while you are cooling off outside. If things were done in an orderly and intelligent

way there would be less confusion and fewer complainers such as myself. Let the people in as they arrive and start on time. In regards to the tickets, they should have been sold in a larger area such as the ballroom, and there could have been different lines for the various events.

The committee chairman and his members owe as much consideration to us as we owe to them for their efforts in making Winter Carnival a success. Without us it can't be a success and I think they should remember this and realize it could very well be them standing in line for hours, being shoved and stepped on.

Thanks or your time.

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Ticket sales come under fire

Dear Editor:

I am writing you to make comment on two points that I am disturbed with on this Campus.

1. The procedure used to sell winter carnival tickets this year deserves note. The situation being the inane and stupid method employed, which quite easily could have turned into one gigantic brawl in the SUB, to sell Winter Carnival tickets. Those persons who were not free to line up when tickets went on sale were S.O.L. if they couldn't find some individual to purchaser tickets for them. The idea of putting tickets to the winter carnival on sale at one spot on campus to attract hundreds of students to that area in a few short hours is idiotic.

Last year stations were set up all over campus to sell those tickets making it easy for any one who wanted to, to get them. The argument to this which pops up immediately is that they didn't

want one individual purchasing dozens of tickets to horde and then maybe scalp interested students for twice the price or more. Well a simple method is to mark the I.D. card at those stations, and if this is questioned then it would be necessary to question the UNB SRC electoral system and maybe even the mandate of the individuals in office today.

I am not condemning those persons who do the actual work to present winter carnival but I do question the decisions made by the Executive of the Winter Carnival Committee on such matters.

2. It is my understanding that any organizations or event sponsored by the SRC is open to all students because it is their money making it all possible; after all, they are members of the "union" if they have paid student union fees.

It has been brought to my attention however that is not so. I bring to you attention that pubs put on by the SRC where alcoholic beverage is served, persons 19 & under cannot even gain admission to listen to the group. I'm not suggesting that the SRC break laws but we must consider the fact that according to our fair & just leaders they lose money on those pubs. That is SRC funds must supplement these functions. That means that those students under 19 are paying so those 19 & over can have services that 19 and under are denied. These individuals deserve then to be able to attend non-alcoholic functions with live bands & dancing in equal number to alcoholic functions sponsored by the SRC with live bands & dancing or they should receive a rebate divided equally among persons 19 and under from totals equal to funds required to supplement the alcoholic functions with live bands. If not this is definitely a segregation and there is no "union" with segregation.

If any of the above reasoning is wrong I deserve to be corrected and wish those responsible to explain.

p.s. Contrary to probable conception, I am over 19

'Out to kill' confronts 'love you all'

To the Editor:

In the past few weeks I have been labelled a "cock-teaser", among other things, by members of the gay society, and now I am confronted with an article written by the "Dear Abby" of the daisy boys. I am referring, of course, to "Love you All" and the following remarks are directed towards him.

I really find it surprising that you are not pushing for your own column in the Brunswickan. ("Dear Faggy" perhaps) in which you could recite such stimulating fantasies as getting out of the shower and backing into a cold doorknob, or coping with such problems as finding your boyfriend wearing your roommate's panties.

Now, the point I would like to make is why you would write an article based totally on supposition (I would imagine, probably,

maybe, might have). Being preoccupied in an attempt to defend your homosexual doctrines, you had missed the whole point of my article, which concerned nothing less than a case of sexual assault, and not an attack on the Gay society. My privacy had been violated and I had every damn right to be angry! I would be the first one to stick up for your rights, no matter how totally opposing or obscure they may seem to me.

I feel no need to discuss any further the garbage you "assumed" in your article and would just like to close with my fondest wishes that your boyfriend gets you pregnant and you give birth to an eight pound asshole - Created in your own image.

Signed

Out to Kill