



Mugwump

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Journal

Does anyone remember when there was a genuine student movement on this campus?

If such a movement ever existed it appears to have been relegated to the archives of the provincial government - you know, the place where they store student loan appeals.

Occasionally a gray-haired alumnus will hobble in to reminisce about them good ole days at UNB. They portray their classmates as being a progressive force in society, a concerned group who felt confident they could change the world.

Modern students, at least on this campus, have no such illusions. Consider the major events on this campus in the last seven months. What has been accomplished that will improve things for future students, not to mention society at large? Little, if anything.

The history of the student movement in Canada shows that changes are rarely still in university to see the benefits. I pity those who would attempt to see any benefits from this academic year.

For years students pushed for more representation on the governing bodies of universities - the senates and boards of governors. This year many of our student representatives on those bodies did not even both to attend all the meetings. I would hate to be the one to confront a student leader of two decades ago with that information.

We are the students who are enjoying the benefits of the work done by students of decades ago. Not only have we misused these benefits, but we have also been negligent in performing the basic work for future students.

One of the most vicious controversies on campus this year evolved from the referendum to decide if we should join the National Union of Students. Little of the debate centered on the merits and demerits of belonging to the national organization, but instead focused on how much membership would cost this student union.

This stance seems typical of the student union of this university at present. Few persons seem concerned about the underlying issues in any controversy, but are very concerned about any expenditures which might reduce the money available for the union to sponsor entertainment.

Our elected representatives have been more concerned about honoraria in recent weeks than about more general student problems such as the housing shortage, student aid inequities and fee increases.

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The only major campaign conducted by students the year, fighting the repressive student aid program, can only be called a disaster.

The occupation of the Centennial Building - eleven days that bored New Brunswick - resulted in no changes in the program, and only proved that the government cares little for the "future leaders" of this province.

Instead of preparing a budget that would improve the aid program the cabinet ministers who met in the building during the occupation prepared a budget which forced the university to increase fees and cut back on services.

The only concession made by the government during the negotiations to end the occupation was to allow for the establishment of a committee to give some input on the aid program. The committee apparently has accomplished nothing to date.

The government position has placed the administration in a difficult situation. Tuition fees for next year have been increased by 10 percent, while residence fees were increased by \$250 per student - making this university one of the more expensive institutions in the country.

But students have taken all this without a single complaint. Even the president of the university has said the aid program now must be changed to prevent extreme difficulties for members of low-income families wishing to attend university.

The problems in the university budget may become even more dramatic next year. The residence system is already running at a deficit of about \$300,000 a year, and the recent increase may only increase the deficit since residence rooms will no longer be competitive with off-campus housing.

The housing shortage last year was the worst ever experienced by students of this university. The shortage will be much worse next year with residence students competing with off-campus students for any reasonable-priced housing.

SAA said suffering from lack of purpose

Dear Editor:

For some time now, the Students Athletic Association has been suffering from a lack of both purpose and student participation. Some of the blame rests upon myself, since as a member of this body since February 72, I may have been able with my experience to provide the leadership necessary to instill life into the Association. I declined with the excuse that some one else is President (Brian Pryde) and that someone else has the ultimate responsibility. The SAA has virtually ceased to exist now, and before anyone can ask, "So what?", I feel I should point out just how important the Assoc. is in regards to student voice in UNB sports administration.

Paraphrased from both the SAA constitution and UNB Athletics Policy, some of the powers of the SAA are:

1. Responsibility for and control over all Student Athletic Programs; including formulation of appropriate rules and by-laws.
2. The power to expel any varsity, JV, intramural or Rec. Sports Club member or team in accordance with conference eligibility rules.

3. The disposition of the athletics budget (formerly collected with tuition payments) shall be made in consultation with the SAA and University Athletics Board.
4. No over-expenditures shall be authorized unless approved by the Director of Athletics in consultation with the SAA Finance Comm.

5. The SAA Awards, Record and Banquet Comm. is responsible for compiling lists of varsity athletes eligible for awards, and also responsible for organizing the Annual Athletics Awards Banquet.
6. To advise the Athletics Board in regards to additions, deletions or policy changes in Rec. Sports Clubs.
7. To review annually the list of intercollegiate sports with the objective of recommending possible additions or deletions for the succeeding year, in consultation with the Athletics Dept.

8. Reductions in intercollegiate budgets should be effected by the Athletics Dept. only after consultation with the appropriate coaches and communication with the SAA.

The merging of Phys. Ed. and the Athletics Dept. has made some of the duties obsolete, but at the same time, just because a new structure has been created does not mean that the old one must be swept completely away. Through the SAA, the students had a very influential voice in the allocation of funds for various athletic activities, and even coach Born will testify that the Assoc. has fought against budget cuts in areas of student concern. Currently, there is no student watchdog of the Athletics budget, nor is there a student body to which teams, clubs, or even individuals can come with their problems.

The final arbiter of Athletics policy at UNB was the Athletics Board, chaired by Dr. Anderson and consisting of six faculty-staff members, four SAA reps, and two

SRC reps. Simple arithmetic shows stupendous student voting power - nearly 50 percent. No other group or body on campus, being part of the University Administration, has ever had such a high ratio of student input. Yet, the last meeting of the Athletics Board was March 27, 1975. It seems that it too will go the way of the SAA.

What will replace these bodies? Obviously, the administration of University Athletics will tend to become an in-house extension of the Dept. of Phys. Ed. and Recreation unless something is done about it.

We have fought hard and long to obtain a large voice in the determination of athletics policy, and if student interests are to be protected, it must be done by students themselves. It may be very well for the apathetic masses to ask, "So what? Everything's going fine." But when you trust yourself to a benevolent dictatorship, you sucker yourself for changes in leadership, and even changes in whim. If the SAA and Athletics Board are abolished, I hope that at least the SRC will stand up for Student rights under the power given them.

Yours truly,

Roland Morrison
Chairman (?) SAA

Rosicrucian explains

Dear Editor:

Greetings.

I would like to use the pages of the *Brunswickan* to give your readers an insight into the Rosicrucian Order as I see it.

I am a Rosicrucian and am very happy to be one. I want to tell people about Rosicrucianism and what our philosophy is or at least as I see it. That should be emphasized. Anything I shall say in this letter is my personal opinion of how I see the Rosicrucian Order and my views may or may not express the true views and opinions of the Order. This letter is definitely not an official writing of the Rosicrucian Order.

Basically Rosicrucianism is a philosophy. It is a deep all encompassing philosophy. It is a study of man and his relationship to the universe. Questions such as 'who we are', 'why we are' and all the questions man has wondered about are looked at in a rational way and an attempt is made at understanding such relations.

Rosicrucianism is not a religion nor a political party but it is a mystical brotherhood of men and women who have gathered together to study the forces of Nature and the Cosmic.

We are a private esoteric organization and we conceal our teachings from the exoteric world and from those who would profane this knowledge. We allow those who we feel deserving of our inner

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Criticises campus ministry

Dear Editor:

Sometimes I wonder about the intelligence of our University students, let alone that of the Profs and Priests. On Wed. 17 there appeared an article in the *Gleaner* titled "Catch us if you can"... all about the foursome who play the part of on-campus underground Christians team. I wonder what would happen if they were cornered with a real problem. They claim to be willing to listen. But I wonder what kind of answers would they supply. With the extreme problems in the Economic, Political, Educational and Spiritual aspects of life, one would hope their answers would be of sound doctrine.

The example of our permissive society and the accepted immorality would indicate that there is a tremendous amount of work for these underground Christians to do. They have mentioned not wishing to carry the Bible in fear of frightening the students. When are they going to realize that this approach just doesn't work: There is a way known to man, one way, the way of salvation through Christ. Is that so tough? To those who think so, then there is work to do. Are these members of the cloth and Helper not going around with the one lasting answer to any problem no matter how big. Will

the educational system ever go back to TELLING the student what is best for them, rather than asking them how they would like to have it. Maybe a brief survey of history would shed some light on the subject. Remember the days just before Caesar, Nero, or more recently Hitler. Need I say any more. Our condition isn't all that different now. I feel with an underground attitude such as this so-called Christian appearance on campus, our students would be the first to bow down and pay allegiance to a new Fuhrer and the way they are being encouraged to think, it will be super attractive if this new leader were ANTI-CHRIST. Now try and tell me they still don't need some personal Salvation.

Remember Christ stands for Peace and Anti-Christ for War. Take your pick. If they want a volunteer to walk the campus with Bible in hand, I'll accept and won't be alone. Some of us aren't ashamed of what we stand for. How long will they continue to deceive our leaders of tomorrow. Are we to continue to encourage cursing the Lord or Praising Him? Why not meet the problem head on instead of pussy footing around.

Signed:

A Concerned Christian
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