



By **GORDON LOANE**

Last Monday the UNB student union held their regular weekly meeting. A twist however developed. Near the close of the meeting council for the first time in my memory voted to go "in camera" allegedly to discuss a legal matter. Now that means that the press was given the boot and all other citizens assembled were also asked to leave. Now I'm now quarrelling in the final analysis with council's supposed right to go "in camera". What really disturbs me is the principle of the thing. We pay our \$45 each year to the student union. It would seem to me that we have the right to hear the business of our union discussed in the open. I would suggest that closed door meetings are not the answer. The Brunswickan should in my view always be allowed to be present, and so should every other student. Change the procedure, appoint special committees to look at sensitive problems or whatever but let's eliminate "in camera" sessions.

Well residence bars have been closed effective the first week in April. I raised this point with Dean Thompson on CHSR-FM's open line show last Tuesday night. I want to make my point again. In last week's editorial we suggested that communication is a problem between the dean of men's residences and the residence system. Now I want to speak for the media on campus. It is my view that the present dean of men has been less than cooperative with the media since the whole issue arose. He has not met with the media, refused interviews and issued so-called press releases. He has in my view avoided us at every opportunity. Now it would seem to me that the media and yes, the students have some rights and all we were asking for was a brief background explanation as to the reason behind the dean's recent decision. Now that seems really reasonable to me, but it doesn't seem reasonable apparently to the current dean of men.

CHSR-FM approved a motion at it's recent general meeting to split the office of news and public affairs. The work load was cited as the reason. CHSR-FM's newly elected news director is Tom Kovacs and CHSR public affairs director is no stranger to the position as he has already held the job for a year. Mike Corbett has been appointed to the position until a formal election is held in the fall.

Brunswickan elections were held this week and a whole new group of editors have been elected. Joey Kilfoil, a third year arts student was elected editor-in-chief for next year. Joey is continuing the post he has held since a recent by-election named him editor in January. Susan Reed, a second year arts student will be our new managing editor while Carol Foley and Harold Doherty have been re-elected to the posts of business manager and advertising manager respectively. Needless to say I wish them all well. All editors at this paper have difficult and time consuming jobs. I know, I've been an editor.

It hardly seems like that time of year again but the final issue of the Brunns will be next Friday. It will feature our spoof among other things. We invite all clubs to submit a review of the year's activities or whatever you wish. The deadline will be Tuesday at noon. By the way, this last bit is not for the spoof but for the Brunswickan. Contact us at the Brunns if you need further details.

A referendum was held at STU this week. The referendum asked STU students for a five dollar fee increase. An interesting thing happened...the vote was a dead heat. 130 votes for the increase, 130 votes against. The referendum was defeated of course since the Student Union constitution states that a two-third majority is needed for a referendum to pass.

I am told that a meeting of the SUB Board has been called for 12:30 today to officially hire an architect to design the renovations plans for this building. This seems like an interesting turn of events, particularly since unofficially the person slated to do the work has been proceeding normally and in fact is in the SUB today, Thursday. I wonder why the sudden move. I suppose it is because things really happen in a hurry around the SUB....

soundoff

Topp on critics and music

Dear Editor:

Yawn, yes folks, here's yet another letter about what critics are, what they should do and other related things.

Well, first of all, Matthew Taylor's letter in last week's Brunns impressed me. In my previous letter I guess I was kind of "criticizing a critic" and if you read this letter again folks, you'll all know what that makes me. Touche.

Anyway, being a musician and somewhat of a performer, I have to admit that I'm very prejudiced when it comes to critics. Music, and perhaps art in general, are very individualistic, affecting each of us differently. I'm sure that Linni Good, being a musician herself, will agree with this. I've always felt that music is something special, and that the feeling you get from it is beautiful (of course, punk rock

and new wave are the exceptions). Anyway, this beautiful feeling could never be accurately described by a few

paragraphs on a page. If you want to find out about a performance, go see it yourselves

folks, don't ever believe someone else's opinion.

Graham Topp

Kilfoil missed boat

Open Letter to Joey Kilfoil:

In response to last Friday's critical review of Bruce Cockburn's concert in the Playhouse, I would like to express strong disagreement.

You stated that you are not adverse to change, yet it is apparent that your narrow scope

in musical taste was unable to incorporate Bruce's recent stylistic progress. I feel sad that such tunnel vision, or rather acoustic misperception, deafened you to the awe-inspiring talent exhibited by flute, saxophones, violin, mandolin, piano and vocals. Cockburn lost neither respect

nor admiration, as you may feel, rather he held the majority spell bound.

You feel "Cockburn has gone from a canoe to a bicycle, and gotten a little wet in the process"?! - in my opinion you missed the boat, buddy!

One Pissed-Off Fan,
S. Johnson

U.S. not taking 'realistic' course?

To Ronald Gaffney:

In regard to your letter in last week's Brunswickan, I'd like to know where you get your definition of reality. Is it naive to think of peaceful solutions to violent situations. The media we receive from the United States these days is loaded with so much historical sentiment, it distresses me. The United States is indeed a great nation, but it is failing to mature in response to world politics. President Reagan is

responding to the crisis in El Salvador in a heavy handed manner, more reminiscent of life decades ago. Is it not time the United States set aside its fears about its sagging ego and charted a new course in world diplomacy. American style capitalism will not work in every country. There are many communist countries seeking out economic connections with the United States. The United States should not be so offended by how politics develops in localized situa-

tions. If the United States was not so aggressive against political change, maybe opposing factions would not have to approach the Soviets for arms support.

I defy you to tell me the present course the United States is taking is the only "realistic" course. If the military is western society's greatest political tool, then we will undoubtedly die as a civilized people under it.

Sincerely yours,
Richard Eaton

Security uses double standard

Dear Editor:

It seems that not everyone on campus is governed by the same rules. For a person to park a car on campus they need a sticker or they are fined. This is supposed to include faculty and staff. Well on Monday the 16th, security drove in the parking lot in front of the residence office and spotted a car without a sticker. In the process of writing the ticket one of the

workers came running out to the security car. She talked to them for a couple of minutes and then security drove away. I ask, why should this person get away without a fine? This car has been parked there almost all this term. It seems that there are double standards here—one for students and one for faculty.

Name Withheld Upon Request

Thanks

The guys and girls or Maggie Jean co-ed residence wish to thank the guys from Bridges and the girls from Tibbets who attended our pub on Friday 20th.

The amount of people who showed up was fantastic, and we were able to pack the house to capacity.

Everyone seemed to have a good time dancing and drinking to the wee hours of the night.

And finally, best of all, we had absolutely no damage. So those people who seem to think of students as complete animals, please take note.

Steve Adamson
(President)

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