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Lutes Responds

Dear Editor,

Since the issue emerged, I have attempted to remain scrupulously neutral on the subject of Mr. Bosnitch's resignation/impeachment. While I intend to retain this posture, Miss Maher's comments in last weeks Mugwump, while by no means deserving of a reply, have compelled me to clarify my stand.

In arriving at my decision, I was aware that it would make more enemies than if I had voted either way. After all, as anyone knows who has had the unfortunate experience, fence-sitting does involve some pain in the posterior parts of one's anatomy. Harboring no illusions about this, I was not overly dismayed at Miss Maher's attempt to aggravate this discomfort. It is somewhat ironic, however, that following the almost unanimous denunciation of Mr. Bosnitch's regrettable attacks on fellow students, Miss Maher has chosen to adopt his tactics.

Over the past year, I have come to the conclusion that the interests of the graduate students cannot be served in an undergraduate dominated Student Union, regardless of who is President. This became obvious when, as the only graduate rep. on council, I could not even get a second for a motion on behalf of my constituency. As a result, most of my work in student government is done for the Graduate Student Association.

It was with considerable reluctance that I accepted the position on the SRC, and I only submitted my nomination after I was sure that no one else was going to. (This should be some indication of the importance that the graduate students of UNB accord to the Student Union.) Once seated, however, I fulfilled my obligations, keeping abreast of the issues being debated, attending meetings regularly (more regularly, incidentally, than Miss Maher), and entering into debate when, and unlike many councillors only when, my comments could contribute something. Finally, I voted as my careful consideration and conscience dictated. I am not, contrary to Miss Maher's recollections, given to abstaining, and only do so when to vote would be contrary to the interests of my constituency. To do otherwise would be worse than immature; it would be irresponsible.

This brings us to the events of Wednesday night. The call to order was followed by two and one-half hours of procedural motions, and if at the end of this Miss Maher thought

that I looked bored, than it was probably an accurate observation. Miss Maher failed to notice that I voted on every one of these motions, and always in a manner that would contribute to quickly reaching the main motion. In fact, I abstained only once in the entire meeting.

The decision to do this reflected what I considered to be the best interests of the graduate student body. These interests, as I have said, will be best served by an autonomous Graduate Student Association. Thus, I have directed most of my time to achieving this. It is essential, I think, for this to occur with the utmost cooperation and goodwill between the GSA and the SRC. As far as I know, this has largely been the case so far, and I would like it to continue. I did not deem it appropriate to endanger these negotiations by dealing with a president whom I had voted to impeach, or conversely, with one, two-thirds of whose council I had opposed. It would be most appropriate, I thought, to let the council decide the matter, and then deal with whoever was in power.

Whatever the shortcomings of Mr. Bosnitch, and however much he has contributed to the present predicament of the Student Union, I would not be serving my constituency well if, as I was incessantly pressured to do, I had voted to impeach him. He has been one of the only members of the SRC who actively supported the graduate students, and although he has fought continually for the interests of the Student Union in our negotiations, they are proceeding. He can be difficult, and sometimes seems uncertain about what constitutes a fact, but he is not impossible to deal with.

Miss Maher is correct in saying that it is my duty to represent the graduate students. I am doing this as best I can, and if she presumes to be able to do better, then I suggest she do so. All she has to do is become a graduate student and run for the position on the SRC. She probably won't have much competition.

If there was any seriousness at all in Miss Maher's comments regarding my impeachment, I will welcome a motion to this effect at the next council meeting. If there was not, then she should not be using her position at the Brunswickan as a platform for her infantile and erroneous ravings. My constituents, about whom she professes to be so concerned, have already lost confidence in the Student Union, and with people like Miss Maher on it, this does not surprise me. (The fact that I was asked to refrain from even going to the meeting when it was discovered that

my anti-Bosnitch sentiments were not strong enough indicates that her alleged concern that graduate students be represented are not widely shared on the SRC.

Finally, Mr. Quigley, the references to Angela DeLong are completely unacceptable and I am surprised that you let them be printed at all, let alone by one of your staff in an official capacity. Miss DeLong obviously struggled long and hard in coming to her decision, and to malign her sincere and heartfelt comments demonstrates a complete lack of responsibility. Miss Maher's comments conjure up images of an alley cat in heat with all claws fully extended... MEEEEEOOOOOOW!

Sincerely,

Mark (the abstainer) Lutes

Thanks Moose

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity and thank the many people whom I've had the pleasure to work with. In this business, it's the associations, clubs, teams, faculties, and residences that make the job enjoyable. I'd like to thank them all for their support and I wish them all the luck in their future endeavours.

I will be leaving UNB this spring and I will be taking along many good memories of working with students from UNB and St. Thomas.

I would also like to thank those at Moosehead Breweries who gave me the chance to learn so much.

Sincerely,

Derrick Stanford
Moosehead Breweries

Activity Awards

Dear Editor,

The reasons I am writing the letter are 3-fold.

1. I want to see my name in the Bruns for one last time.
2. I want to wish my fellow grads "Good Luck".
3. I want to "rag" a little.

Although I could probably fill this issue with items for number 3 there is only one I would like to mention here. For at least the last 15 years the UNB Student Union has given out activity awards to "students in their graduating year on the basis of outstanding contributions made to student activities during their career on campus" (from UNB Student Union Regulations (Part II) Section XII, subsection 2).

I have been attending this University for quite a few years (the exact amount doesn't need to be revealed) and in my opi-

nion it is these volunteers that give us our "School Spirit". Whether these people are volunteers for Orientation, Red and Black, Winter Carnival, Faculty Organizations or any other campus club, their services have been invaluable.

Last year I put together the committee which selects the recipients of this award (a gold or silver ring with UNB on it) and it was not a hard task. In a telephone conversation with Mr. Bosnitch he said he was trying to organize it but he didn't know what might happen if he is no longer President. Well, if he is no longer President, I think one of his "capable" Vice Presidents could probably handle it.

I have also heard that it is financially unfeasible. Look at these figures - you tell me.

Gold ring - \$270 (men) \$220 (ladies) - 1985 figures
Silver Ring - approx. \$200 exact amount unknown.
salaries - SU President -\$75/wk plus free tuition from University

VP Finance - same as President

VP Services, Academic, Administration - \$50/wk plus half tuition paid for by the students

Now if you could imagine paying the above mentioned volunteers for their work: \$50/wk x 30 wks/academic yr x 3 years = \$4500

I think a mere \$270 for a ring can be made feasible especially since these students have given the Union approx. \$30 x 5 years = \$150 and have received.....?

I hope the tradition will continue to be done and I would like to thank all the volunteers for making my years at UNB memorable ones. I also hope that things can get back to normal...for the students' sake.

Sincerely,
Larry Fox

P.S. Do us a favour John - resign!

A Poem

The following poem's sentiments are not those of the Brunswickan staff, advertisers or publisher.

Dear Editor,

On the morning of April 8, 1986 the "Gang" from 745 Graham Ave. received a poem from an anonymous sender (female, I'm sure) and we (the "Gang") thought that the poem was so good it deserved to be shared with the readers of the Brunswickan.

The Gang of Fools

The Dalton Gang has returned
And it is a gang of four.
With everyone around
They want to settle a score.

They like to pick on women
For that is their treat.
If they find a man alone
Him they will surely beat.

Let's hope they get along
together
And never among themselves
fight.
Because outside their gang
They are not very well liked.

Their names are Marco, Dino,
Vinny and Skelly
Though most just call them
trash.

If you are going to have a party
Intend on them to crash.

One thinks he is so great
And that he is better than all
the rest.
Nobody in the world can compare
For he is the absolute best.

Another thinks he is a ladies
man
His hair is not black, brown, or
red
He likes to pass out in the allies
To be taken for as dead.

The one who just got off the
boat
Could be their weakest link.
It's strange that he is in the
gang
For he's just another chink.

The last one is glad to with his
heros
And whatever they say he will
swallow.

Where ever the others go, say
Toronto
He will be sure to follow.

Now not to long and they'll be
gone
To terrorize other places.
So when off they sneak, you
take a peek
And a smile you shall see on
faces.

To show us all how not to
behave
God uses them as one of his
tools.

So don't you ever get involved
With a similar Gang of Fools.

Samwise.
P.S. Thank you girls for the
note; It's quite a poem that you
wrote. It doesn't bother us one
little bit. All of the Gang said,
"publish it!"

The Dalton Gang

Needs A Change

Dear Editor,

In Nov. 85 I ran for President of the Student Union. I had, at that time, quite a few very idealistic reasons for running. The most important, however, was to insure that a Student Union would be there for you and I, and for every other student on this campus.

The University of New Brunswick is one of the finest schools in Atlantic Canada, at least I thought so over four