

STUDENT UNION BUILDING IS WORTH WHILE

While it seems that most of the student body has never found the time to ever make it to a meeting of their council, the events of last week seem to prove that the actions of the SRC occasionally interest those not sitting on the council.

The passing of a ten dollar levy to be used to partially finance a student union building has raised campus spirit to the point of action. This whole effort involved the gathering of signatures supporting a move to have the proposed levy put to a student vote. Since the required number of signatures have been obtained, a referendum will be held.

The Brunswickan supports this proposal for additional student facilities. The need for more space for student activities should be quite obvious. Mem Hall will eventually be changed over to an arts center meaning that Radio UNB will have to move. In time the "H" huts will go, leaving Winter Carnival and Red 'n Black without space. This trend is sure to continue. With St. Thomas and Teachers' College coming this space problem will be aggravated. Plans have been made to approach both of these bodies to explain that their financial assistance is required. It would be unfair for UNB students to have to bear the cost of this building alone. No one on this campus would be pleased with, what amounts to, granting a subsidy to the two colleges.

A levy of some amount is the only way to start this campaign. (Ten dollars might be a little high). Some of us will never be able to use these new facilities, yet the sacrifice has to be made, considering that the administration has made no plans for such an undertaking.

The whole problem has been left up to the students. As space becomes more and more at a premium, some student activities might have to be curtailed. It might be added here that the "Brunswickan" is an exception to the rule in that the paper requires no more room.

The issue here is not just a brick and mortar proposition. There is also a principle involved - that of providing a common meeting place for all students where every individual will have a chance to take part in some form of organized activity or simply to relax in comfortable surroundings. Not even the most bigoted of individuals can deny that this is a worthwhile objective.

HINTED MENS RESIDENCE BOOST

Word has once again leaked out that a purported raise in residence fees looms on the horizon. The dweller of the men's residences await the announcement with baited breath. The question which arises is whether such a raise is justified. If one takes into account the consideration of quality then possibly the residents will not challenge the raise if it results in an improvement. But if this improvement does not materialize, then this raise would appear to constitute an injustice. When it is considered that the cost of outliving is in the neighbourhood of \$450, then it might be expected that the residents could conceivably expect an elevation of fringe benefits for the extra \$250. It cannot be disputed that the residents receive some fringe benefits that their counterparts downtown are denied, but this is as it should be since there is an anomalous difference in their respective expenses. It is to be hoped that such improvement with particular regard for the culinary aspect of residence life will be foreseeable with the raise in fees.

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Russel and the boys have been thrown out by a band of equally incompetent editors, supported by a cast of slack typists, reporters, and general hangers-on.



ST. THOMAS TO THE RIGHT, T.C. TO THE LEFT INTO THE STUD CENTER POURED THE 4000 BUT PAY 10 DOLLARS FOR A NEW STUDENT UNION — NEVER!

Letters To The Editor

S. U. B. CONTROVERSY

Sir: So they did it . . . Raised the SRC fees to \$30, the government of the students, the people who will look after our interests. This was only an election promise since, once elected, they are dictators.

The rumoured increases in tuition and residence fees is enough of a strain to the pocket book without an unwarranted increase in the SRC fees. Never was there a single word in the Brunswickan, nor the opinion of the students asked. Perhaps the SRC's motto is, "For an efficient government, keep the students in the dark until the motion has passed."

David Jomini
A single word never appeared in the Brunswickan, Mr. Jomini, because the Building Committee wanted to have a chance to gather all the facts before presenting the whole issue to the council. If you recall last year and the abortive efforts of the Building Committee you can understand this approach.

A recent survey taken of job application forms shows that students are born liars when asked how much of their college education they actually do finance.—Ed.

Sir:

First let it be clear that I agree to the need for a Student Union Building. But the SRC has gone off half cocked on the method of getting it and in particular financing it.

The reason for such a building is not to keep up with the other universities in Canada, but to give much needed space to those student activities that at present don't have it.

The levy of \$10.00 per student seems to me to be very high - half of this would be more than adequate. The hand out distributed since the SRC meeting shows that there will be 4000 students on campus this fall. (I presume that the students of St. Thomas and Teachers' College agree to become part of this program and that room for their organizations will be provided.) And ten years from now

double this. Are students ten years from now going to pay a \$10.00 levy? If so there will be enough money to build a building for each organization. At \$10.00 per student over ten years \$850,000 will be collected. This amount added to the Federal Government Grants will total well over \$1,000,000.

Why not let those students who will use the building over the next 20 or 30 or even 50 years help pay for it.

A few years ago there were plans made for a much larger building which would include a swimming pool, auditorium, bowling alleys, plus the offices needed for the various organizations. This was to be financed by a very imaginative energetic method, but it only included a \$2 or \$3 levy on students.

C. M. Waaddell
Your point is well taken. Perhaps the SRC's best move is to wait until an expert in this type of building is consulted. (There is such a thing). With this additional information, the students could vote on this proposal in a more objective fashion.

Last year's committee could never have built the building on a two dollar levy . . . this was nothing more than wishful thinking.—Ed.

Sir:

We, the members of the UNB Red Devils would like to express our great appreciation to those students who made the trip to Mount "A" and supported us in such an enthusiastic manner. Certainly in spirit and numbers you set an example which no other college could follow. When we stepped onto the ice it was almost as though we were in our own rink, and your presence was certainly a factor in the ensuing victory. Also to all those who so faithfully supported us at home and on Radio UNB (who did an outstanding job) we extend our most heartfelt thanks.

At the Canadian finals, we shall do our best to represent UNB and justify the great support shown us. Knowing the spirit of the UNB student body it wouldn't surprise us

to see a few red jackets in Kingston.

Sincerely,
Red Devils

Red Devils Story

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GENERAL BLUNDERS

Sir: What do you have to do in order to get material published in the Brunswickan? Perhaps you must write a column for the Toronto Daily Star, or give a performance of Mozart's Sonata in B flat major for violin and piano. Maybe making up make out jokes, or playing broomball for Blue House is an answer. Whatever the reason is, it was impossible to obtain it from the past editor of this "Canada's Oldest Official Student Publication."

On February 13th, two articles were submitted to the Brunswickan for publication in the February 19th issue. One of these articles was concerned with the results of an Intercollegiate Woodsmen's competition held at MacDonald College. The second article was an advertisement written in text form, regarding a highly enjoyable spring function - the forester's "Monte Carlo". Neither of these articles appeared in the Brunswickan.

The forestry association has always been quick to answer all requests for assistance and expects nothing more in return.

May I, at this time, extend my sincere thanks to Ross MacLeod and the other members of Radio UNB for their co-operation with the Monte Carlo Committee and the job well done.

Michael Dey,
Vice-President
UNB Forestry Assoc.