

Obsolescence is part of growing up

Last year one student was found guilty of an SDC offense. He was a St. Thomas student. This year there has been one offender so far, also from STU. Two years ago there were few offenders. And yet at every sporting event and at every social event sponsored by a UNB organization there must be, by University law, a myriad of student 'police' to guard against eruptions of violence and disorderly conduct.

In the wild old days the campus police were a necessity. Occasionally there were disruptions of dances and sporting events, and students had to be thrown out. But UNB has grown up. The students are more sophisticated, and are interested in having fun, not in causing disturbances.

Students and the *Brunswickan* have complained about the campus police for years, and not without justification. The offenses which used to occur, however, gave the campus police the winning side of the argument. Today it is different.

At football games four years ago, the campus police threw students out of games for tossing beer cans at cheerleaders. Two years ago students were removed for visibly drinking anything other than coffee, coke, or hot chocolate at the games. This year, if you cheer too loud, you risk expulsion from the stands. The major offenses do not occur any more, so the CP's pick on the petty things.

We do not feel that the campus police should be abolished. But they should be used in much smaller numbers, and they should be used only for directing automobile and pedestrian traffic. If a fight breaks out, which has not happened for years, four or five CP's at the game could try to break it up, but they are not legally permitted to touch anyone. They risk an assault charge. They should write down names, and let the SDC do the rest. There are about 14 CP's at UNB football games.

The campus police do nothing at games. Except, we think, put unnecessary restrictions on University spirit.

TV for election night

At last Sunday's unproductive SRC meeting the local chairman of the Canadian Union of Students said that most students felt that the National Student Day activities at UNB were generally unsuccessful, and that its effect on the population of Fredericton (as a result of a full-page ad in the *Gleaner*) was hard to measure.

One measure of the success of the advertisement, we feel, is the number of candidates in the federal election who answered the challenge to come here to speak . . . Zero.

The highlight of the day here was an accidental visit by Hon. John Diefenbaker, leader of the Progressive Conservatives, who was greeted in the Student Centre by a crowd of passers-by and Conservative Club members.

The campaign will end on Saturday. We are sure Mr. Diefenbaker and Prime Minister Pearson will enjoy the rest. By then they will have a pretty good idea of how the election will turn out.

But the students of the University have to wait. We do not have the close touch that the political leaders do, and so we will have to wait until Monday night to see the results. But for many students it will be a catch-as-catch-can kind of contact.

In the interest of the students who would like to watch the election results on television but can not, we ask the SRC to contribute to the well-being of any students who want to watch the election results by renting or borrowing a television set for Monday night.

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The SRC - Lacking a purpose?

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It is that time of year again when the Student Council is forced to take a long, hard look at itself. What is the council's position on campus and how could it be improved? Has it evolved into an obsolete body, no longer representing the opinions and best wishes of the students? It is time that some of these questions were answered and answered adequately.

Is the SRC still functional or has it decentralized itself to the extent that its operation now is primarily ceremonial? Although the SRC is necessarily functional in some respects, no one can deny that more and more direct power is slipping from its hands and into the grasp of powerful organizations and committees. Possibly as a result of this decentralization, the Council has emerged as an amoebic organism, flowing in many directions, all at the same time. There is no purpose left, no realization of the aims, goals or duties. Due to this wandering path, the general student body has become apathetic toward the council and does not look to it for the leadership it should be supplying. Most Council members are thought of as verbose status-seekers, interested only in themselves. This is a drastic and urgent situation, which must be corrected immediately.

To correct this the council must first define its role in the student community. It must make some policy with respect to its student and financial aims. Recently, during the budget meetings, there have been many questions asked as to whether small closed clubs should receive funds from the SRC. Surely those who say not are not looking objectively at the situation. The Council was

formed for students, not the students for Council. Every year each student pays compulsory student fees to the SRC. As such, does not the general student have the right to get back as much of his money in services as he can? The extent to which he gets his refund depends on the individual. However, surely the Council cannot limit its disbursements to a few large, expensive organizations which supposedly service the entire student body. The Council is in existence for every student and should try to meet the demands of these different groups.

The council has also failed to realize its purpose as the representative council of the student body. As such it has the power to act for the student body. Being a representative council, however, does not mean that only decisions in line with the general feeling of the student body be taken. The SRC should be the leaders, it should show initiative and an understanding of the needs and best interests of the students. It should take actions on ideas it feels are of benefit to the students. However, it should not fail to take action on important issues because it fears most students will

oppose it. If a controversial motion is passed, the council should relay its feeling to the students. This is possibly the major problem with our council and student body. We, as a university, are out of tune with the general trend of thinking in universities across the country. We are so firmly entrenched in our arch-conservative methods and ideas that we have become afraid and incapable of progress and 20th century thinking. In other words, we are reactionary, falling back on old ways and ideas and never offering anything original of our own. If our campus is to come out of its traditionalism, the council must take the first step. This fall we have possibly made a beginning by passing universal accessibility to post-secondary education, but it is only a beginning. The Council, although in a bad position is not in an impossible one. The SRC must have a firm policy, a forward-looking, logical purpose, one which will inspire not only its members, but the entire student body. Only then will the SRC become the organization it should and must be. Students are paying to be represented adequately. It is about time they were.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BELL WRUNG

Editor:
For the sake of fair play I beg you to publish this letter to defend the UNB Students' International Association which, for the information of Mr. Ed Bell, last week sponsored the panel discussion on Viet Nam. If it was not for the fact that I am involved in the establishment of an international association on this campus I would not bother to comment on the impressive amount of concentrated rubbish that Mr. Bell managed to produce for his column in last week's *Brunswickan* concerning demonstrations,

teach-ins, etc.
As it stands many people here at UNB have seen international clubs work as an important part of university life on campuses inside and outside Canada. These people are only too attracted by the idea of such an organization on our campus to be willing to follow it to its grave almost before it is born. All this only because of a misinformed columnist who did not even attend what he called "the teach-in" to find out if his early conclusions were verified or not. Some people write things of varying quality on matters a-
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