

# Editorial

In our last editorial we charged the primary responsibility for the extensive nature of student apathy within the university community must be shouldered by the student body itself or more precisely, by those student organizations created specifically to protect and further the rights and interests of students. After admitting our own past inadequacies in this area we promise to adopt a more aggressive attitude particularly when reporting on issues we consider to be of relevance to students. Simultaneously we charge the present SRC with irresponsibility in the realm of student leadership suggesting that SRC members were interested only in engaging in playpen politics and that they were not really representing the interests of students.

Well we were mistaken. Apparently we were not the only student institution to feel the pangs of conscience and we would like to take this opportunity to applaud the excellent work of the present SRC in correcting certain past shortcomings of that body.

We must confess to having done the members of the SRC a most serious injustice, and we therefore extend our humble apologies. How we could realistically have accused that band of fearless crusaders who relentlessly champion the cause of student rights of merely screwing around is beyond comprehension. Why attendance at any SRC meeting which invariably abounds with excellent examples of the insight and intelligence of council members, more than adequately dispell any notion of SRC ineptitude incompetence or irresponsibility.

The most recent display of the peerless caliber of SRC leadership was a council meeting of November 14th. For those not fortunate enough to attend, this momentous gathering a review of the minutes reprinted on page 13 of this issue will illustrate the point. Item IV (wine and cheese party) and Item VII (symbol for UNB student union) provide the most illuminative example of the spirit of direct action which governs the thinking (?) and activities of the present SRC.

Gentlemen, once again we must extend our congratulations! How clever, a wine and cheese party "to promote the exchange of ideas and opinions" among council members, guests and university personnel to be paid for by the SRC.

Where, one might reasonably wonder, does the SRC intend to obtain the financial backing for this most important project?

Earlier this fall the SRC held an auction for the purpose of raising money for a legal aid fund.

However, for a number of valid reasons the project was abandoned and the funds originally ear-marked for it were channelled into a new SRC fund. The exact uses of this fund were not defined and it is from this source that the SRC now proposes to draw the necessary financial assistance to stage their wine and cheese extravaganza.

God, what a colossal waste of time and money. Nobody really believes that crap about a meaningful exchange of ideas and no student community ever gained any measure of real control over university affairs by holding wine and cheese parties. However, if the SRC insists on engaging on such inane gestures let them at least make other financial arrangements.

We should note that we are not challenging the existence of this new SRC fund, but rather we question the wisdom of employing this money in a pointless, wasteful gesture. The issue gathers added significance when one considers the requests for funds, normally vetoed by the SRC. One such request was made by representative of the International Student Lounge at last week's administrative Board (financial arm of the SRC) meeting to cover the costs of the subscriptions to seven newspapers and magazines. The request was rejected by the AB initially because it did not wish to set a precedent and secondly because similar requests by other student organizations such as the Engineering Undergraduates Society were rejected. We should point out that at least one important difference did exist between the EUS request and that of the representatives of the ISL, namely that those magazines requested by EUS are available in the library while those requested by the ISL are not. While we are not necessarily arguing that the SRC employ their fund for this particular project, we do contend that there are more important worthwhile and productive projects to which this money might be allocated.

The issue of the wine and cheese party provides not only another glaring example of the financial imprudence and irresponsibility of the SRC, but also epitomizes the extent to which the SRC is willing to pursue the interests of students.

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## FEEDBACKFEEDBAC

The Students Association of Political Science held a meeting on November 8th at 7:30 p.m. in Tilley Hall to discuss the four point plan of student representation in the department of Political Science. The following four point plan was accepted and is being presented to the faculty members of the Political Science department this Friday. SAPS hopes for an agreement on these four points shortly.

1. The placement of one student on every standing committee who will be recognized as a delegated spokesman for the students. This delegate will be bound by the students decision rather than the decisions of the committee.

2. Parity on the departmental council (one representative for every faculty member, including the Chairman.)

3. The creation of a new standing committee to deal with individual student-faculty conflicts to be known as the Grievance Committee and with equal student-faculty representation.

4. A SAPS representative would be allowed to enter two classes a year to organize the students, explain the purpose of SAPS, facilitate the articulation of student sentiment, the mobilization of student opinion.

Also a new meeting place and time was decided on. Future meetings are to be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Student Union Building (room number to be announced soon.)

*This article was omitted last week due to space shortage deadlines. We regret any inconvenience that it may have caused the S.A.P.S.*