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fed up with the collusion between big business, big sports and big Macs. All was going well as disco protests were organized, capture-the-flag events were staged, weekly bulletins appearing in the student newspapers of Peterborough, Ontario until one day when Comrade Rodden made his most controversial statement, "Smoke a joint; and run 2 miles!" Aghast, there were serious splits in the organization (if you could call it that) ... some people could not comprehend the incredulity of the statement, others on the other hand felt that it would be in their best career interests not to associate with this band of deranges ... still others just decided that it would be best to "...get right in'er", and took up the new slogan in theory and in practice with extreme revolutionary vigour. The rest is history. With Mathew Shaughnessy as Minister of Propaganda the organization doubled and treble cleffed its membership with people from all segments of the community uniting to fight the elites in sports, government Participation hoaxes and sister organizations like the Alternate Life Society were organized to bring reggae music and Rastafarian logic to the people, protests against "sports" minister Ayatollah Campagnola were organized when her puppet Me. Trudeau came to propagandize in a park in Peterborough, Ontario ... all in all, a whole series of events co-ordinated the feelings of a whole new generation of people who felt that somehow there must be an organization that will stand up to the machinations of the neo-fascist sports matrix and the Shah.

How does this all apply to UNB? Does the N.A.F. have a place on campus rife with greed, corruption, old-boyism, Tories, rugger

shirts and Chemical Engineering jackets? More than ever, we must organize now, or ... or we must organize to disorganize. Fredericton is ready ... perhaps over-ready for a fighting organization that is prepared to defend the rights of the student to get wired on life - and if drugs are an integral part of his or her life, then so be it ... just remember to pass it on! A meeting will be called soon; ideas are needed ... celebration of the first good snow, a wild mushroom field trip, a ski challenge down the Fredtown hill, a capture-the-flag game in the university bequeathed forests, ball/ice hockey teams - all of these are projects that must be ... that WILL be organized to: 1. organize as many participants as possible and, 2. to achieve a state of awareness that will ensure that everyone get to their personal elevated state of perception - if the participants require drugs to do this, far be it for us to interfere. These will, and must, remain foremost in our minds ... there is little time ... there is much to do ... there will be meetings ... and remember ... UP THE FRONT; DOWN WITH THE SPORTS ELITE!! -N.A.F. Ministry of Information

Ad Notum: Correspondence and ideas are most welcome. Please address them to:

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Minister of Information
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OR

The Alternate Life Society
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(1) -N.A.F. "Statement of Aims, 1976

Brunswick faculty grapevine?

Dear Editor:

As you are perhaps aware, there is no simple means of communication for the exchange of ideas among the faculty members at UNB. One has to depend on the grapevine, the word of mouth or an occasional A.U.N.B.T. memorandum to learn what is going on on the campus which affects the life of a faculty member. It appears, however, that many faculty members use the Brunswick as a source of general information about the university. Your editorial of October 5, 1979, about the search for a President for UNB, indicated that there are subjects on which the views of the faculty members can be of interest to the students as well as to the faculty.

I do not know whether it will require an amendment in the constitution of SRC, or it would only mean a change in the editorial policy of your paper to carry out the following suggestion. I think that as Canada's oldest student newspaper, you are well qualified to establish another tradition: reserve a page or two for the "FACULTY NEWS AND VIEWS", wherein the views of the faculty may be expressed freely for the benefit of all.

I would like other faculty members (and interested students) to read the following letter I sent to the Board of Governors and the Senate just before their celebrated meeting of September 28, 1979 on the subject of choosing a President.

If you read the correspondence carefully, you will notice that the Joint Nominating Committee, apparently did not have any clearly stated qualifications it was looking for in a President. The statement attributed by your paper to Dr. Unger about the

qualifications of a President seems to be an afterthought and still inadequate. You will also note that the argument of some faculty members which you have echoed in your editorial, that since a large proportion of the faculty and the students favoured Dr. Cassano, he should have been appointed, is not justifiable. If you follow your argument based on democratic procedures, it would seem that since the students and the faculty represent approximately 8 out of 35 voted in the Board of Governors, they should not have the final say.

IN DEFENSE OF THE DEANS!
The criticism of the Deans and in particular of Dr. Kepros, for signing a document expressing their opinion as deans about Dr. Cassano, is completely unfair. It displays an ignorance of our basic form of university government, whether we like it or not. The deans are not elected officials supposed to represent a certain group of people, rather they are

"appointed" by the Board of Governors to oversee the work of a certain unit of the university. It is exactly in their capacity as deans that they should express their opinion, if they must, about a Presidential candidate, not as an individual in the street. As to their motives and reasons for expressing certain opinion, we are not in a position to control them any more than we can other human beings. This is not the only time they have expressed an opinion. And it is up to the Board of Governors to evaluate the reasons given by the deans. The criticism should be levelled against the reasons given, rather than their right to express their opinion as deans.

Personally I believe that the whole concept of a university and its government needs revision, clarification and change. The choosing of a President is a small part of it.

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Second enclosure:
August 31, 1979

Dr. I. Unger
Chairman, Joint Nominating Committee
for the office of president
U.N.B.

Dear Dr. Unger:

With reference to your letter of August 21, 1979, I would like to know if your committee has any specific qualities or qualifications it is looking for in the candidates for the position of the President of UNB I shall appreciate learning about them. If your committee does not have any well defined and explicit criteria to be used for the choice of a President, then I am afraid that any selection by

your committee, the Board of Governors or even the so called the university community, will be no more meaningful or intelligent than the election for a political office with its obvious shortcomings.

As you may know, I have some strong feelings as to how a university should be run, which is at variance with the approach currently in fashion. However, regardless of this difficulty, I would like to make some comments about the two present candidates that I am aware of, after I have heard from you as to what criteria is your committee using to judge them.

Sincerely yours,

Martin Yagzan



Words from an ex-student

Madam Editor:

I have just received my copy of the Brunswick in the mail this morning. "Big Deal" you may well say, but when you are away from the city and the people that you love, every peice of home is welcomed with open arms. I do not have a subscription to your paper for the simple reason that the posties care very little about the condition of a letter...ever see what they do to a newspaper? It has to be seen to be appreciated. Fortunately the worst is not to be had. My sister faithfully bundles the Brunswick up every Monday and ships it off to me. Thanks Fred/

The quality of the paper has improved somewhat. Coverage of the issues is very good. They appear to be rather heated...spending of the monies by the SRC, a fight between TV rivals and thanks for giving coverage on the CHSR-FM hopes. Keep up the good work.

I would like to wish everyone at the Brunswick the best of luck in their present project. The need for alternative radio in Fredericton had not seemed that great to me until I arrived here to the sounds of the best in FM music. The station here (CHOZ) should be a model to all other radio stations.

In finishing off I wish to remind all those that owe me letters to get writing. Its a long way from home over here. Have a good year and be prepared...I'm coming home soon. By the way, is that Doug Varty giving away money in your picture contest? I don't believe it!

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P.S. Ric Lee says HI!

Campus Ministry

Can We Know God?

If by 'knowing' God we mean knowing everything about Someone who is eternal, all powerful, all knowing, all good, and able to be everywhere at once (in time and space), then obviously we cannot. This does not mean that we cannot know things about Him, or that we cannot have a personal relationship with Him.

Even a very young child is awed by the world; how much more so those who have studied enough to know a little of its breathtaking complexity. We cannot help but know that it is folly to worship the things of creation (sun, stars, people, etc.) rather than their creator.

A personal relationship with God requires that God have a personality, and that he be able to communicate with us as we are able to communicate with each other. Theologian Leith Samuel points out that "We know of no effect greater than its corresponding causes, not even atonic chain reaction with its accompanying devastation". How then does an impersonal "IT" create a personal "ME"? Correspondingly, does the Creator of communicating minds not have the power to communicate? Surely the communication problems of our limited minds are not shared by God's infinite mind! Why can't He speak through men, teaching us through the Bible, what he wants to reveal about himself? Why can't he enter history as twenty centuries of the Christian Church says he has done?

"We are at liberty to say we do not know God, and that we do not want to know God, preferring to live without Him (which is the essence of sin), but we are not thereby entitled to say that God cannot be known. God may be known, not as a piece of music, or a book, a formula, locality, or sensation, but as a living person." (L. Samuel)