

SRC wastes time dealing with trivia

No wonder there is a lack of student participation in the affairs that are dealt with by the SRC. After a delay of something like a month our student government finally cleared up the matter of the motion dealing with the right of the RCMP to investigate the actions of "subversives" on this campus.

It was originally intended to send a copy of the motion to the students council at the University of Saskatchewan. Our reader can imagine what a tremendous impact this would have on the students at that campus. After all, the Students Representative Council of UNB has said officially that it is all right for the RCMP to investigate.

The students on the Regina campus need not worry themselves now: the motion was

passed, but will simply be put into the minutes and then into the SRC files.

It is disappointing to find that the SRC takes so long to process a motion that could have been passed (or voted out) in five minutes.

Incidents such as this typify the itinerary of the SRC. Spectators find it difficult to be impressed by the eloquence of the various speakers when they know that, regardless of the final outcome, the decisions of the Council are of little consequence.

Some would call students disinterested or apathetic because they didn't take an interest in student government. We would call it common sense. The meetings of the SRC are much ado about nothing.

Last year the constitution of

the SRC was revised so that each faculty would elect members to the SRC; formerly the voting was by 'years'. The purpose of the change was to increase interest and participation in student government. To date, this scheme has not been the least bit successful.

All too often those in power on this campus have been quick to blame lack of success in interesting students in anything other than assignments and beer on some sort of built-in apathy. We are inclined to agree with this assumption to a certain extent; but many campus politicians and organizers have also found that this explanation is an easy way to hide their own shortcomings.

What is mistaken for apathy by many is really a healthy disregard for the trivial. The affairs of the SRC is the case

in point. Members of the Council are actually amazed when there are more than a dozen people at a meeting.

Prior to this year the SRC has wasted too much time with matters that could have been decided on by the smaller committees of the Council. This year the Council doesn't seem to have enough to do considering that two of the regular weekly meetings have been cancelled so far. The SRC obviously has the time to consider other things than just how much some club should spend for staples or babbling about the communist threat.

We can't see why the SRC has never tried to find out more about such matters as why our fees are going up and whether we are really getting our money's worth. These questions interest the students.

DAN SCANS

by DAN MERSICH

Last year, on my return from Niagara Falls, I asked a fellow UNB traveller if one moved his watch back an hour for the time zone change, to which he replied: "No, twenty years and an hour." The fact that the Maritimes are behind the "Golden Horseshoe" in Ontario has been a standing joke for my 3 years at UNB and no doubt a lot longer. However if one were to spare some time from his belly laughs he would see that this fact in itself is a goldmine.

The greatest obstacle any prospective business man must face is the element of the gamble; obviously if any venture were assured a 100% chance of success the problems of obtaining finances etc. would be greatly diminished if not completely removed. It is then this element of chance which determines the route of commerce. Clearly if one were able to foretell the future, finance would be child's play, and it is this consideration that makes the standing joke a fortune teller in disguise.

If one were to look at Ontario's past history he would see a replay beginning right here in New Brunswick. The stage setting, the play and the lines are all the same. Both New Brunswick and Ontario have large mineral resources; both New Brunswick and Ontario have access to the ocean; both New Brunswick and Ontario have electric power potential; both New Brunswick and Ontario have tourist potential, only to name a few.

The question then arises "Why is New Brunswick 20 years and an hour behind Ontario?" and the answer is, "it doesn't matter." The important question to be raised is "What are we going to do about it?" and the answer is "we have already started."

Doubtless, everyone is aware of the new industrial development slated for New Brunswick in the very near future, and in retrospect one indeed observes a replay of Ontario's past history, at least in general.

In the past it has been true that New Brunswick's greatest export was brains, but there is no reason why this should continue to be the only export. Surely anyone willing to "work like hell" and take a chance (a very good chance) has a Bonanza beginning to bloom right here in New Brunswick.

Junior Varsity Hockey

J.V. hockey tryouts will be held on Friday, Nov. 6th at 11-12 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 7th, 9-10 p.m.

Students who are seriously interested in playing J.V. hockey are welcome to attend.

LETTERS

People seem to have something against your paper.

I mean, it seems that people are always crabbing that their stuff isn't making the scene. Can't you do something about this? I mean, give people a better chance to see their work in print. Then maybe even if it is trash, they'll understand better what their faults are.

I realize that you would probably have to double the size of the paper to accommodate those articles and stories, but couldn't you pay for it with more advertising? I mean, I know you're doing better than ever before in that respect, but there's always room for improvement, isn't there?

I heard someone say that you have a small staff. And that you try but are constantly badgered when you establish your own policies. And that people try to hold over your head the fact that you get money from the SRC and they want to have a say in your policy.

I mean, with these things dragging you back, it still should be possible to put out an unbiased and representative paper, full of great work, criticisms and campus notices. Just get a bigger staff, more money, etc.

Love,

Concerned.

Editor's comment: Yeah. That's about all we need all right.

Editor:

On behalf of the Red Cross we wish to thank the students of UNB for their support of this year's Fall Blood Donor Clinic. The Brunswickan and Radio UNB deserve special mention for their publicity work while Aitken House must be commended for their co-operation in volunteering their basement for this year's clinic.

Congratulations go to Murray House for their 100% turnout, and by this winning the residence competition and the Gaiety trophy. Neville House, last year's winner, together with Aitken House lost by only a very small margin.

In the Faculty competition the Nurses came out on top for the second straight year, winning the Faculty trophy.

It is through the unselfish support of such people that the Red Cross is able to maintain its lifeline of blood supplies.

Pre-Med Club
Nursing Society

Editor:

I have a few complaints to make concerning the entertainment committee's arrangements for the recent visit of the Brandywine Singers. It is my hope in writing this letter that a few improvements will be made in dealing with entertainers to the university.

Some time ago we had a very fine and amusing folk singing group engaged in the Playhouse. These five entertainers after completing their performance were seriously inconvenienced in that their cheque, which should have been presented at the latest immediately after the performance, was not delivered. At 2 a.m., Hal Brown, the bass player, still had not received the cheque. He had to go chas-

ing around town to obtain it. These fellows had to leave early in the morning. So think of the nice impression left upon them of the University of New Brunswick.

The choice of evenings for their visit is equally open to criticism. Perhaps a week night might have been better for week-ends seem extremely full this year. The result was that hardly anybody had tickets for the first performance, and that we were extremely lucky that it was cancelled. Only about 900 were able to attend the sec-



ond performance which resulted in a fair loss.

I hope that the next two excellent groups that are coming this fall, are met when they arrive in town, and given details of the accommodation arranged for them, as was not the case here. I hope that the concerts are on evenings that may possibly permit sufficient numbers to attend.

Richard Vroom

NOTICE

The student directory is finally going to appear on the campus. Tuesday is the magic day for sales to begin.

Those who want the latest edition of the hustler's handbook may get them at the Student Centre.

Superpicture

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that's no problem. People like to see themselves in pictures. But I don't mind if there are a few people missing. Six or seven thousand wouldn't make any difference."

Beavers

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also swam and dove strongly, even though Mt. A. could only offer weak opposition. Many of our freshmen showed a great deal of promise. The team swam well, but the score is deceptive; we will have to work harder in the future as there is some much stiffer competition to be encountered. The Beaver's next meet is at Bangor YMCA on November 21st. Come on, Beavers, let's show them!

International

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thank J. R. Wilbur, Mrs. McNeill, Dr. Shemilt and Jill Stocker for all they did to further this programme."

During the discussion, it was suggested that a member from the E. Africa Society, Chinese Society, Malaysian Society, and the rest, be associated on a committee chaired by a member of the WUSC executive in order to advance the programme of a Campus International at UNB.

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