

# Objects to election-time childishness

Last Wednesday was election day for the SRC. One of the largest problems in the last few years has been filling the seats on council and one often wonders why more students don't get involved in student politics. This question has often perplexed me, but I think I have finally realized why this has been a continuing problem. In the four years I have been at UNB, never have I witnessed such a duty, disgusting campaign (or perhaps I never noticed).

Upon becoming a candidate in an election here, the SRC states it will reimburse up to \$25 or \$35 to the candidate,

depending on the position being sought after. The traditional mode of campaigning, here at UNB, has been to put posters up all over campus to let everyone know who you are and what you are running for. Naturally, there are many who seem to get great enjoyment on drawing all over these posters and one must ignore these so called poster artists and proceed with one's campaign. But, I find it very disgusting when these posters are smeared with obscenities, personal comments and opinions of that person scrawled across the page. We are supposed to be mature in-

dividuals, soon leaving to make our living in the world, and I find it very hard to believe that these people are anything but childish and immature, belonging back in high school. In one instance, a student was caught ripping down posters, because the student didn't like the candidate. Is that sufficient reason to rip down a candidate's posters?

I wonder how many students realize the time and effort that goes into running for a position in student government? (might I add this is on top of school and homework). In any other university this kind of behavior would NOT be tolerated. This

is NOT high school anymore. Those of you who insist on drawing on and ripping down posters, please exert a little courtesy and find some other way to waste your time, and leave the election candidates alone!

As for all the so called scandals that seem to have surfaced in the past few weeks, never have I heard so many malicious rumours and insinuations, none of which are based upon fact. Last week a friend of mine approached me having just heard an interview on CHSR regarding the sub referendum. Apparently, it was stated that the student body should not vote for the candidates who are in favour of SUB renovations if they themselves are not in favor of them, and then the names of the candidates were given.

I wish to make something clear. The SUB Referendum was not an election issue. This referendum was held on the same day as the SRC election. The new executive council members begin their term in January. By then, the decisions will have been made regarding the renovations, by the SUB Board of Directors.

As for Orientation, perhaps someone should check their facts. Presently, our books are being audited. Upon their return, they are available to anyone who wishes to go over them. Until then there is nothing anyone can say or do so please keep your suspicions to yourself until you have something to base them upon. Furthermore, I would like to add that I have yet to be approached on this matter, as was insinuated last week on CHSR.

Student politics is supposed to be an excellent experience, and for the most part enjoyable work. These past few weeks have been anything but enjoyable. It's no wonder no one wants to get involved, which is sad because there are so many people who would do an excellent job, but will not subject themselves to this degrading disgusting situation. I ask you, the students, to be very careful when voicing suspicions of your fellow students. Research the situation carefully and think about what you are saying before approaching the media.

Susan Lynch  
Chem Eng. IV

## Forestry is important!

Dear Editor

Forestry is Canada's largest and most important industry, bar none. It hires more people, makes more money, produces more exports and pays more

taxes than any other single industry! During Forestry Week the UNB Forestry Association will have a display trailer on campus (Wed. - Fri.), showing the importance of our forests. Don't you think it's time you

learned about the industry that is keeping this country alive!

George von Jagow  
Public Relations  
UNB Forestry Association

## Article erroneous

Dear Editor:

I thank you for the article (16 Oct. Brunswickan) on my work being displayed at the Harriet Irving Library, however I was upset that the writer included in the article statements regarding my personal feelings toward my work which were unfounded and untrue.

Included in the four pages of information on woodturning submitted to the Brunswickan, to extract an article from,

were three quotes from two of the great innovators in woodturning - Mark Lindquist and David Ellsworth. One was used in the article as a quote, although the article failed to mention that the quote refers to spalted wood. The last paragraph is actually another quote from Lindquist that has been changed around so that its meaning is something other than expressed in the original quote. Your article makes it appear that these were my

feelings. Your article also says I feel artistic expression transcends utilitarian function. Not so! I never said or felt this at anytime. I am a craftsman. Approximately 90 percent of my pieces are functional bowls and plates. I am not really trying to express anything in my "non-functional" pieces, but am displaying visually and tactily interesting wood in traditional forms. Often the wood is not sound enough for functional salad bowls. I have not definite feelings or theories regarding my work other than my love of wood and woodturning. Thank you.

Wayne Hayes  
Cold River Woodturning

## Finnan speaks

To all students:

I am very happy with Wednesday's results and I would like to take this time to heartily thank all those students who supported me election day. I assure each and every student that I will make every attempt to provide strong and constructive leadership.

I would also like to take this time to thank my campaign manager, Michelle Collison, and all those friends who worked so hard with me in this campaign.

I would now like to look forward to a healthy and productive year in the Student Union and it is my hope that each and every student pitches in to help make our Student Union, something to be proud of.

I would now, however, like to speak on a matter that I am not so impressed with. This being the slenderous, throat slashing, primitive and childish

tactics used by a select few of anarchists.

Accusations of imbezement, cheat and coverup were spoken by the minds (AND I USE THAT WORD LOOSELY) of wimperish and unbalanced students who ignored good sportsmanship, ethics and the Law when trying to defeat myself and others during this campaign. I therefore warn these children that I will use every possible means of ensuring that this type of deviant behavior doesn't happen again. I will bring this matter and others before councils attention to ensure that we as candidates don't have to put up with this type of cruel and childish behavior.

For the students, I assure them that our Student Union will be something that is productive, useful and balanced. Thank you once again.

Gerard Finnan  
P.S. Congratulations to the other candidates . . .

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