Councillors favouring impeachment criticized

Dear Editor:

By my own admission, I am generally quite a lazy and apathetic individual. But the recent events surrounding the SRC and its members have caused me to take a new interest in student politics.

To be specific, I am talking about the proposed impeachment of Engineering Representative John Bosnitch. To quote something from last weeks Brunswickan, 'Engineering Rep John Bosnitch was vocal on all issues and the meeting culminated with a notice of motion for his impeachment.' Does this seem like the proper reason to impeach a member of the SRC, just because he is vocal about the issues and believes in the idea of standing up and expressing his opinion when he has justification to believe that something is perhaps out of order. Actually, the clause by which certain members are trying to evict him by is under Bylaw 14, Section 6a, "The council may impeach an elected officer. . . for dereliction of duty." This is fine but dereliction of duty is defined as missing a certain number of meetings which is a complete farce as Mr. Bosnitch has attended every single meeting to date. Curiosity getting the best of me, I was compeled to attend last weeks SRC meeting and see for myself exactly what the problem is, and I believe I have found it.

It is my opinion, that MY OPINION, that the vast majority of the members of the SRC, not excluding the Executive, are strictly in the organization so that they may quote that they served for so many years on UNB's SRC which as anyone knows looks very good on a resume and of course employers are impressed because it supposedly exhibits some form of leadership qualities. I also believe that Mr. Bosnitch is no exception to this 'rule' though his motives may be just a bit different. But it appears to me, note that this once again is my own opinion, after viewing last weeks SRC meeting that the only reason that members may want Mr. Bosnitch impeached is because of the fear, that's right FEAR, they have of him. It is not known that Mr. Bosnitch is a national caliber debator and therefore like any good debator he has a firm grasp of Robert's Rules of Order (the rules which are used to run most meetings of organizations of any size anywhere from UNB's SRC to the Canadian House of Commons (which uses an equivalent). Now since it is obvious that they will never be able to impeach Mr. Bosnitch because of dereliction of duty, some members may try to use the fact that Mr. Bosnitch raises a number of points of order (points stating where a possible error has been made in the running of the meeting) during the course of the meeting.

As anyone can understand, a strict and precise format must be adhered to in order to carry on a meeting such as the ones held by the SRC not only to ensure efficiency but also to uphold the legality of the proceedings. Mr. Bosnitch is the unchallenged authority of Robert Rule's of Order within the SRC with no exceptions, NOT EVEN THE CHAIRMAN. Though this is very unfortunate because it not only leads to numerous conflicts within the SRC itself concerning procedure and policy but also because any decisions made by the SRC may be void if not carried out properly. Mr. Bosnitch realizes this and sincerely makes an effort to correct it but to no avail. If the SRC is calling for an impeachment of John Bosnitch for this reason, as in my opinion, can be the only possible excuse, then I CALL FOR THE RESIGNATION OF EVERY SINGLE SRC MEMBER in favour of it. The last thing we need is a group of individuals that will impede the steady progress of business within the SRC because of their petty fears and ignorance.

The second major problem with the SRC from what I can see is the lack of knowledge and strong chairman which can keep the meeting running smoothly. I was shocked to witness the chairman make a motion for a five minute recess last week and quickly remove the motion because Mr. Ratcliff (SRC President) sitting next to him nudged him and told him not to do it. Let me remind everyone that the chairman is considered just something slightly under God in an assembly but this is not demonstrated effective by the present chairman as he finds it difficult to conduct the simple business facing the SRC. I think that you should brush up on your Robert's Mr. Chairman instead of quickly looking things up during the meeting as has been previous practice.

So what we need is not the impeachment of Mr. Bosnitch, but instead more people like him. All in all, one cannot help but to laugh at the present state of the SRC. And to show that I am a man of my word, if you listened to the broadcast of the meeting last Monday evening, you undoubtedly heard at least ten seconds of near hysterical laughter from yours truly because it was truly comical.

Yours truly,

John Jerney
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'Disappointed' by SRC

Dear Editor:

I was disappointed to note that the SRC decided not to help fund a pesentation by an El Salvadorian student. Perhaps the SRC should be more concerned as to whether they are helping the students' education rather than making sure they are not becoming involved in politics.

J. Turpin

New exec voting yes

Dear Students:

As the incoming executive of the Student Union, we feel it is vital to let you know that we FULLY support the SUB board and will be voting YES on Monday, November 16. We urge you to vote in this upcoming and very important referendum and to pay particular attention to the fact that you are not being asked for any additional money but are only being asked to continue your monetary support as students have been doing since 1966. Please realize that if these students had not supported the SUB proposal in 1966 there would NOT be a Student Union Building today.

Once again we ask you to get out and Vote YES as we are doing, to continue the support of the Student Union Building.

Yours most respectfully,

G. Finnan-President Elect
S. Lynch-Vice president elect
A. Young-Comptroller Elect

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