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Somebody took the time to write to the Brunswickan this week and failed to sign his name. This is unfortunate, because it means that we cannot print it.

In this letter the rhetorical question is asked "What is the good of a Student Union President?". The author makes the point that for all intents and purposes we could elect a monkey as long as he/she could sign its name.

As I have said in previous editions of these ramblings, I am getting pretty down on organised government of the SRC variety. I do think, that the president we elect this week will matter to the life and times of even the most uninvolved student at UNB.

It is reasonable to assume that the uninvolved student has a look at the Brunswickan every week. Logically then, if the SRC president sees his way clear to support the Brunswickan with adequate funding then this student will be benefited.

Quite rightly, however, to most students it doesn't matter at all what goes on in the SRC offices and council chambers.

If we elected a good man to the job, things other than the budgets of clubs etc will be looked after.

In the past three years, our relationship with the university has deteriorated seriously from what it was and even more so from what it should be.

Things like housing, food contracts, fee increases, security, and parking all benefit from strong and persistent student input. If it is not there, the university will proceed on its merry way perhaps totally missing the viewpoint of students.

At this university at least, you can fight 'city hall'. I have seen it done two or three times over the last 5 years or so. The ability and willingness to fight has dropped to a dangerously low level and students in general will suffer for it.

To sum up on this topic, my answer to the writer of the letter in question is, quite right we might as well elect a monkey unless we elect someone who will fight for our interests when decisions are made at 'city hall'.

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Winter Carnival time again. Rampant boozing and insanity for a week or so. For some unknown reason carnival comes at exactly the right time. Many people are complaining about lots of work to do and not enough inclination to do it.

The winter must be taking its toll on people's constitution. Thoughts have been turned to concoctions of sulfur and molasses. I am not sure what such tonics do for you, but perhaps some ethanol in water would serve the purpose as well or better.

Winter Carnival this year promises lots of booze and some good parties of particular interest will be the Extravaganza, the Pub with Liverpool, and the Ryan's Fancy Pub in the Aitken Centre. This latter will be an historic event for the university as it will mark the first booze event in the AUC with the ice in.

Kevin Garland and his helpers will get well-deserved thanks for their hard work by the students who participate in carnival.

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The reign of Jim Smith ends on Monday. Elected by a campus tired of hack politicians on the virtue of his campaign style, he has proved to be, during the best of times, moderately successful at his elected job.

I asked Jim how he felt about his year. "I learned a lot. I learned that this is the last time I will ever get involved in politics." Perhaps that is a good thing.

When I first met Jim, he didn't drink or smoke. Shortly after being elected the second time as president (Feb 76) he was chain smoking, and several pints of the demon rum had passed his lips. Goes to show you what politics can do to even the most upright soul. Jim said that he "felt he had improved some of the internal operations of the SRC, but that he had made mistakes as well". I asked how he felt about Dr. Anderson's treatment of the students and he said that "In most cases the president is pretty fair to students, but the university is the university and other interests often take precedence over the wishes of the students."

Help halt health hazards

If you need information about birth control, diabetes, VD or any type of health oriented problem, the person to talk to is Sharon Dumphy.

Situated in Tibbits East, basement she can be found there on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursday mornings. Sharon is willing to discuss any type of problem, or to answer questions students may have about specific problems.

Affiliated with the Campus Health Centre, appointments and

information can be arranged through her intervention.

Working on the basis of preventive medicine, Sharon wants to stop the problems before they begin. She has set up booths at the SUB and has been a speaker at the various residences at focal points during the year.

Realizing that many students are unaware of this service, Sharon urges students to drop in or phone 453-4837 if they have any questions or a specific problem.

Ten Days for World Development

Is there a world food crisis?

By GERRY LASKEY

Ten Days For World Development, an inter-denominational committee of the Anglican, Roman Catholic, United, Lutheran, and Presbyterian churches, strives to educate the Canadian public on problems of world development and to influence public policy to aid in solving the human problems of development. The committee has organized a national campaign during or near the Lenten season for the last four years to heighten public awareness of world problems, especially in the developing world. The campaign this year is focusing on the world

food crisis, in conjunction with this year's emphasis of the United Nations' strategy for a New International Economic Order, which is also on food.

The committee will be sponsoring a workshop at UNB on the world food crisis. During noon-hour on February 18 the local Ten Days committee will have Frances Moore Lappe speaking and will be showing a film. Ms. Lappe is author of *Diet for a Small Planet*. She is currently working on another book, *Food First*, excerpts of which appeared in the *plain dealer* of January 26 as "myths about food".

Following is a sample of the

issues that will be discussed during the campaign.

Fact: There is no scarcity of food in today's world. Enough grain is produced in North America alone to feed everyone at the North American standard of 3000 calories a day.

Fact: "They" are not having too many kids. Population growth is not outstripping food production.

Fact: There is no country in the world where people could not feed themselves from their own resources.

Question: Why then are there 70 million seriously malnourished and many more million chronically hungry people in the world?

Guess who's coming to dinner

The Alumni office has arranged with members of the organization to provide dinner and a sociable evening to students of the university.

Thirty five members of the Alumni have opened their homes to any students who wish to take advantage of this generous offer.

Art Doyle, director of Alumni Affairs said that this program was instigated specifically for those

students away from home. "It will give them a chance to meet people and to have a good home cooked meal."

Students will also have the chance to speak to specialists in their particular field of study, as among the volunteers are doctors, lawyers and other experts.

Bulletins pertaining to the program have been posted in the residences. Coupons are now

available to be filled out and sent or delivered to the Alumni office.

Doyle urges students to take advantage of this generous offer, "as it is for their benefit" A lot of time effort and consideration has been taken to arrange this, and students would be well advised to make use of it.

For further information concerning the offer contact the Alumni office at 453-4948/4847.

Victoria House wants women!

By TWEED

The Board of Governors approved the concept of making Victoria House a co-educational residence on an experimental basis for the 1977-78 academic year. The house will continue to operate under the jurisdiction of the Dean of Men's residences. Specific rules and regulations regarding the operation of Victoria House under the new plan will follow in due course.

Until the house has achieved a 50/50 male/female ratio, only female applicants will be considered for residence. Male residents presently living in Victoria House will have top priority in the reassignment of rooms next fall. The entire operation is subject to the renewal of the lease for the building with the Department of Health. This is expected to be finalized by the middle of March. Interested persons may inquire at the men's residence office opposite McConnell Hall.

The Men of Victoria extend their thanks to Deans Kidd, Thompson and Chernoff for their support and advice in the realization of this project.

The Computing centre has extended and rearranged its hours of operative effective January 31, 1977.

Reception Area:
Mon.-Fri. - 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat.-Sun. - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Batch Service:
Mon.-Fri. - 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 12 p.m.-8 a.m.
Sat.-Sun. - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Self Service Area:
Mon.-Fri. - 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Sat.-Sun. - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Duty Consultant [D-52]:
Mon.-Fri. - 9 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat.-Sun. - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Outside of Operation outside Academic Term

Reception Area:
Mon.-Fri. - 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat.-Sun. - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Batch Service:
Mon.-Fri. - 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

Self Service:
Mon.-Fri. - 12:30 a.m. - 8 a.m.

Interactive System:
Sat.-Sun. - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Duty Consultant [D-52]:
Mon.-Fri. - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Y offers scholarship

Since 1954 the International Association of Y's Men's Clubs, through individual clubs around the world, has funded the Paul William Alexander Scholarship Fund. Named in honor of the founder of Y's Men's International, the fund is administered on a regional basis.

Individual Y's Men's Clubs are service clubs whose primary function is to support the work of the YM-YWCA. There are three such clubs in Fredericton: Capitals, Epsilon and Nashwaaksis.

The size of a Paul William Alexander Scholarship award is variable, but has an average value in the order of \$500. It is open to any undergraduate student interested in a career with the YM-YWCA. Recipients must pledge to work with the Y for at least one

year following graduation. Scholarships may be renewed upon proof of satisfactory academic growth.

Applicants will be interviewed locally, and detailed applications will be forwarded through a chairman in Saint John. As the entire selection process takes about three months, early application is encouraged. There is no fixed quota of awards; each application is judged on a basis of academic achievement, character and promise, financial need and a sincere interest in employment with the YMCA.

Interested students should contact Prof. Dwight Scott, Mechanical Engineering, at 453-4514 or 454-4791, for more information, or to arrange for an interview.