

EUS throws down gauntlet to SRC

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Lady Godiva rode again! And even though her ride didn't lower taxes or tuition fees, it didn't lower marks either. So was her 5 minute ride worth \$100 (or a rate of \$1200 per hour)? Well according to most Engineers it's a toss up but almost all of them would agree that Godiva's \$100 did as much for UNB Engineering as the \$100 honorarium that most SRC councillors receive.

The fact of the matter is that most Engineers care very little about the SRC. It's not that Engineers are apathetic it's just that they feel that their interests are better served by the Engineering Undergraduate Society and their various faculty societies. A reread of the Bruns' election edition will show why. The issues raised by the election candidates had little to interest Engineers, such 'pertinent' issues as remaining in the NUS and the AFS or SUB expansion have little to do with Engineers who cannot see any benefits coming from either the NUS or AFS or who rarely visit the SUB (except on pub nights or for a pack of cigarettes).

The Engineer's traditional conservatism aside, they do have a good case: The SRC simply does not seem to be doing its job. The issues of student housing or student parking which affect most Engineers are rarely dealt with in the those cat fights known as SRC meetings. Instead we are fed a steady diet of honorarium squabbles, resignations, and innuendo. When compared to the EUS the SRC pales badly: The EUS provides good pubs, an occasional newspaper, a well stocked Engineer's store, a fine lineup of movies, an entire week for its members, a yearbook that was on time, decent sports representation, smokers, and a Big Brother Night. Now it's true that the EUS received funds and aid from the SRC but these actions are automatic, a tradition which requires no great sacrifice or energy expenditure by the SRC.

And remember all EUS work is voluntary. The efforts of Jeff Smith, Gary Rutenburg, and others on Engineering Week took many hours to produce the fine results. There are no honoraria.

The EUS certainly is not perfect. It has had a lot of problems in

getting volunteers and adequate representation, but it does get its job done and it serves the interests of Engineers much better than the SRC does.

How could the SRC improve its image with Engineers? There are many things it could do: first of all it could get down to business, forget the conflicts and get the job done. Secondly it could start showing results from such affiliations as AFS and NUS. Where is our money going and what are the results? Thirdly it could get rid of its attitude of 'The SUB is the centre of the campus'. The SUB is not the campus' focus and this fact could be recognized by having the occasional SRC council meetings in such places as Tilley Hall, Head Hall, d'Avray Hall. Some councillors have never been in these buildings and they should have been, it's their constituency.

Fourthly, the SRC could start raising some relevant issues instead of sticking to motherhood issues like more input and better services for off-campus students; these issues are so vague and general that they mean nothing. Relevant issues could include

recycling waste paper from the Computer Centre, stopping the wasteful practices of using plastic knives and forks in the cafeteria and non-returnable bottles at the Smoke Shop. Other issues could include giving better night time access to campus facilities, for example why should Head Hall have only one entrance open at night? These issues may be scoffed at as "nothings" but they would show that the SRC was in fact doing something useful.

Fifthly, the SRC and its member organizations could have forums and pass out questionnaires to get student's opinions on issues and perhaps ideas or new issues. For

example the forums might clear up recent complaints about the availability of the Bruns at Head Hall and its failure last week to run a promised ad on Head Hall Open House. Once again, these are the little things but cause as many hassels as any NUS referendum.

Lastly, the SRC could start to publicize its results, not in tiny print "minutes" columns but rather in well written columns in the Bruns or the Godivan.

The SRC will have to upgrade its image or else it will continue to suffer from student apathy and indifference. Something to think about as Lady Godiva rides by.

Selkirk Sounder silenced

CASTLEGAR (CUP) — Publication of the student newspaper at Selkirk College, the Sounder, has been suspended until the student council can find someone to fill the vacant post of treasurer to administer funds.

In a meeting Oct. 26 council voted to freeze its budget and called an election for Nov. 1 although its constitution doesn't allow one until Nov. 8.

Sounder staffer Sally Mackenzie called the decision "hasty and unconsidered."

"How can anyone expect more students to become more involved when there is no newspaper to tell them?"

Only eight of a possible 23 representatives were present at the council meeting. Only five of these had filed nomination forms

for their election.

Mackenzie charged the council with being, "woefully unorganized the past two years."

She said the paper, a four page weekly tabloid, had advertising contracts and that not publishing would hurt its credibility with advertisers.

It was revealed at the meeting that council has about \$3,000 in its coffers not counting \$1,400 raised at a recent dance. The Sounder would have costs students about \$20 for its 1,000 press run. Other money comes from ad revenue.

Apparently several councillors voted to suspend the paper's publication because they do not like it. A motion to suspend the Sounder because "it has no support from students" failed however, for lack of a seconder.

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OTTAWA (CUP) — The federal government's recent announcement of its employment strategy for 1977 includes job creation programs designed to give a few more students work next summer.

Student representatives have given a lukewarm welcome to the proposals which they say show government response to last summer's lobbying efforts to increase student summer employment.

But the National Union of Students notes that funding for the new job programs is much less than it was in 1971 when unemployment was lower. NUS says it will continue to "do all it can to see that every student who needs work in 1977 will get it."

The five-year employment strategy was announced by minister of manpower and immigration Jack Cullen as a program designed "to help fill the employment gap over the next several years". It will not put Canada's 750,000 unemployed back to work next year or relieve the glut on the student employment market next summer.

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