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by journal

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Well here we are at the end of the year, when the Brunswick can heave a sigh of relief as the last edition of the year is delivered about the campus. As you might have noticed, there has been a change of editors for the next year, and as I begin my editorship for the upcoming academic year, I would like to wish a fond farewell to Sheenagh Murphy on behalf of the staff. Without the talents of Sheenagh, the Brunswick would have been lost; numerous occasions have been saved with Sheenagh's skill and dedication. Good luck Sheenagh, we'll miss you.

It looks as if the returning students will be facing an increase of fifty dollars this fall. Although SRC President David Bartlett and various other representatives travelled to Saint John to appeal the decisions of the Board of Governors the reception could almost be interpreted as cold towards the plight of the student. If we are to be termed as "Welfare Cases" to coin Mr. Malmberg's phrase from the BOG meeting, it is only the result of high tuition costs (increasing) and other related costs which seem to be facing the student every year.

Did you ever wonder exactly what the SRC spends your student fees on? Well, amongst other things they use them to finance cross-country excursions for themselves. The SRC voted Monday night to allocate \$400 for SRC President Dave Bartlett to attend a NUS conference in Vancouver. This is the same NUS that UNB students voted to withdraw from one year ago. The purpose of the trip is supposedly to gather information. Information on what? It's hard to say. VP External, Claire Fripp has yet to provide any worthwhile information from her Ottawa trip. Whatever information she got out of it certainly didn't prevent tuition hikes or differential fees this year. Oh well, enjoy yourself in Vancouver Dave, say hello to the sunshine for us.

On a more 'sober' note - may I be permitted to mention the word of EXAMS. Although many of us would rather crawl back down to the Social Club or whatever. However the day is quickly arriving, and I would just like to remind students that when our March 9th issue went to press we had an extra five hundred copies printed for those who are in need of the exam schedule. So if you are frantically searching about your room, and even contemplating a Spring cleanup, cheer-up there are extra copies. But hurry, copies are quickly diminishing . . . uh . . . good luck!

Along with the change-over of editors for next fall, we have had changes within the various other editorial positions, of which I am pleased to announce all have been filled. However I would like to extend a warm welcome in the direction of all returning students to come down and offer their services. We will be in great need of writers, people to lay out copy, and generally help out around the office. Generally a good time can be had by all, and more importantly your assistance will be more than appreciated. This week we had the help of the SRC, which was really welcomed - thank you from the Bruns.

In closing, I must make some reference to Fredericton's weather (as you can guess I am not a resident). Let there be no mistake - Spring in Fredericton is pure myth, it does not, nor ever did exist in the Maritimes. I was almost convinced last week, but I'm afraid Monday night's 'cute little snow storm' really clinched my decision. Give it up folks, there might be some truth to the rumor of summer.

Have you noticed that Ariel Ford made a return visit to Fredericton. Quite a gal, Ariel . . . you might say an all out trooper even.

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sound-off Too close for comfort

Dear Editor:

In reply to Mr. Burnham. It seems as if one of those events that have a one in a million chance of ever occurring has occurred TWICE in TWO DAYS. Does this mean that we can safely say that the probability of this occurring in the next million years is nil? I am referring of course to the mishap at the Harrisburg nuclear plant.

The radiation leak from the plant on Three Mile Island was compared to the fallout from an atomic test bomb. The plant continued to leak radiation on the third day after the accident. The radiation level was 15 times greater than the normal level in the area.

This radiation that is leaked in the atmosphere greatly increases the risk to pregnant women and

small children. What is the attitude of the companies? In the Harrisburg incident - ("a term used to label what could be a major accident") they took an attitude of no-danger and attack scientists for criticizing their actions.

What must be remembered is that no matter how small the dose of radiation it is still an overdose. This small amount is enough to do damage to the exposed person.

What about the cost of cleaning up the mess? The expected cost of cleaning up the Harrisburg area will be \$600,000 - \$800,000.

This is just one "incident". What about Detroit?

There appears to be an exceptional occurrence for a one in a million probability of this happening.

Yours truly,
Mike MacKinnon

Harrison cops cup

Madam Editor:

I would like to propose a toast to the Men of Harrison, who have won the President's Cup this past academic year. This represents an unprecedented fifth time in the last five years, (not to mention 9 of the last 11 years) that 'the Cup' has come home to its proper home. The toast should also go out to all those who helped return the Amby Leger trophy to its resting place beside the President's Cup.

To explain the President's Cup to those Houses that have never tasted the Champagne from its brim is necessary at this point. The President's Cup represents the trophy for the house that achieves the best overall position in all the Inter-Residence Sports and participation in these events. It should also be noted that Harrison House won 'the Cup' without the need to

count the results of the Cross-Country Run (who do you think won that?). While other houses may place higher in selected sports - It is the men of Harrison that come out on top of it all.

The Amby Leger Trophy is that which is awarded to the House that has had the most participation in Inter-Residence Sports - and has had only one winner in its history - the Men of Harrison.

It has been said that all this winning comes from the fact that Harrison is a 'Jock' House - this of course is sheer nonsense. The Men of Harrison win because they express a pride in their house that is unequalled by any residence on campus.

So once again - here's to the Men of Harrison.

Yours sincerely,
David P. Dorr

Archibald states case

Dear Members of the Brunswickan:

I would be the first to admit that an SRC representative sitting on the executive of CHSR would be interfering with the press. You are right, it is. Hopefully, CHSR's closed door editorial policy will keep this to a minimum.

My reasoning for making the motion was strictly a concern for the SRC to get the story on the funding and operation of CHSR-FM in the first couple of years of its development. After CHSR-FM is on the air for one year, if it is granted a license to operate by the CRTC, then I will be all for removing our member that is to be elected to sit in on CHSR's executive meetings.

We will be up to our necks financing this venture and I want to be sure it doesn't go past that point. This is a short term move that I pushed for because most council members don't have a clue how we are to finance CHSR-FM in the future; and, they don't necessarily show any interest in finding out.

I made the arguments that I did to get this passed, but my priority was the one that I just stated. We have to look out for the students' interests.

Just for the record.

Peter Archibald
SRC Representative

A student governor?

Dear Editor:

On Friday, March 30th, the University of New Brunswick Board of Governors voted to increase student fees by \$50.00. At the last SRC meeting council was informed that one student governor voted in favour of an increase in student fees.

I was certainly taken back when I heard this statement as this particular student governor stood before the SRC only two weeks previously and said that he would do all in his power to fight tuition increases. All council members (at least I think so) were under the impression that this student governor would echo the SRC

sentiment at the Board of Governors meeting.

This student governor also aided in preparation of a brief that I wrote to the Board of Governors stating the SRC objections to an increase in student fees. I personally feel the SRC was misled by this particular student.

He had the audacity to stand up and say "no to tuition increases", and then turn around and vote with total disregard to the student wishes. He has abused the powers which we have invested in him as a student member on the Board of Governors.

Yours truly,
Blair Moffatt,
Vice President Internal

A reply to Burnham

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to the letter to the editor in last week's Bruns by J.U. Burnham. His letter dealt with Steve Heckbert's article on New Brunswick's energy future that appeared in the Brunswickan on March 16.

I'd like to thank J.U. Burnham

for his excellent presentation of meaningless statistics. Although I'm quite concerned that he might have misled members of the general public (hence this letter) I'm sure that scientists and energy planners can only have been amused. A reasonable careful reading of Steve Heckbert's article shows that he advocates a mix of energy sources for the future.

Heckbert suggests that wood could be an important component of this energy mix.

Judging from J.U. Burnham's scenario of a 1900 MW wood burning electrical generating plant in Saint John, I can only conclude that he has never heard of the idea of an energy mix or of

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