

thumbs down...

The Brunswickan, with its entire editorial staff, is emphatically opposed to the plans for the erection of a Student Union Building at this time.

The editors have delayed publishing a stand on this matter for some weeks. We now believe that a useful purpose will be fulfilled in doing so, and that the alternative we suggest will provoke constructive action. Our attitude is bolstered by the survey printed on page 9 of this paper, and we are confident that the majority of the student body will agree with us on the following points.

—The students have not been directly consulted on this major project, and have been only scantily informed.

—The members of the Building Committee will receive large grants from the SRC, but they claim that it is not in the students' interest to publish their reasons for wanting to build a Student Union Building.

—It is evident that the need for "office space for campus leaders" is negligible, compared to the current and very real need for a campus auditorium, new library or swimming pool. No matter what other services a Student Union Building can offer, they are outranked in priority by the preceding three projects.

The editors of this publication reiterate that we think that the idea of a Student Building is both excellent and worthwhile. We are certain that the students will support a campaign to raise funds to donate a building to the university... if the building proposed is the choice of the students in whose name it is being given.

The spokesmen for the Building Committee, in private conversation, defend the plans for a Student Union Building in the following manner: "We cannot raise enough money to build any of these other buildings, and any effort on our part will conflict with the administration's fund-raising plans for them. We can have the students raise a little of the money downtown... the administration will raise the rest for us; that way we get the S.U.B. and the others will get built anyway."

We deplore this attitude and these plans.

It appears that we have ceased to have a Student Building Committee, and that the name of the student body is being exploited, without their knowledge or consent, to further the aims of this silent committee and/or the administration.

Our feeling is that the S.R.C. should call a plebiscite to determine which building the students would like to work toward. If it is not the Student Union Building... and we think it will not be... we should begin the fund-raising campaign immediately, and set a target objective for the end of this academic year. The money raised could then be given to the university in trust, to earn interest until the building can be constructed.

We think that this plan would gain more student support and give us a good start towards constructing facilities which we desperately need... the effort being by and for the students of UNB.

— From Our Readers —

Dear Editor:

Your comment about my letter, published in the Brunswickan November 14, has indicated to many that I, in my letter, had given the name of the house concerned. My purpose in writing was not to unfairly degrade a house but to bring this unfortunate incident to the attention of the student body.

Sincerely,
Doug Cole.

Sorry.—ed.

Dear Editor:

I doubt that anyone would say that small town, U.N.B., or any gossip for that matter, is good. But I hardly think the writer of the "Terry Toons" column should be the one to castigate others for practising this vice, as "he?" did in the Nov. 14th issue of the Brunswickan.

Apparently the writer thought he was being only "a bit hypocritical" but to the reader it sounded decidedly double-tongued. Whatever change of heart prompted this egress against gossip, it was short lived as the remainder of the column made manifest. Perhaps a dose of his own medicine was what aroused the writer, but he is certainly in no position to denounce others.

The coarse reference to two residents of the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel, made in an Oct. "Terry Toons" was just one of the many "cutting" remarks which have appeared in the column. Perhaps the writer has heard of the saying: "Practise what you preach!"

Incidentally, if the writer of "Terry Toons" is so interested in Scuttle's identity, why doesn't he come forth with his own name. The Brunswickan could also take a step in the right direction by requiring all columnists to identify themselves. Subsequently, more letter writers might sign their names and remove a constant source of disgust to the editor. Good examples are sometimes followed.

Sincerely,
Donald E. Forbes.
E. E. Z.

An excellent suggestion which we wish we could implement... but the world is wrong and we can't. Your comments re "Terry Toons" are valid. Any volunteers who wish to attempt a better column?—ed.

Dear Sir:

For some weeks now, the title "Cosmopolitan" has struck me as an inappropriate heading for Mr. Karon's column. His latest endeavour, "The Sino-Indian Crisis", is especially contradictory of the cosmopolitanism he wishes to exhibit.

Certainly Mr. Nehru has changed his neutralist's tune. But why should this necessitate retaliatory vengeance from the West? Such an un-Christian suggestion, as Mr. Karon has presented, would hardly endear the West to even the Hindustan East! But Mr. Karon insists that we be realistic and that this is not a time for turning the other cheek (as if we ever had 'tol). Supposing the United States did

renig, returning to isolationism, and only the Soviet Union promised the Indians aid, would Mr. Karon then be surprised to see a resurgence of anti-American feeling in the un-committed and semi-committed countries of the world? From a purely Machiavellian point of view, it would be wise expediency for the United States to reassure her friends, and sometimes-friends that she is concerned for their well-being and their non-alignment with the Communist world.

Let's be even more realistic. In helping the Indians, the West is not only helping to preserve a "bastion of democracy in Asia", but is actually fighting Communism. What could be more appealing?

Mr. Karon says that the Soviet Union, in assisting the Indians against the Chinese, is "fatally split" from Chinese Communism. Whether it's fatal or not remains to be seen, but the split could be greatly widened if the United States and the Soviet Union both supported the same side against the Chinese. (The Chinese are presently engaged in violent invective against the United States for her "imperialistic aggression" in Cuba.) The hesitation of the Soviet Union in promising aid to the Indians is some indication that she fears embarrassment, which would inevitably result if she and the "capitalistic" United States helped fight a common Chinese enemy.

From the standpoint of Western self interest, this is too opportune a situation to miss. At least the Machiavellian in you Mr. Karon, might be grateful that the United States is adventurous enough to be cosmopolitan in its dealings with India—by sending aid.

Yours truly,
Pam Keirstead

Your letters make reading nearly as confusing as Mr. Karon's articles.—ed.

Sir:

I couldn't resist replying to the above letter of Miss P. Keirstead. It seems unfortunate that she has missed the first column of the "Cosmopolitan" series, because in the first few opening lines I explained my reasons for giving that column this title of "Cosmopolitan."

I find it very hard to understand her point of view as she throws around terms of Machiavellianism without regard to its meaning. But perhaps one of her letter's big misconception is that the Western nations are selling Christianity. It has been a long time that the Church and State have been separated, perhaps unknown to Miss Keirstead.

And the quote of India being "the bastion of Democracy in Asia" is quite fallacious, for then we overlook real democracies such as Malaya for example.

I could go on in this way pointing out Miss. Keirstead's fallacious thinking about the last "Cosmopolitan" or is it perhaps that she read it too quickly?"

Yours Truly,
Stevan. D. Karon.

We don't think it is possible to read it quickly... or too quickly.—ed.

Sir:

Things have changed! and someone should have told this important bit of information to Mr. R. G. (Bob) Irvine at some time during the last couple of years.

The Christian Atheist Party is not a "farce" as he seems to think. The C.A. Party encourages free discussion and active participation in the Model Parliament to at least the degree of seriousness supposedly had by the two political clubs. Indeed, through ingenious methods of publicity and sufficiently interesting and entertaining meetings, the C.A.'s have made themselves more suitable to the average student. The club, through intelligent planning and inspired humour, has created on this campus a unique phenomenon in Canadian universities. THE CHRISTIAN ATHEIST ASSOCIATION PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN POLITICS AND TO GAIN EXPERIENCE IN THE MODEL PARLIAMENT WITHOUT BECOMING ASSOCIATED WITH A NATIONALLY AFFILIATED PARTY. This is one of the constitutional purposes of the club.

Important officials of the 'nationally affiliated' clubs who have any Model Parliament experience cannot deny the fact that without C.A. attendance the Model Parliament would be uninteresting and dry. Perhaps this is because the other clubs lack the originality and wit that has been growing at an accelerated rate in the C.A. party.

If only Mr. Irvine had been able to attend some of the meetings of the Christian Atheist Association within the past year (and obviously neither he nor any of his poorly informed friends have), he might see that the C.A.'s are a highly constructive group. They are concerned with Canadian politics as well as the most important function of giving the members experience, DIRECT experience, in political affairs and party manoeuvres. Most of the C.A.'s have.

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Wed. Nov. 21—S.R.C., Tartan Room, 6:30. Rod and Gun, Oak Room, 7:30. U.C.C. Study Group, (Rev. C. Jones) Cathedral Hall, 6:00.

Thurs. Nov. 22—Bridge Club, Oak Room, 8:00. Arts Society, Tartan Room, 7:30. Study Group, (Rev. Mossman) Tartan Room, 12:45. Sun. Nov. 25—Newman Club, Oak Room, 11:00.

Fri. Nov. 23—Chapel Service, (Carol Cox) Rm. 109 Douglas Hall, 1:00. Sadie Hawkins Dance, Students Centre, 9:00. Mon. Nov. 26—Liberal Club, Oak Room, 7:30. Para-Rescue Team Training, Armouries, 7:15.

Tues. Nov. 27—Bridge Club, Oak Room, 7:00. Chapel, (Dean Nutter) Rm. 109 Douglas Hall, 1:00.