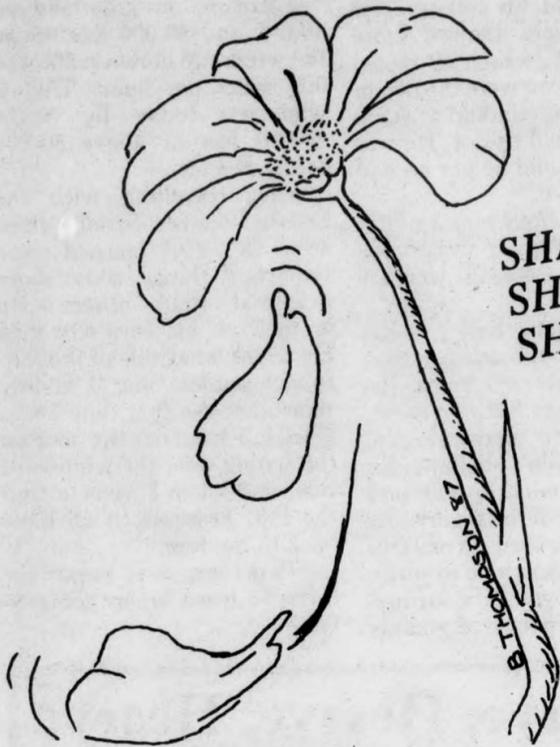


EDITORIAL



There are approximately two and one half weeks left before the upcoming student union elections and what does President Larry Hansen do? Make notice of motion at the last council meeting that the motion that removed Tracy from office be rescinded and that Tracy be permitted to again claim his seat as Comptroller.

Rather a moot point don't you think? Not only is the position of Comptroller almost useless but there are only a couple weeks left in Tracy's term anyway.

But the war rages on and the council comes out looking knock-kneed as it succumb to the chastisement of Mr. Justice David M. Dickson. While dismissing an application by Tracy for a stay of proceedings, Mr. Justice Dickson thoroughly lambasted Hansen and his council for removing him from office in the first place. Calling the council's actions "stupid", Mr. Justice Dickson recommended that council revoke the resolution to remove Tracy until the upcoming March 25 elections.

How the council under Hansen can possibly hope to attain credibility when they don't stick to rather important decisions is beyond me. How does that saying go? ...one step forward - two steps backward.

Maybe its a good thing that there are only 2 1/2 weeks left in the bloody term. Hansen can't hope to accomplish anything if he buckles under to pressure.

I heard the horrible rumour that the council is going to raise the student fees for the upcoming academic year - either unilaterally or by referendum. Well, that could be interesting if the council puts a fee hike to referendum, there won't be a fee hike.

There has not been a student fee hike above \$30 at the University of New Brunswick for the last 22 years. Our university has one of the lowest (that's what I said - the lowest) university fees in the country and Hansen wants to put a raise to a referendum?

Come on now, be serious. Everybody knows you are up to your eyeballs in debt so why not pick up your boots and raise the bloody fee yourself - or are you capable of standing on your feet and making a rather weighty decision? And it must be pointed out that this is a decision that would not and could not be rescinded. I think that the council has to stand on its own feet - for a change - and not succumb to pressure.



Mugwump

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Journal

Well I didn't go to Florida for the Spring Break so I'm not suffering from climate shock, but I must say that snow storms and -22 degree temperatures are most unbecoming to March. However, I'm not upset by it because spring is just around the corner, along with the mud, the potholes, exams

With the coming of spring is the election of a new student government---yes, again. I wonder if we'll get upwards of a ten percent voter turnout? Planned to accompany the election of candidates will be what has become a tradition with past student unions, a referendum concerning an increase in student fees. Personally, I think a referendum is a bad idea. Anyone who is directly asked -- would you support an increase in student fees? -- will of course answer no! Who would be willing to pay more student fees when they know very well that tuition will increase on its own as it does every year. But I ask you to consider a few things. Did you know that most other universities pay upwards of \$100 or more in student fees? Did you know that the \$30 fee for UNB students has not increased since 1965? Over 20 years!! How are student groups and organizations going to benefit from such an archaic sum? I'm not suggesting a drastic increase, but a slight increase would not be unreasonable. Let's face it; the student union can't hold off an increase forever.

Would you look at Singer Hall!! Things are really beginning to take shape. The completion date is set for October which should make the oncoming year much more pleasant for Business and Arts students. Now if we could only accommodate the engineers. And yes, help is on the way. There is an expansion in the vicinity of \$10 million and construction is scheduled to begin this spring. It's going to get mighty crowded on this hill.

Are you all ready for the wildest, wooliest, weekend that ever hit this city? Yes, it's none other than the *Miramichi Revival*. Heaven help us! Festivities start at the Arms at 9:00 am!! Come and witness the annual migration of every par-tier that ever lived in the Chatham/Newcastle area. It is definitely one of those "interesting" experiences and if you know any Miramichi'ers then you know its one heck of a wild party.

I see once again that the SU couldn't resist increasing the price of a photo copy. Now it's up to 10¢ a copy. Quick, you'd better get those copies made while you can because by the time you read this they may have gone up to 12 or 13 cents each. And the worst thing about it all is that there are now fewer photocopiers available (two to be exact) and they produce poor quality copies. They're all right I suppose as long as you don't object to either a combination of thick grey lines or an optional solid black line that runs about 1/4 of the way down the page. Times are tough.

I can't resist the temptation of leaving you with these tid-bits. First of all, congratulations to the UNB women's volleyball team for advancing to the CIAU championships in Winnipeg. Good luck girls! Secondly did you know that there will be another Ooze Cruise in just a couple of weeks? The last one was such a success that we're going to do it all over again. Enough said. And one more thing -- if you've had it out for this year's Brunswickan editorial staff, you need not worry much longer. The Brunswickan will be holding its annual elections in two weeks. It'll all be over soon, folks.

I'd like to take this opportunity to clear up a few things. Over the past 6 months several innocent readers have been forming an impression of me which is far from favorable. I figure if I start now I may redeem myself by the end of the year. I'm really not the nagging, complaining bitch that you think I am. In fact I even have friends, (the last time I checked, anyway). To prove it I'll say something pleasant and encouraging this week. My sincere gratitude to CHSR who has presented the *Brunswickan* staff with entertainment and inspiration at times when we really needed it.