

## Ousted MacKenzie president calls for reform of system

Dear Editor:

This letter concerns the recent events involving MacKenzie House and the members that were expelled.

First, I would like to state, that I did not write the article that appeared in the October 5 issue of the *Brunswickan* but I did contribute to it along with other ex-members of MacKenzie. This led to the use of Julius Csabai's name in article in a manner to imply he had done something wrong by being allowed back in the house, which is not true. I would like to apologize to my friend,

Julius, for this ever occurring.

I would now like to explain some of the circumstances surrounding the expulsion of so many members of MacKenzie House.

In March of 1984, when the new house committee was just elected, we were invited to Dean Smith's apartment. He told us that if the house committee did not find solutions to the house problems then the same solution that was used on Jones House would be used on MacKenzie House...The solution: expelling everyone in the house from residence.

In June of 1984, all members

of MacKenzie received letters stating basically, either they were allowed back into MacKenzie, but it was going to be a quiet house or they were not allowed into MacKenzie but could reapply for another residence.

This is where problems arose. Anyone that has lived in a residence for a while, knows that you become attached to the house.

I went to see Dean Smith to find out why this had happened. He told me the criteria for being removed from the house. The following three reasons were given:

1) If you lived on third floor, you were not allowed back in MacKenzie.

2) If your G.P.A. was below 3.5 you were not allowed back.

3) If you had not written on your reapplication for MacKenzie that you wanted a quiet house you were not allowed back.

If you were able to check MacKenzie House today you would find one person back from third floor, people with C.G.P.A. lower than 3.5, and lots of people who did not want to live in a quiet house.

This is just one example of the inconsistencies surrounding the solution.

There are also many coincidences that have occurred. Dean Smith's last act as the Dean of Men's Residence was to clear out Mackenzie House. A house to which he had always shown disfavor towards no matter what we did, as a house to improve our reputation. He did this in time for the new Dean, Reavley Gair, to come to a cleansed MacKenzie House. The same house that presented a petition against Reavley Gair becoming the new Dean because of past experience with him as MacKenzie's Dean.

If you went to see Dean Gair he would tell you that he has done a great deal to help the ex-MacKenzie members by allowing them to other houses. An example is two rooms he offered people in Rosary Hall that were the size of a large closet. This not the only injustice, simply forcing people to move into other houses and apartments is bad enough. Anyone that has lived in residence knows you become very loyal to your house and you have many friends in that house. It is very traumatic to be suddenly "kicked out" of that house. What makes it even worse for some of the of the ex-MacKenzie members is that they don't know why they were asked to leave. Being on third floor is hardly sufficient reason to kick someone out of a residence.

I was told by Don Eagle, Dean of Students, that a committee of all those involved in the expulsion would meet and come up with a reason why each person was asked to leave. It sounds more likely they want to get their stories straight so no more incidences will happen like the one where President Downey was told not

one, but three reasons why one gentleman was allowed back to third floor MacKenzie.

Last of all, the other, should be aware that Dean Gair has plans for the the residence system and if anyone believes that he will listen to the input from students they are dreaming. Dean Gair knows that the Men's and Women's residences are going to merge into one system. What better way to apply for the job than with a record of "reforming" the Men's residence system. MacKenzie is just the beginning

This whole situation has left me a low opinion of the residence system and the men running it. This would be your reaction too if you had friends coming up to you telling you that Dean Gair was rude and uncooperative or Dean Eagle wouldn't help them either. These people feel cheated and degraded and even worse, I have not been able to help them. In fact, I don't even know why I was expelled from the house and no one will tell me. The only thing I do know is that Dean Gair's ambition is obvious and will be harmful to the residence system.

One thing that has happened that has been good, is the support I have received from the Presidents of the various houses and the SRC. I would like to thank these people for their help.

Finally, I would like to say that I do agree with Reavley Gair that reform is needed but it has to be done by the students who live within the residence system, not by someone who has no idea what living on UNB campus means.

Larry Long

"Past" President of MacKenzie House

## "Drunks in SUB" story disputed

Sir:

I find it disheartening to read in the *Brunswickan* such an unsubstantiated "news" story as the one entitled *Drunks in SUB* (page 3, Oct. 12, 1984), in particular the references to the College Hill Social Club Inc. (CHSC). My points:

1. In a telephone conversation on Tuesday with Mr. Taylor of the N.B. Dept. of Justice he stated he had never been contacted by the *Brunswickan* concerning any complaints made about the CHSC;

2. The article offers no evidence of alleged "drunks" being patrons fo the CHSC;

3. The article does not show any reaction to the alleged

omplaints by the management of the CHSC nor were we ever contacted by the *Brunswickan* concerning any complaints.

This article reeks of innuendo and supposition.

Yours,  
James Haley  
President

College Hill Social Club Inc.

Editor's Note: When I received Mr. Burns' article, I, being the News Editor, questioned Mr. Burns about it. He seemed very certain of his facts.

As for offering no evidence that the drunks were patrons of the CHSC, Burns saw the person being carried down the stairs of the club to the SUB lobby. Two down.

Nevertheless, I phoned Mr. Taylor's office to substantiate the story. He wasn't in, so I asked his secretary to have him phone me back concerning whether or not he'd been receiving complaints regarding the CHSC. Taylor's secretary said that it was true and she knew of them. One down.

Number three; when I first received this story about 1 1/2 weeks ago, I phoned the Social Club asking for you to come down to the Bruns for your side of the story. Perhaps you never got the message, or maybe you disregarded it. All I know is that I never got to talk to you so I went ahead with the story. If it is such that Taylor's secretary lied to me, and Burns is also lying, then and only then would I ever think that an article in my section "reeked of innuendos and suppositions."

## Stopping at the SUB on an Autumn Evening

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Whose SUB this is I think I know  
His office isn't in it though  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his students come and go.

John Bosnitch likely thinks it queer  
To be supported by his peers  
And they be blamed for a mistake  
So early in the student year

Perhaps he gives his head a shake  
And thinks of puns like "Downey flake"  
While James may think that John's a creep  
For instigating such a quake.

The situation seems quite deep  
But from the "Brunns" there's just a peep  
Of why the SUB's not ours to keep  
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By  
Pat Hamilton  
(with apologies to the late Robert Frost)

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