

## The Sacrifice

One of the recommendations of the Education Committee at Sunday's SRC meeting was that "... every effort be made to retain a substantial proportion of non-Atlantic Area students in our student body".

This has always been a subject of interest to us as we have watched the noticeable drop in non-Atlantic Area students accepted to UNB over the past three years.

There was a time, according to Mr. Harley, that over forty per cent of the student body was from outside the Maritimes. Today, stated Mr. Harley, non-Atlantic Area students comprise eighteen per cent.

We feel that the policy now being followed by the Administration is clearly detrimental to the effectiveness of the University.

President Mackay said in the fall that he recognized the problem, that he felt a cosmopolitan student body was necessary for the University but that this trend of cutting down the percentage enrollment of non-Atlantic Area students would have to continue for two or three years because of lack of space and facilities.

We do not feel that this is a reasonable excuse.

A student at a university is not just there to read, cram and pass. A major portion of his education is received just through his association with people of different backgrounds in academic surroundings.

We feel that the Administration, by purposely cutting the percentage proportion of non-Atlantic Area students, is doing a great injustice to the students of UNB today and will be perpetrating an even greater one on the students of the next five years.

Do we dare call it politics?

## A Most Ingenious Paradox

We are probably in the same boat as many students — waiting for our income tax returns.

There is one thing that bothers us about the system.

By a lucky series of events, we were able to make more money last summer than there are exemptions. This was pleasant but it did not prevent us from having to borrow through the Federal Student Aid plan.

What irks us is the fact that we are fairly deeply in debt to the federal government but we still have to pay income tax.

It is a strange turn of events when a student works in the summer, has to lose a significant part of his earnings paying back previous loans, has to borrow from the government to continue his education and then still has to pay income tax.

It may be pettiness but we feel that this is indicative of the government's attitude towards higher education.

We are continually bombarded with "don't be a drop-out" slogans and "education is a nation's wealth" propaganda but the federal government appears to be doing precious little about effectively aiding the student.

One can point to the federal loans as aid — well, we still have to pay them back when we graduate and they are of little help to us except for a few dollars saved in interest.

The government has made sure, though, that they get their interest back.

Our income tax payment will almost cover it.

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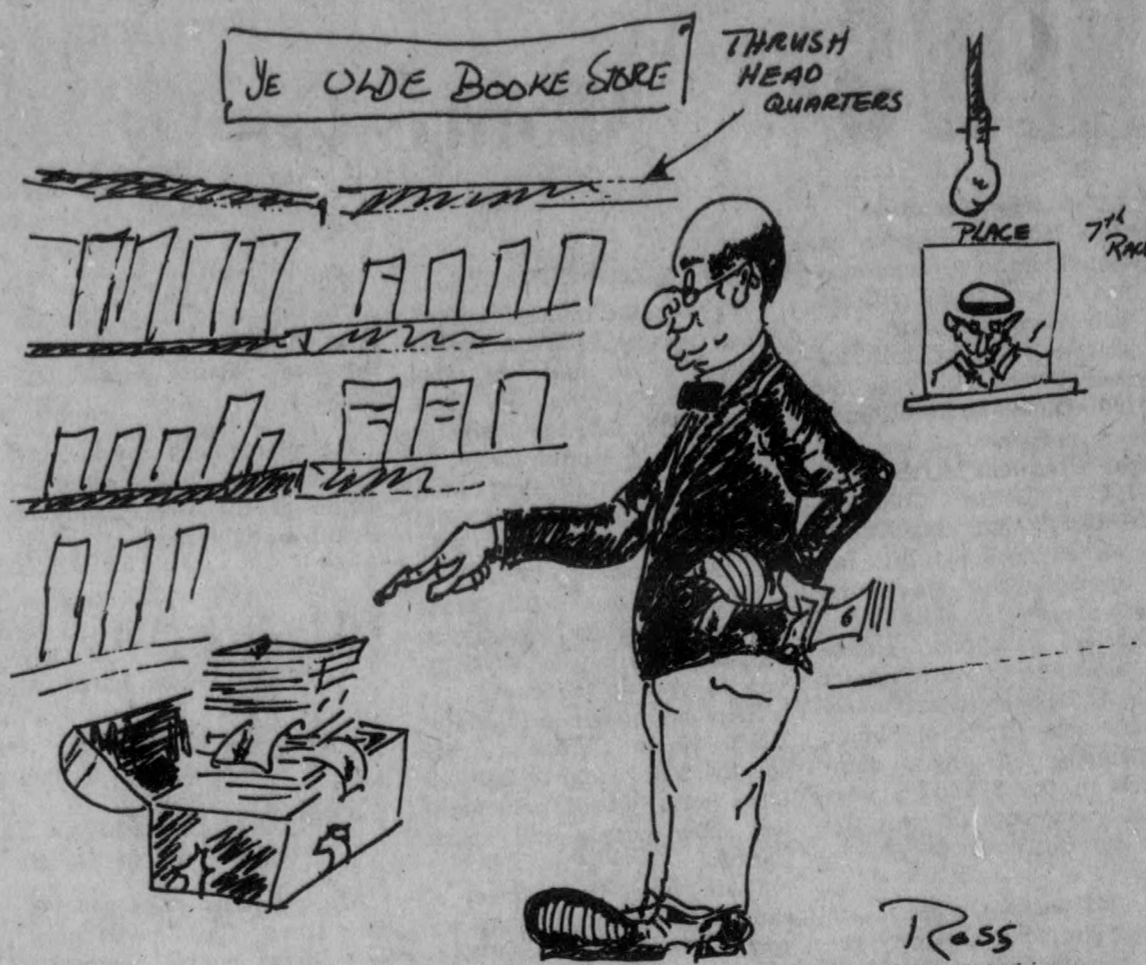
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### AW SHUCKS

Dear Editor,

Prove to me that you aren't really as mean as last week's edition has led the nursing faculty to believe.

Please publish my humble apology, directed to all those enterprising nurses whose desire to have the fruits of their efforts appear in the Brunswickan was frustrated by those who believe that their journalism is the only journalism.

Bonnie Hamilton  
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### YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT

Dear Editor,

The SRC President's "passing of the trust" speech has aroused some interest in my questioning and perhaps dull mind. I am referring to his reference to equality within the ing and exciting thought — to freshmen — to envision a place of equality in such an institution, but a rather fuzzy one when seriously contemplated by an upper classman.

Somehow this sensation of equality continually diminishes as one makes comparisons in terms of age, experience and learning. The difficulty is compounded when one seeks for a definition of the ideal in practical terms of everyday college life. Contradiction appears implicit in our urgent desire (even paying money-Carty included) to be given the privilege of literally sitting at "their" feet for a few short years. Somehow there is an implied acceptance of the fact that "some are more equal than others." (I'm not even going to mention the problem of

responsibility in equality.)

Somehow Carty's appeal sounds like an incoming or rather campaigning candidate than one who has really confronted the issues and problems of running a university. This is probably not at all fair to Carty, we should at least congratulate him for so ably maintaining the status quo. At least we have not been (yet) overborne with the "suppressois." It is not my intention to derogate from those who dare to give of their own for the good of others. But we must probe into some of our fond ideals and decide which ought to be discarded and how those worth keeping ought to be applied. (i.e. think)

### The "Probe"

We would appreciate it if the 'Probe' would sign his name to his probings — It is our policy only to allow pseudonyms if the writer makes his identity known to the editor. — ED.

### "YOU LAZY SLOBS"

Dear Editor,

Everybody is sick of hearing about apathy, etc. from the different letters, articles, and editorials from the Bruns. Speaking as a candidate who was acclaimed in this year's elections I feel I have every right to dish out blame, in my case to the freshman in particular.

Each and every freshman on this campus is responsible for my election by acclamation, you lazy slobs who couldn't stir up the interest even to vote, let alone run for office. So many of us do nothing but study, or at the other extreme, nothing but socialize. It wouldn't hurt

anybody (I'll admit a few exceptions) to get into one activity, club, sport or whatever. The downtown people, particularly natives of the city, do have trouble going back and forth but is it all that bad? Can't everybody manage one outside interest, however small?

And in future after an election, don't be saying "He (or she) wouldn't have got in if anyone had run against him." It isn't the candidate's fault. It's yours. Clue in.

John Oliver  
V.P. Soph  
Executive

### TO LEAD: OR TO BE LED

Dear Editor,

The Activity Awards Committee presented to Council last Sunday, a list of successful candidates receiving activity awards for this year. The former SRC President, Mr. R. K. Carty, on hearing the list of winners, stood up and declared that he strongly felt that a certain person should have received an award. Mr. Carty felt this, even though by the present point system that person was ineligible by more than 25 points. After a few minutes of discussion a motion was presented that this person receive not just an award but one with distinction. Unbelievable as it may seem, the motion was passed by council and the award granted. This is yet another sad example of how the council can be led by a few individuals to anything so desired. Council beware!! Are you shepherds or sheep? I strongly feel that you are the latter!

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