

Hildebrand denounces SRC government as undemocratic

Dear Editor:

We were successful in collecting the signatures of five percent of the student body on our second petition protesting the defeat, by the SRC, of a motion making Student Union membership optional.

I decided, however, not to submit the petition to the SRC president, Jim Murray, and thereby force a referendum on the issue because of the extraordinary and unfair change in Regulations

which the SRC is making which make a mockery of democratic protest on this campus.

Jim called an emergency meeting last Thursday, February 17 to give notice of motion of a new Regulation entitled the "Substantially Important Referendum Regulation."

Certain persons went to a good deal of trouble to make sure that I would not learn of the meeting, and the meeting was called in an unconstitutional manner. Bylaw V, Section (8) specifies that notice of

calling an emergency meeting must be "posted on all main bulletin boards". This was not done.

This new regulation gives the council the power to declare any referendum of substantial importance. The regulation then states that all substantially important referendums must have a two thirds turnout of the student body to produce a binding decision. A two thirds turnout would be nice to have, but I'm sure everyone will agree that it is highly unlikely to

happen on any university campus. So, we the students will never have the power to produce a binding decision on any issue that council deems substantially important. By default Council will be the only body which can make substantially important decisions. Also, to demonstrate the hypocrisy involved, Council needs only a turnout of one half of its members to make a binding decision on any issue. This is rule by an oligarchy. In 1940-41 Council alone decided to petition the Board of Governors to make payment of SRC fees compulsory. The general student body has never had the chance to make the decision.

Last Monday night Jim Murray stated he felt Council should make important decisions because councillors were more aware and knowledgeable than the average student. In other words he said that the decision of the student body in a general referendum was not as good as Council's decision. It sounds like he's trying to stamp out democracy to me.

Aside from the fact that Council is changing the rules long after the official protest started this Regulation should not be passed because of the removal of power from the students. Superlatives

cannot express the inherent dangers of this regulation.

This is the first time anyone ever attempted to overturn Council's decision through the official protest mechanism. It becomes apparent that the mechanism was in the constitution only to keep us happy. Council will not let its decision be changed.

I feel foolish for believing that the mechanism of protest might force a referendum and allow the student body to possibly overturn Council's decision. It was naive of me to try. I should have known that Council would change the rules to protect itself.

One thing, that has come out of this protest is that the true colours of the new president showed.

Well, Jim I knew you had done a good job in the past so I voted for you. I even did a little campaigning in your favour. I'm sorry I did either I was wrong.

Incidentally, J. David Miller deserves a compliment. Of all the persons who were wrong about whether payment of SRC fees was compulsory or not (including Jim Murray and The Brunswickan Editorial Board) J. David was the only person who admitted it.

Yours sincerely,
Alan Hildebrand

A.U.C. director rebuts Best

Dear Editor:

In your issue of February 18, in the column "Best of Best", there is a section on the Aitken Centre. It is so full of holes one scarcely knows where to begin to comment upon it. But let us try.

First of all, the varsity gave up its regular daily practice on two Wednesday nights, the coach asked the time be allocated to Ladies Hockey, and this was done.

When the Varsity ceased operations for the year, their daily practice time from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. became available and has been rented on a first-come first-serve basis, nearly all to residence teams. The Ladies Hockey team has asked for and been allocated a series of specific times in February and March.

Mr. Best and Ms. Faulkenham say that the students are not getting a fair shake at the Aitken Centre. Perhaps they are right.

However, why not have the Brunswickan invite comment from all its readers on the Aitken Centre, what is good or bad about the place - perhaps there are things we can do to improve the operation so that students will indeed get a fair shake.

As to the statement that the cost of ice time at the AUC is nearly twice that of the Beaverbrook Mr. Best does not know what he is talking about.

Finally, there is the statement and I quote: "It costs the I.O. close to \$6.00 to run a hockey game at the AUC of which over half goes to rental of ice time." Just what this is supposed to mean, I cannot fathom.

I cannot help being a little sad to think that the thousands of students who have come to the Aitken Centre to play intermurals, to watch hockey, to hear some great concerts and apparently enjoy some lively Pubs, "Are not getting a fair shake" and again quoting Mr. Best "Not getting half the benefit they got from the Beaverbrook Rink".

All the time and trouble the staff have taken these past six months and all the hours so many students have contributed freely, and according to Mr. Best, we have failed. It's enough to persuade the Director to seek another line of work.

D.G. Sedgewick
Director
A.U.C.

SubTerrain

In Reply to Roger Savoy:

In reply to your letter degrading SubTerrain please be advised that ashtrays have ALWAYS been present since one of our major concerns is preventing people from burning the tables.

As for the lighting - have you been down there lately? and if you really want to feel at home, why not bring your own mug - others do. We do our best to present entertainment whenever we can but since there is no cover charge, we do this at a loss.

Sure we lack people when there's no-one to entertain them because people don't know how to entertain themselves. We may be off to a slow start but we're trying. Rather than degrade the place, why not give us some constructive criticism to work on?

Sincerely
Sue Dave
SUB Staff

Murray house explains

To the Men of:
Aitken
Bridges
Harrison
Jones
L.B.R.
MacKenzie
Neill
Neville
Victoria,

In response to the letter written by three girls from Maggie Jean, we, the girls of Murray House, want to clarify our position. First, there seems to be a mistake in our relationship with Maggie Jean.

We would like to specify that we are not the sister-house of the above residence, merely next-door neighbours. Secondly, we contributed nothing to the infamous article in last week's Brunswickan.

Furthermore, we do not condone the distasteful past-time of "rating the boys". Hopefully, this will clear up any misconceptions and no offence will be taken.

Sincerely,
The Ladies of Murray House

Mining for gold or copper?

My home is a mining town and I have done some work underground, so I would like to say a few words about mining. Before any mine can start operation exploration has to be carried out. Time, skill and money are needed. Depending on what you are looking for different methods are used. Then comes the exploitation; with good reserves and know-how you can make it last almost forever.

Everyone on this campus is doing some exploration. The "ore" they are looking for is the one that will bring them happiness. For some it means a girlfriend (boyfriend), friends and/or good times. For others it might be all these and/or academic, financial and personal gain.

Not being an extra keen prospector myself I believe the many people who tell me that the university residences are very

good prospecting grounds. It seems that every one of them has a diversity of minerals and a potential for immense reserves. Deposits of platinum, gold and silver can be found in a limited number but then if they were too numerous they would lose their value. Copper, iron, nickel, lead, tin and other not so expensive materials can also be found. Their market is sometime more reliable than the expensive stuff.

Prospectors, like everyone else, make mistakes. They fall for foolsgold, dig at the wrong place or dig too shallow. Good prospectors will leave minerals they do not want where they found them so others can find them.

Jean-Louis Tremblay

P.S. - Can anyone ever find me? I am trapped at the two thousand foot level of Victoria House.

Carni jumping meet in exile

Dear Editor:

Another UNB Winter Carnival has come and gone and with it the ticket line ups, the sold out events and limited numbers of students who could take advantage of this fine festival. What Winter Carnival needs is more outdoor events where all can participate. The Carnival Parade and Snow Sculpture Contest are such events. So is the Parachute Club's famous Winter Carnival Meet.

Being a 'townie' from way back, I can remember as a small boy watching the parachutists from UNB landing on the St. John River ice opposite the campus. This was for me then and has been since the real indication that UNB Winter Carnival was on. I think I can safely say that the Parachutes over the city of Fredericton during Carni have been synonymous with the event for many Frederictonians and served to draw attention to the Carnival and to UNB. It was indeed sad in my opinion that this year the Winter Carnival Committee decided to cut back and refused to subsidize the Meet. Usually the added cost of driving and flying the extra distance from the airport to the St. John River drop zone is covered by money

from the Committee as a Winter Carnival Event.

The jumpers could not be asked to bear this expense themselves so this year the UNB Sport Parachute Club hosted the Meet on its regular Drop Zone on Base Gagetown land. The Meet was perhaps the most successful to date with over 100 jumps made over the three days and a good display of parachuting skills. I could not help but think that the Carnival and UNB were missing out on a fine performance. Did anyone else miss the colored canopies in the sky? Will this set a precedent and Carni will lose this event for good? Does anybody care...?

The parachute meet during Winter Carnival is famous among parachutists by its long tradition of good jumping and good times at the Carnival. I have heard that jumpers know of its fame from as far away as California (where they really know how to have a good time...). I hope we can preserve the Meet as a part of Winter Carnival next year.

Fly Safe
Eric Bradley BSc '74

Tank you indeed

Dear Editor:

I'm writing this letter to thank those kind gentlemen who carried me home after the pub at St. Thomas Jan. 29th. Being in a highly intoxicated state at the time, I am unable to remember their names or faces (a blessing in itself!). However I do remember their kind deed. Believe me, passing out in the Holy Cross Residence was the last thing on my mind but I did feel it was more suitable than the snowbank

flaked out in a half-hour earlier. Oh, yes if "thank you's" are in due, here's a f--- off to that gentleman who walked past me while I was in the snowbank and politely told me to do the before mentioned. If there were more people like you, sir, this world would indeed be more of a hell hole than it already is.

So thank you gentlemen of Holy Cross. I hope for my sake I never see you again!

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