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The University of New Brunswick's administration should be prepared to answer some very serious questions following the uninhibited use of violence and destruction at the physics building last week.

On three successive nights Liberation 130 underwent destructive attacks by large groups of students, many of them drunk. The mobs threw rocks, beer bottles and wood, and used a geology pick to smash out the windows of 130, all of this with very little opposition from the security police. They also smashed the lock on 130, in an attempt to get into the room.

No students have been charged with destruction of university property. Norman Strax was taken to court by the admin for a non-violent action at the Library. Is it only non-violent actions that provoke the administration?

The administration of this university is responsible for the actions of the security police. Why were the cops not instructed to prevent the destruction of property? One attack, not three, should have been sufficient for the admin to give the security people orders.

The administration, for its failure to act immediately - for whatever reasons is the most guilty party in this destructive episode. We will expect more responsible action in the event of repeats.

second chance: vote informed

Student council elections are upon us - twice this year under the new SRC setup - and a few comments seem in order.

The new election system was set up to bring some continuity into the council's operations. Previously, the entire council was replaced by a new one in February, which usually began exactly where the old council had begun a year earlier.

We hope that under this new system the SRC can avoid the customary February collapse. But we especially welcome these fall elections as a chance to get this year's council on the road. If UNB students cannot have a voluntary student union and must pay their \$35 fee, they at least deserve a competent council.

As for the elections themselves, it is extremely important that students do not vote blindly, that they find out what a candidate stands for.

This campaign has been neither stimulating nor vocal, no great issues have been brought into the open. Few students have met or listened to even the executive candidates.

If students wish to cast an informed ballot tomorrow they will have to make personal efforts to meet the candidates.

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Letters to the editor

Altered sense of letter

Editor:

While thanking you for printing my letter about rugby football I must point out two typographical errors which, unfortunately, alter the sense completely.

I wrote "rugby need not be anything like so violent as you point out . . . fisticuffs are not a part of the tradition." By leaving out "so violent" and "not" your typesetter has imparted an opposite meaning to that intended.

R.M. Strang
 Dept. of Forestry and
 Rural Development.

Invites Maritime Union teach-in

Editor:

From time to time, we read articles and features on the subject of Maritime Union. I believe that it is a stimulating and challenging concept to unite the Atlantic Provinces into a single political - economic unit. History in the past century has gone against this concept, but the realities of our Maritime life indicate that we can ill-afford to ignore it.

Our living standards are one-third lower than provinces west of us, and as a consequence, we lose much of our graduating classes to these more fully-developed areas. Must the Maritimes of the nineteen seventies and eighties continue to lag behind the rest of Canada?

Uniting the Atlantic Provinces would not by itself solve this problem, but it could be a definite asset. For one thing, there is the obvious saving of governmental duplicity, which wastes both funds and administrative talent. Another is to broaden "Maritime mentality," which is in essence a localist viewpoint which limits the scope of the viewer to the limits of the province, the county, the community in many instances.

Each of the Maritime Provinces has a plan of social and economic betterment. While not attacking New Brunswick's "Equal Opportunity" program, I honestly question if it could not be integrated into developmental plans in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland.

We of the University of New Brunswick could influence such a plan for the building of a united Atlantic Canada. To begin, we might hold a teach-in on this topic. I would be interested in speaking with anyone, faculty and student, who would care to assist in such a project, or who expresses an interest in Maritime Union.

Bruce Wallace
 Arts III

Editor:

Why is it that every time some group of enterprising students protesting in the name of all that is good and fair against a group of non-violent demonstrators, there are no, I repeat, no police around to control these law-abiding students?

Corrine Taylor

Appalled and horrified

Editor:

I am appalled and horrified by the letter recently printed in the Brunswickan from Professor McGill. Does he not know of the Double Standard? Has the man taken leave of his senses by flaunting the good old tried-and-true convention of saying one thing and doing the other? The jolly, robust conversation of man to man is one thing, but this is obviously a different case. I am offended, sir! Surely he, and you as well, must have realized that placing a letter containing that UNSPEAKABLE word in the Brunswickan might offend the ladies (God bless 'em, sir) at our university? Surely sir, decency and common sense must prevail else our very bulwarks of society crumble beneath us.

I, with other responsible students, as representative members of this great intellectual community, nay, ALL universities, must condemn you in your printing of this insidious word. Cleverly disguising his letter as a philosophical and sociological discussion of the uses of this word, Professor McGill has attempted to gloss over the fact that the term is brazenly displayed for all to view with horror. He, an educator of our youth! Sir, the foundations of Common Decency laid down by our Forefathers are threatened. Our world crumbles about us.

Pro Bono Publico

Challenges Artsmen

Editor:

Through your widespread campus medium I wish to congratulate all my fellow Artsmen for another victory (?) as a result of their complete apathy. Due to their overwhelming support and interest (?) another potentially great intramural team has hit the dust i.e. the soccer team.

It has been said many times that a team is only as good as its captain's leadership. Maybe so! But, a faculty that is unrepresented exists in name only!

The Arts faculty does have an equal share of academic work to do even though this is not represented in their academic number of lecture hours. But, why is it that other faculties being smaller can participate fully in extra-curricular activities and the largest faculty cannot even get a dozen supporters out for one event?

Artsmen, do you realize that we are the only faculty on campus without a society? We could be having top activities throughout the year including a ball, Art week, etc. There are many of you who could afford to spend some time on organizing activities and helping to make our faculty the best and most active on campus. Instead you will probably just continue to sit on your posteriors, think of yourselves, and say "Why should I do it?" Fellow Artsmen all! I challenge you to do something about the situation, not tomorrow but now!! Let us show the other faculties that we are more than just Artsmen but leaders of the world!!

John A. Campbell
 Arts 2

Disgusted and sickened

Editor:

What I have seen this evening, disgusts and sickens me. The scene was Loring Bailey Hall and the action, was numerous students, refreshed and invigorated after what must have been a successful smoker, trying to break in through the door of that now famous (infamous) Room 130. Having failed in that, they relieved their frustrations by throwing beer bottles through the window.

Having been on the scene just prior to the main event, I noticed several girls, neatly dressed, well groomed and very attractive, enter Room 130. Although much less flattering things can be said about the males in that room, the fact remains that male students of U.N.B. were throwing beer bottles at girls.

However, this is only secondary compared to the fact, that it is the administrations fault that such gross actions have occurred not only this once but several times. If the administration wished and/or had the guts, Room 130 could be emptied in five minutes. The administration has taken action against Norman Strax and has had him removed from 130 and yet they allow students, whose right to be there is non-existent let alone debatable, to remain there.

As a physics major, I do not wish to see the building, where 80% of my class hours are spent, littered with glass and the sand from overturned ash trays, and yet no security measures have been taken to prevent such incidents although these juvenile type actions have occurred before. Perhaps the term juvenile is inappropriate in describing an action of such a malicious nature. It seems as if the administration wants the students of Room 130 to be prosecuted and persecuted by their fellow students.

I forget now whether it was Confucius or myself who once said, "At a university where there is dissent between the students and the administration, there lurks a sickness; but at a university where there is dissent and violence amongst the students themselves, there is an empty grave into which both may tumble."

And so I say to you Dr. MacKay, either get out your key and open up Room 130 and exercise your rights to that room or else appeal to the militant factions on campus to maintain their cool and save their beer bottles so that they may get a refund for them.

Waiting to fill in that grave while it is still empty.

Mike Hickey
 Science III

Where are they when you need them?

Editor:

Many abusive remarks have been directed toward the security officers of this university. We would like to make a valid contribution to this quasi-infinite list.

On the night of Oct. 31 a riotous group of individuals vented their unjustified hostility towards one defenseless window, that of Liberation 130, Loring Bailey Hall. A barrage

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