

# EDITORIAL



## *Ease on Down, Ease on Down the Hill*

The present Student Union may very well be in its last days. The shadow of financial bankruptcy has been extended over them by the university administration who has just lost any confidence in the union's ability to negotiate in a responsible manner.

In light of the majority of council members, in two consecutive meetings, expressing their lack of confidence in the leadership of the Student Union, one has to consider whether or not the Administration has not waited too long in enacting such policies.

As editor of the Brunswickan, it's my duty to deal with our publisher (the Student Union) and act as a liaison between them and the staff of the paper. In such a capacity I'd like to say that I still harbour a grain of confidence in the leadership of John Bosnitch, but I don't think I can. After council condoned his deliberate misleading of students and representatives, it would be hard to imagine him being hesitant in taking similar actions again.

Now this fear may be unfounded, then again it might not be. Either way, I would welcome the opportunity to work with the University Administration as our new publisher.

They have expressed their confidence in our ability to responsibly run a student newspaper. We appreciate that confidence, with a commitment, on our part, to prove worthy of it.

I suggest that those concerned with the imminent actions of the Administration, look carefully at what they are trying to do, in regards to ensuring us a functioning student union. They have not said they wish such actions to continue over one academic year.

We should welcome such an opportunity to restore order in our own house, and take the Administration's actions as nothing more than their trying to give us such an opportunity.

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## Mugwump Journal

By Tim MacKinnon and Kelly Maher

I hear a sound. It's the sound of someone walking toward me. I believe I know this person as the sound is vaguely familiar, but I cannot place it. I do not turn around to see who it is, and so I go back to my work...

First of all, I would like to remind all staffers that the Bruns elections are today at 12:30 p.m. in Rm. 35 of the SUB. All editorial positions are up for grabs although, at the time of writing this, there were no candidates running for several minor positions. Please come to the Bruns and vote.

As can be seen in this issue there are sixteen answers to Viewpoint. This is because more answers than usual were acceptable, in fact, they were all excellent so we decided to run them all. We have also brought back the Viewpoint contest as requested. I believe this will go over well because of the tremendous response we got last year.

There's that sound again. This time I recognize the footsteps, although they sound lighter. I turn around and there, standing before me, is our Editor, Ken Quigley. He's lighter - by 25 pounds and his hunger strike is over. During his strike he gave tremendous support to Sen. Jacques Hebert. This week's feature deals with Katimavik and is worth reading. Also, this week's editorial deals with the Administration and the SRC. It is signed by the entire Editorial Board of the Bruns and does reflect the views of the staff.

Now I'll turn the pen over to my co-writer, Kelly Maher.

*The following statement is that of Kelly Maher, and is not necessarily the opinion of the Brunswickan staff, its editors or its publisher.*

Wednesday's council meeting proved, as usual, to be a fiasco. John's impeachment vote was defeated, much to the delight of his old stand-by cronies, and much to the disgust of the "left wing", not to mention several students on this campus. Well, our last hope is the petition being circulated. If 25% of the student population sign it (close to 1600 people), John has no choice but to step down.

As it stands now, if he stays in office various sources have implied that President Downey will step in and dissolve the Student Union. If that's the way you want it...

If you've read the story on the council meeting, you'll notice that the results of the roll-call vote were given name by name. In writing that article, I gave that decision some very serious thought. I felt that, since a roll-call vote is verbal, and the meeting was open to the public, why shouldn't the results be made available to all students?

I especially felt that the abstentions should be pointed out. I find no fault with Mr. Rawlinson, as he is newly elected to council, and cannot possibly be aware of all events leading up to last night.

I do, however, have a couple of beefs to direct at "veteran" councillors Angela DeLong and Mark Lutes.

DeLong spoke of her involvement on her High School SRC and how they all worked together to accomplish something. Well, that's all fine and dandy for a High School council which consists of 4 or 5 kids asking teachers if they can spend the \$50 they made at last week's bake sale. Her speech conjured up images of teeny-bopper cheerleaders...RAH! RAH! RAH!

I'm sorry to inform you, Miss DeLong, but UNB's Student Union handles more serious matters. We're talking about hundreds of thousands of dollars to manage. God only knows how Mr. English has kept his sanity! His job entails a lot more than selling cookies.

It's a shame that you are so impressionable at this late date. Too bad your vote ruined it for others. The next time you swoon to John's compliments (which were, no doubt, just delivered to get your vote) I suggest you bring a barf bag for the rest of us.

As for you, Mr. Lutes, you were elected last fall to represent the Graduate Students. Surely you understand the meaning of that word? All you have done is sit there and look bored. Why don't you step aside and let someone worthy take over?

All you've done is abstain, abstain, abstain. I can only recall two times when you actually voted. When I was on council I would only abstain when I did not fully understand the matters surrounding the vote. You, on the other hand, prefer to sit on the fence, never wavering; afraid, it seems, to make any enemies. Sometimes grown-ups have to make decisions that some may not like. It's time you grew up Mr. Lutes.

I'm not trying to tell you which way to vote, but please do something besides abstaining, or you too will lose the confidence of your constituents. At least you'd be happy at your impeachment - you'd have to abstain.