

SAA in dire need of student representatives

Whether you know it or not, this year the university has allocated a limited budget to be spent on all athletic activities at UNB. It may even go as far as admission being charged for all varsity games.

The only organized student group on campus who is able to make proposals or at least help remedy the situation, a voice which will undoubtedly be taken into consideration by the university who controls the purse strings, is the Students Athletic Association (SAA).

Elections for offices in the SAA will be held simultaneously with the SRC, Senate and Board of Governors on October 24. But there is one big problem...lack of nominations (a similar situation befuddled the student senators election)

Apparently the organization is in need of a vice-president (third, fourth or fifth year student) and a secretary (second, third, fourth or fifth year student) but as of yet there have been no applications submitted.

The SAA is also in dire need of faculty representatives who may be in any year. Due to resignations, two Arts and two Education reps are required as well as Forestry, Business, Nursing and Physical Education which have not submitted nominees. Science and Law, according to SAA President Ian Anderson, are ready and willing to work, but two faculties cannot be effective alone.

The SAA is the equivalent of the Student Representative Council for athletics at UNB and although it does not control the funds like the SRC counterpart, it holds an important place in proposal-making and having the students views heard by the university. The organization works in conjunction with the SRC, having one year terms running from the fall and the spring.

Many students do not realize

that they individually pay \$30 a year for student athletics and part of the SAA's job is to voice how students want this money spent.

Within the next few weeks a questionnaire will be circulated to estimate student knowledge of the SAA which will aid the organization in remedying lack of participation.

Surely there must be individuals on campus, for sports fans are numerous, who are interested in representing students concerning such issues as the system of

athletic awards, the shortage of funds, individual varsity and intramural sports, rules and

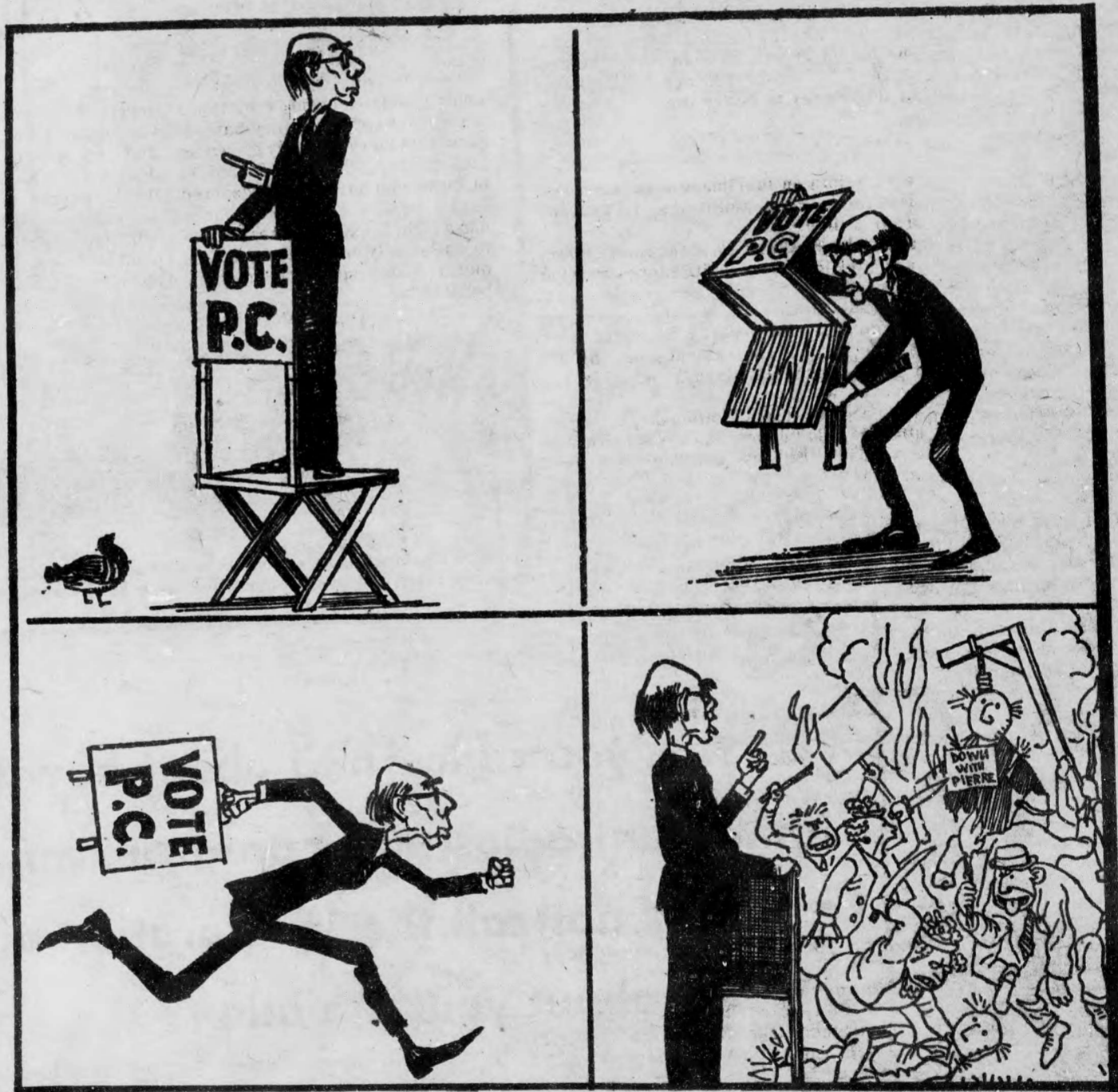
If someone doesn't do it, who's to say what may happen to our athletic program during this and future years.

But it seems that student apathy hasn't only hit the SAA. Two student senator nominees have filled their desired positions on the university Senate by acclamation. Richard Scott, Law 1 and Steven Mulholland, BBA 4, received no opposition for their

job on one of UNB's most influential policy-making bodies.

Students have been working for years to gain seats on the Senate and the Board of Governors. This dream has been finally realized in the last few years but if such apathy continues, efforts will have been to little consequence.

We need more open eyes and willing workers on this campus. Little can be done efficiently or close to student needs if no one will come forth and offer their services.



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