

# O what a tangled web...

Sir Walter Scott wrote a poem which contains the famous lines "O what a tangled web" etcetera.

Recent student council meetings have been dominated by the SRC executive and others, making statements about how little The Brunswickan knows, and how UNREPRESENTATIVE The Bruns is. SRC Comptroller Cronshaw went a bit further in his statements of a couple of weeks ago. Cronshaw suggested that The Brunswickan was "ruining" the union, and it was time that council faced up to its responsibilities and did something about it. Us.

Despite current problems, The Brunswickan cannot believe that anyone would not support an effective student government. In many spheres of activity, students need representation and the best way to mediate this is a student union.

The student union is, in our judgement being damaged, but not ruined. The deadline for nominations to the student representative council came and went without a single candidate offering for the vacant council

positions. Nominations for the positions of Vice President and Comptroller remained opened because only one person had 'applied' for each.

Who then, is doing the damage. The Brunswickan had a careful look at all of the various positions on committees both at the SRC level, and at the University level. What was found was very disheartening indeed. The same people have been put on every committee available.

It all starts with the SRC applications committee. This group fills such positions as SUB Board representatives, A.B. positions and the like. As will be seen from the accompanying graphic, some people seem to be able to fill five or six jobs. It seems quite remarkable that one person could fill five jobs and still do a good job on them all. It seems even more remarkable that some of these people are the epitome of what a UNB student is. That reasonable and fair representation occurs with this small group. Looking at it the other way, it would seem that your typical

UNB student is male, taking a business degree, and has lived in LBR. Since there are about 5,000 of us who don't measure up to such standards, either (1) we are being inadequately represented or (2) most of us are not up to the task.

It is not entirely possible to question the motives of the people who see fit to be part of this oligarchy, because, one can assume that they applied and that

some other decision-making group decided that only this small group were fit to represent us.

This situation has been produced by the apathy of SRC executive, particularly the current president. "No slouch himself when it comes to taking on all sorts of conflicting jobs. It is clear Bartlett has ignored a basic part of his mandate. The Student Union president must ensure that all sectors of the campus are represented fairly and equally.

For the first time ever, no one wants to be a representative on the Student Representative Council. Perhaps we have all gotten

The Message that we don't fit into the mold.

No doubt, The Bruns will get some righteous letters advising us that we don't know what we are talking about. And that no one applied for any of the positions which needed to be filled. But it seems that the SRC president could go out onto the campus,

into the blue lounge, into Lady Dunn, and say, "Hi! I'm Dave Bartlett, and I really need you to be on the SUB Board" or whatever, and, as in times past, many conscientious students from all the faculties and the residences and off-campus would appear on a list of all the committees. Instead of a few.

## A breakdown of the committees

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| 1 Nominating Committee           | 3 Academic & Campus Planning Committee   | 4 Nominating Committee  |             |               |     |               |         |           |      |               |        |                |        |                |
| 2 AB                             |  | 6 SUB Board Committee   |             |               |     |               |         |           |      |               |        |                |        |                |
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| 8 Senate Budget Review           |  | 9 Orientation Committee |             |               |     |               |         |           |      |               |        |                |        |                |
| 10 Constitution Committee        | 14. Social Club  |                         |             |               |     |               |         |           |      |               |        |                |        |                |
|                                  | 13 Applications Committee  |                         |             |               |     |               |         |           |      |               |        |                |        |                |
| 11 Student Standing & Promotions |  | 2 Students Services     |             |               |     |               |         |           |      |               |        |                |        |                |