

Sub space

allocation unfair

There seems to be a lot of controversy lately over the Acquinian office, Room 218 of the SUB. It is in this room that the STU SRC puts together their official student publication. But the point is there's only been one Acquinian this year, (maybe two, nobody really knows) and not many more in recent years.

According to every employee of the SUB contacted, over the year in their nightly security checks of the building, they have noticed "no activity in there for months". One SUB Staff member commented that he was "afraid of disturbing the cobwebs in it by opening up the door". This raises some interesting questions, but particularly so when the whole reason this is coming to light is that CHSR has made urgent pleas to acquire the office for storage of technical equipment, most importantly the SRC Sound System. CHSR operates, maintains, and governs the signing out of the sound system for the SRC, which has proven to be a very valuable service that the SRC provides. Fact is that at present, the Sound System is taking up 1/3 of an office that already has three Executive in it. The argument goes further. The Tech. room (217) of CHSR is hopelessly over-crammed with essential equipment, and even drawers and filing cabinets in the General Offices of CHSR can be found stuffed with electronic components and parts of various types that must be kept on hand as Technical Inventory. CHSR MUST have the additional space, and the STU SRC seems to be resisting the turnover of the office "on matters of principle".

This is ridiculous. The Aquinian can easily be relocated to the STU Yearbook office, (which we might add has also implicated in the case of office neglect) and this may be Fortunes way of telling us that the time has come for a re-evaluation of the SUB Board's policy on Space Allocation. A past Chairperson of the SUB Board commented that Saint Thomas contributes approximately 2% of the operating costs of the Student Union Building; a close examination of the office wing of the SUB would make it clear that they're getting one helluva deal for a long time, and it may be time for a little logic in the policies of space allocation of the SUB Board.

IVCF 'elections'

"Many are called, but few are chosen"

The Brunswickan has of late stumbled upon a piece of legislation that must surely set democracy back hundreds of years, probably back to the Middle Ages. This reference is to the procedure of Election in the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, which would make Stalin proud of its departure from Democracy. To quote verbatim the I.V.C.F. Constitution, Section X, Elections;

7. Upon receipt of a nomination in writing with the written consent of the nominee a member of the Nominating Committee shall interview the nominee to ascertain:

a). that his/her convictions permit him/her to sign the Purposes and Basis of Faith of I.V.C.F. as laid out in Article II. (which is incidentally against Federal law).

8. Immediately following the close of nominations the nomination committee shall meet to consider prayerfully the various nominations and shall come to agreement as to which names are to be submitted to the members for election.

9. One name ONLY shall be selected by the nominating

committee for each office from among the nominations received. 12. ....if no objections...are forthcoming...then the slate as drawn up by the nominating committee shall be accepted by acclamation and no actual election will be held.

Where does the I.V.C.F. take into account the principles of Democracy that are the basis of our society and government? A recent letter from the president of the I.V.C.F. to the members states that all members should attend the election meeting because "the decisions we make on the evening are YOUR decisions and YOU should be there to make them". Nothing could be further from the truth. The members are nothing more than a rubber stamp to the nominating committee, which is little more than the former Execs and senior members of the elite of the I.V.C.F.

This is not a problem to anybody but the members of the I.V.C.F., who, if they are prepared to accept such a fascist doctrine, deserve all the railroading that a "Nominating Committee" can shove down their throats. The problem occurs when it is considered that the I.V.C.F. solicits large amounts of money (in excess of \$1000 this year) from

the UNB SRC. Due to this financial support, it is the duty of each sponsored organization to follow general guidelines as set down in the Constitution of the SRC.

The I.V.C.F. Elections are undemocratic, and since the Constitution of the I.V.C.F. is currently under examination by the Constitution Committee of the SRC, now is the time to right this wrong.

A similar instance of non-democracy was brought up last year regarding the Muslim Student's Constitution, and it was unanimously denied by the SRC and no financial support was given to the Muslim Student's Association. The organization had no choice but to change the constitution, if they hoped to solicit funds from the SRC.

It is the opinion of The Brunswickan that unless the appropriate changes are made in the constitution, that the UNB SRC should withhold any and all financial support of the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship. The members of the I.V.C.F. are being denied fundamental rights, the present Constitution of the I.V.C.F. is a direct violation of the Constitution of the UNB SRC, and their funds must be withheld until such time as a change is made.

Aitken Centre achin'?

One would presume that if an organization pays hard cold cash for use of a facility, said facility should be in a useable condition.

Playing host to a visiting team from Antigonish, the Fredericton Ringette Club were confronted with a medley of unexpected and unwanted memorabilia from the Chevies game the night before.

Garbage choked the aisles, lending a dejected and disarrayed air to the otherwise impressive stadium. The players' bench had bottles arranged like targets in a shooting gallery, on and around it. The ice was the crowning

horror ... (as the players soon discovered). It represented an obstacle course of potholes and ruts which caused the players to falter on exposed patches of cement and other such mishaps. This, along with the general softness of the ice made it extremely difficult for the players to pick up satisfactory speed even after the surface was flooded (this being done, only after a great deal of insistence from those trying to play).

It should be mentioned here that the ice surface at the Aitken Centre is never of a quality

comparable to other rinks of a similar size. This is due to the insufficiency of the ice-making machines purchased for this sports arena.

For \$35.00 per hour one would expect the ice to be in better condition than a Fredericton road in a snowstorm.

The fact remains, that no matter who or for what purpose the Centre is rented, services should be of a consistent quality. We hope that in the future, the Aitken Centre fulfills its responsibilities and that an incident such as this will not be repeated.

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