

Objects to SRC's non-involvement

Dear Sir:

I was extremely disturbed to read in the Nov. 6th Brunswickan that the S.R.C. has decided that council "should not become involved in politics." This position was taken with reference to a motion on funding a touring El Salvadorean student, and another regarding the circulation of a peace petition that urged nuclear disarmament. Both motions sought support; both were defeated.

While superficially such refusals of support would seem to confirm a negative position on political issues,

these stands are really more political than a positive acceptance of both motions would have been.

By refusing to support the tour of the El Salvadorean student, the UNB Student Council has denied to the students of this university the right to be exposed to one very important perspective in the El Salvadorean conflict. Students who might have heard this Latin American - a fellow student, after all - would have been afforded the opportunity to form their own opinions about the issues in El Salvador.

By putting up the blinders of

"We don't want to get involved in politics, the UNB Student Council has embarrassed this university by being one of the very few campuses in the country that has not supported this touring student.

This SRC action can only be termed as undemocratic, dogmatic, simple minded and extremely political - political in a way better suited to Ronald Reagan than the UNB Student Union.

Similarly, the motion related to the circulation of the Peace Petition should, at the very least have provoked a discussion by some thinking

members of Council. On an issue as important as world peace, (I write this on the eve of Remembrance Day) we can scarcely afford to cast a blind eye.

Perhaps the wording of the petition could not have achieved the official sanction of the Council, but to discourage its circulation - as the motion so clearly did - is yet another flagrantly undemocratic act, and a dreadfully political one at that.

It is clear from the full report of the meeting that what is of greater interest to the S.R.C. are politics of another sort - the

tinkering with pseudopower, the ploys, the plays, the backroom chatter, the thrill of a possible impeachment of one who is as childish and as silly as those attempting the impeachment. Such high drama might have more to offer if the players were any good.

But a Council which does not understand the undemocratic nature of its own right wing politics cannot hope to garner the interest or the respect of those who can see a world beyond the S.R.C.'s banal and trivial ego games.

Sincerely,

Tom Murphy

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Anyone want to go to Costa Rica? There is a seminar next summer for six weeks and any UNB/STU student is welcome to apply. For more info, come to the next WUSC meeting or call Herb Mahood at 455-9107.

Colleen Hambrook, Karen Astle, Janice Gillespie - Are you here this year? Please contact Isabel Churcher 454-5104 or John DosSantos 455-5642 about Canterbury Community.

All students who have essays or thesis to be typewritten! I can type them for \$1 a sheet. Fast and very neat work. Those interested, please call 457-1237.

J.R. should do the dishes. Hubby.

To all the Business Society team members CONGRATULATIONS on an unbeaten season and intramural championship, plus a challenge to all members of the team; be at the PUB Friday.

Friday the 13th Rock and Roll Revival Featuring "Sleepers". Five man band with a female lead singer. SUB Ballroom from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Chopin, You may have been voted "Athlete of the Week," but where are you when I need you? Thanks for the weight training information! Your pal, Guppie.

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