



By **CHRISTIE WALKER**

By now everyone has recovered from the perils of overeating and drinking and have settled back into the routine of undereating and drinking here at UNB. I hope that you had a nice Thanksgiving weekend and aren't suffering too badly from midterms.

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In an effort to cheer everyone up from those midterm blues, I thought I might tell you about the scene which greeted me as I, along with a friend, ventured up to the soon (?) to be opened all-new Social Club. After stepping over various piles of insulation, boards, tools and sawdust, I found myself standing in the middle of what looked to me, like a mess. Apparently the Social Club was supposed to open on or before August 27, and this date was pushed ahead to Oct. 4 and now, well my prediction is that it won't be ever near completion until at least the end of the term. With all that junk on the floor it was hard to tell whether or not the space was any bigger than downstairs, but supposedly it is to be double the area of what they had downstairs. Well, I'm not so sure about that, though I could be wrong.

Another unfortunate thing is that we no longer have a stage in the ballroom. Instead, we have a bar and the band plays at the other end. The acoustics were never that good in the ballroom, but now they will be even worse.

Ali I want to know is what are we getting for our money and when are we getting it?

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As everyone knows, the SRC elections are next Wednesday, October 20. For once, it would seem that we have several students sincerely interested in making the SRC a better institution (we all know what a Romper Room it's been until now). I know that most students are content to sit back, wallowing in their apathy, not really caring about the future of UNB, but often (and I know you've heard it all before) these are the same students who complain after all's been said and done. Voting is not a privilege, it is a right and we should utilize that right. If things don't work out the way you want them to, and you haven't voted, you're the last person who should complain. Make certain that you take the opportunity to make UNB a better place to be. All the candidates have something to offer. Listen carefully to what they have to say and then please, vote intelligently. It's more important than you know.

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Hopefully everyone will have seen at least one poster around campus announcing the first of the movies the *Brunswick* is sponsoring in conjunction with CSL. "An American Werewolf in London" will be shown in Tilley 102 at 7 and 9 p.m. on October 17 (Sunday) for only \$2. It's a great movie and I hope everyone takes advantage of this "cheapie."

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We've had many letters concerning the cartoon that ran next to John Bosnitch's story in last week's issue. Allegations that members of the *Brunswick* are biased are untrue and the editors would like to make it perfectly clear that the cartoon was, in no way intended to undermine Mr. Bosnitch's campaign.

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On a final note, several students who use the terminals in the Computer Centre at Head Hall have complained to me about the new rule which allows students only two non-consecutive hours each day at the terminals. Although this system may be viable during the week, as everyone can, by signing in, use the terminals, it seems unnecessary during the weekends. Can this be changed?

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# soundoff

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## Note to grad students

To all graduate students:

Now that the SRC elections scheduled for Oct. 20 are imminent it is essential that we elect a person who will represent graduate students effectively. As you know, we have three candidates running for the graduate seat of one half-term, and before we cast our votes, it is important to know whom we are going to vote for and why. Here is more information about one of the three candidates - Daizal R. Samad:

- a) He is a PhD student registered in the Dept. of English;
- b) He is the current president of the Caribbean Circle;
- c) He is also the spokesman for all Overseas Students who have had some difficulties with the Overseas Student Advisor.

Those familiar with the plight of overseas students at UNB will recall the dedication and brilliance with which Samad made representations, on behalf of the students, to the university administration. At the same time he was also able to bring together members of the African Students Union, the Caribbean Circle, the Chinese Students Association, and the Malaysian Students Society. This cohesion is a thing unprecedented in the history of UNB, and augers well not only for Overseas students but for all students on this campus.

It is my sincerely held belief that because of the wealth of experience which he has gained from his dealing with people, Samad is in a unique position to:

- a) Narrow the division between graduate and undergraduate students;
- b) Build more bridges of understanding between Canadian and non-Canadian students;
- c) Represent all students in matters which affect - their life on campus - be they social or financial;
- d) Provide responsible, scrupulously honest - student government.

So on Oct. 20, please remember to vote for Daizal R. Samad. By the end of the day, you will have a dynamic and dedicated representative fertile with ideas.

Rino Zhuwarara

## Injustice in system

Dear Editor,

I write this letter because I believe it deals with an important matter that no doubt, concerns and affects many students. In the past, students have written to you about the incredible frustration and sense of injustice they have felt in dealing with the university system. Yet it seems that no matter how much we all complain and appeal, our cases are usually not dealt with on a fair and individual basis. Rather what often occurs is that the student is placed under immediate suspicion, harassed under the umbrella of university regulations (red tape) and never given the benefit of the doubt - and, might I add, there is sometimes a great deal of doubt!

For instance there is my case: In March of 1982 I borrowed a book from the Harriet Irving Library. This book, along with some others that I had borrowed at the same time I duly returned before the due date. I thought no more of it until a few days later. I began to receive persistent notes from the library cautioning me that unless I returned one of the above mentioned books, I would incur a mounting fine. Finally I decided to go to the library and clear up the situation. I strongly felt that some mistake had clearly been made by the library and that I was not at fault. The librarian told me that the library does occasionally make mistakes even though they are extremely careful. She advised me to

wait and see whether the book would turn up and said that I ought to check the stack myself for the book in question. I did this and found no book so I waited. Just when I thought the matter had been resolved and the book found, I received a letter from the library in September of 1982. It politely informed me that I owed the library thirty dollars to pay for the cost of "processing" a new book to replace the one which they alleged I had lost. They would appreciate my cooperation in the matter. Besides being extremely incredulous and then rather angry, I decided that the best cure of action would be to see circulation again before handing over any money. My meeting with the librarian was extremely disappointing and frustrating. She maintained that I had to pay the fee regardless since the book was nowhere to be found. The extreme cost of the replacement and "processing" it appears is standard as I was told when I queried the cost.

Although I have absolutely no less regard for or criticism of the library staff who dealt with this unfortunate situation, I do have a few questions to ask: the first being, how can a conscientious student with no previous record of book loss, prove that he or she has returned a book, thereby relinquishing all responsibility for it, without some kind of library issued receipt to affirm the fact. Secondly, if the matter is reduced to the word of the student versus the allegations of

the library, why should the student be made responsible for lost property unless he has had a previous record of book loss. After all, as some librarians have admitted, occasionally mistakes are made by the library. Thirdly, once the student buckles under the pressure to pay the fine upon pain of academic penalty, why shouldn't he receive a complete refund if the book is subsequently found?

I sincerely hope that someone will answer these questions. I still believe that I did return the book in question and I certainly could have used that thirty dollars more profitably.

Sincerely,

Sarah Abraham

Students  
for  
unity

Dear Editor

I see it is time for another SRC election. Looking at past years, I think it's time for a change. Instead of having constant conflict within the ranks, I think it's time for unity; to get people to work for the same cause. STUDENT PARTY is working for this cause. With our help, they can achieve this goal. Therefore, vote for UNITY on October 20.

Blake Glendenning