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Smoke Shoppe convenience shop?

Dear Peter J. McCarthy:

Firstly, the entire staff of the Smoke Shoppe would like to humbly apologize on bended knee for depriving you of your caffiene high! Had we (being of royal assent) only known, why, we probably would have run right downstairs for you and bought you a cup of coffee.

Just like we, the staff must run to the bank ourselves (God forbid) everyday rain, snow, or shine to collect well over \$200./per day in coin. That's just for normal use. Perhaps we could hire a truck to bring up the rest so you and people like yourself could have your change.

We do appreciate business - your business. But we don't

appreciate people, who are truly unaware of the situation and feel they must speak their mind on something they know absolutely nothing about.

We are not trying to lay our problems on you, Peter or anyone else. But if you feel so strongly about this, here is an open invitation to come in and work with us and over the run of a day try it yourself. Explaining over and over again how and why you can't give change and take some verbal abuse yourself.

Yes this store is a "convenience" - but we are not.

So you see, Peter, in case it hasn't hit home to you the reason we ask that people do not ask for change is simply because our cash

float does not allow for it (from OUR Royal Superiors), and if we did - instead of being able to serve understanding people (like yourself) we'd be spending our time running to the bank! Smoke Shoppe's handle merchandise and serve people - banks handle money and give change!

Thank you Peter, I do hope you don't go TOO insane.

The Dark Haired "Girl"
Smoke Shoppe Ltd.
UNB

P.S. By the way Peter, allow me to ask you a question. Since coffee is 20 cents and you had already specified that you indeed did have that amount. - Why did you ask us for change for your coffee when you had change for your coffee???

My beef this week is with the Student Representative Council, an organization which I like to think of as a viable organization who, theoretically, is looking after the interests of the students.

All I have to say is that the council (with admittedly the exception of a very few) is a disgrace to this university. What is worse is that they are a joke. I attended a meeting two weeks ago and was appalled at how badly informed, uncaring the representatives were. I don't believe one councilmember had read their minutes from previous meetings or even the information supplied for the current one. Important matters were brought to the attention of the members and yet, it was with no knowledge and obviously no inclination to learn about the matters that motions were passed. Most motions were passed unanimously, not because everyone agreed, but all concerned would peer about the room to see who had their hand up and then put up theirs. Every once in a while to make things interesting, someone would disagree and vote no to a motion and the motion would go down as being passed 14-0-1 or something like that.

I am convinced that those dissenters voted no, not out of a sense of belief or concern but rather to prove that they themselves weren't sheep.

I do not believe that there is an excuse for any councilmember to say that there is no time to read documents provided in their files BEFORE the meeting. These documents are usually not extensive and would not take much time to at least skim over. My other concern is with the fact that I did not hear any (or very few) questions raised about pertinent issues which the executive brought to council's attention.

There have been, in past issues of the Bruns, criticisms of the SRC president. I for one am convinced that part of any president's ineffectiveness when dealing with student matters is due in part at least to an uncaring, unknowing and unwilling council.

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a) that members familiarize themselves with current student issues in order that a definitive and informative discussion can be conducted when these issues are pertinent.

b) That council members reassess what their duties are, in order that with the help of the executive they can fulfill the responsibilities of their position adequately if not properly.

c) that council members should, as a natural course of action keep themselves informed about issues, which are to be brought up at the meeting (the information is usually in their files) and then pose pertinent questions about those subjects.

The SRC was once a viable and important organization on campus. It can be again, but certainly not with a bunch of self seeking individual who feel the only responsibility they have is to sleep through a once a week meeting.

A word about the vending machines on campus - they are short, terrible. For those who have gone through the frustration of losing money in these monsters, address complaints to Howard Goldberg, director of conferences and food services. He is the man who is to keep Beaver Foods to their contract so he is the man to talk to. He can be reached at 453-4835 or address correspondence to Mr. Howard Goldberg c/o the Residence and Administration Building, UNB Campus.

With the Canadian Postal Service so soon back to work, this is a prime time to study and form evaluative judgements on what unions are doing on our own campus. My own opinion is that no union is a good union, but this is not to be, it seems that there will be a union despite what people really want. In that case I think we would be a lot better off with one union as opposed to three. I cannot see UNB wanting to collective bargain with three unions in one year. More about this in the editorial this week.

For those who read the paper last week, I would like to point out that the lead story on page three is an important issue with which students should concern themselves. The draft study on the future of the university suggests some really notable recommendations, the loss of 87 teachers, and the dropping of 250 classes being only two such recommendations. This report, if accepted by the Senate and then the Board of Governors of the University could foretell a drastic change in this university within the next few years. As a student senator I would like to suggest that anyone who has any comments on the report should send their comments via campus mail to me. I can bring them up at the next senate meeting or at a special meeting of the senate which is halfway planned to discuss the report. Comments should be addressed to Sheenagh Murphy, c/o the Bruns, Rm. 35, SUB and can be sent by campus mail.

Negligent Health Services?

Dear Editor:

As very concerned third and fourth year students of this campus, we are extremely appalled with the negligent health services imposed upon us on this campus.

Good health care should include sound medical diagnosis and treatment, but does our own campus health center provide this basic need for our student

population? We think not. We feel that many times major health problems are seen only a nurse who passes them off as minor and trivial, and sends the individual home with over-the-counter remedies. If this individual is fortunate enough to see our own campus physicians this does not seem to improve the situation. One begins to wonder where one receives one's degree, (M.D. or R.N.), in a CRACKER-JACK BOX?

Preventive health care covers a wide scope, but it seems on this campus, the only prevention provided is that of pregnancy and pushing the "PILL". We do not feel this is where the major concern lies.

Recently a health conscious student with an inflammatory condition, sought medical attention on three consecutive occasions. Each time her problem was passed off as a minor ailment, able to be cured in a few days by hot compresses. Driven to the point of desperation and encouraged by some nursing friends, this student finally managed to convince one health center doctor to refer her to an alternate medical person. A week after the

problem started, this student finally received the medical attention that should have been provided on the first visit.

Another case in point, involves an individual with complaints of nausea and headache. She was told that she either had the flu or meningitis. Anyone with some basic medical knowledge would recognize that meningitis is a serious condition and a delay in treatment could lead to possible death. Is this serious enough to qualify for medical attention - apparently not. Should students leave a medical center with fears of the unknown such as this? We feel the above mentioned cases are not the exception but sadly enough the rule. We are sure that the readers themselves can think of cases where medical care received on campus was not up to par.

We see the medical health center here on campus as an essential service, but as it is functioning presently, an improvement is vital to the health of UNB students.

Troubled and concerned,
Ruth, Carol and Arlene

Aitken Center rip off

Dear Editor:

SUBJECT: Aitken Centre Takes Edge Off of Student Skating Time!!

The winter season is upon us again and so is the management of the Aitken Centre. Why do I say this?? Simply because as a student, I cannot accept the fact that there must be an admission charge (not so nominal), paid before use of the ice surface during the scheduled hours is allowed.

During the winter months there are by no means a multitude of activities that students can partake of without freezing their butts off, indoor skating being an opportunity to enjoy a relaxed skate and escape old man winter. This can be done a couple of times weekly, but only at the expense of the student skaters!! But surely you say 'What's a buck to, a student's budget these days???' well I say, it's just another expense we'll pay, and keep paying if nothing is said about it. If the financial status of the Aitken Centre is that bad it's a pretty poor way to break even by soaking the skating population. What ever happened to the days of the home made rink Charlie Brown?????

Yours truly,
Jim Sheeran

Great Pumpkin!

For Mr. Greenwood and all participants in the Great Pumpkin Ceremony.

Dear Mr. Greenwood:

Your claim to male chauvinism (Bruns, Fri. Oct. 29, *The Great Pumpkin Sacrifice*), doesn't make you a bad person. It means that you have failed to do your homework.

Your article contains a number of significant errors, based on the assumption that the great god of the vine has a male-oriented deity. Dionysus was the bastard son of Demeter by Zeus. Raised in a cave

by nymphs and fed on honey, protected from annihilation by Hera, the young god is chiefly, and rightly, praised for his invention of wine.

When he grew to manhood, Hera, the power wife of Zeus, recognised his legitimacy and drove him mad, in that order. Dionysus, his drunken tutor Silenus, and a besotted army of maenads and satyrs brought the vine to Egypt and marched with Amazon queens against the Titans, which undertaking proved to be his first military success. He

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