

# Engineering candidates give platforms

**JOANNE ELLIS  
ENGINEERING REP**

It is essential for the engineering societies to receive proper funding and

support from the SRC. This can only be achieved through good representation on council. Communication between engineers and the SRC must

be maintained and improved as it serves as the major link for fulfilling the needs of the engineering students on campus. As engineering rep., I believe I could provide this communication link. I will work hard to provide good sincere representation on the SRC for engineering students. I hope to receive your support in the upcoming election.

**DANNY HINCHEY - EE 2  
ENGINEERING REP**

Hello, my name is Danny Hinchey. I am in second year electrical and live in Magee House. Since I started at UNB I have noticed several changes on and off campus, but one of the worst of these changes is the costs for students.

The main reason behind running for council is simple. To stop rising costs for you the students. I feel that in many areas on campus we, the students, are getting ripped off. If there are any areas on this campus that costs can be reduced then let us do it.

As far as reducing the off-campus costs for students there is little to be done. Except income. Students who have worked for the Provincial Government in N.B. may have noticed that they are paid less than their co-workers who are not students. If this occurred in areas where a skill was required I could understand why, but this also occurs in areas where there is very little or no skill required to do the job. Unfair, and I feel that with a little pressure from the SRC and the student body this can be changed.

Engineers, vote. Let's stop rising costs for students.

**BRIAN KINGSTON - EE 3  
ENGINEERING REP**

My name is Brian Kingston and I am running for the position of Engineering Representative. In the next few paragraphs I would like to show that I am qualified and capable to take the position.

I am presently a 3rd year Electrical Engineering student and have lived in residence the past three years. In this past year I served as House President. I feel that this position has given me valuable insight into both the people and the methods employed by the University.

A subject with great importance to students is the idea of a Student Ombudsman. I am totally in favour of this concept which could be of great assistance to the student body or individuals in need of help.

Another point to be made is the Engineering meeting where your elected members (hopefully myself included!) and you, the Engineering students, could meet on a monthly basis. At these meetings your ideas and criticisms could be heard so we could have a better understanding of the issues on the minds of Engineering students.

There are many areas of which I would like to cover but unfortunately my space in the Bruns is limited. At the speeches coming up in a few days, I will have my chance to voice my other views. Also at this time, I will be able to discuss with you, any questions or comments you may have.

Best of luck to all the candidates, thanks for reading, and Vote KINGSTON on election day.

**MICHAEL LAAPER  
ENGINEERING REP**

Engineers please take note that Michael Laaper is running for a position as Engineering Representative.

WHY? It's 1984 and big brother is watching. We need someone to watch big brother and any other little big brothers that may try to get out of hand.

The Students Union needs NEW BLOOD. Someone who can come up with new ideas and approaches to problems. One who is not a follower. I'm that type of person.

I'm not a mouse that squeaks but a dog that barks. I'm not afraid to speak or present views to others (just ask my friends). I learn quickly and I always go for the facts. I'm direct and to the point, B.S. is for fishing stories not for students. I listen and try my very best in keeping an open mind. If I am wrong I admit it. As a student striving to put myself through university I also know the value of money and it infuriates me to no end to see it wasted. Belonging to the engineering faculty, which gives a large sum of money to the Student Union's coffers, we have a definite interest in watching where the money goes. You could

use a hawk like me.

On the issue of CSL bidding on the contract for the Smoke Shop in the SUB - I'm for it. If we can keep the prices down, hire more students and keep better hours it can only be for the better. An ombudsman for the students and discounts in the rental fee for student activities at the Aitken Centre would be nice too.

Please realize that next term the issues may be very different. You want someone that can best represent your interests now and especially in the future. I can be that someone.

**WILF REEDIJK - BSE 4  
ENGINEERING REP**

I was just browsing through some of the more recent issues of the Brunswickan and was appalled by the general apathy of students towards the running of this institution. I can sympathize with this attitude since I feel that the SRC is not run to its fullest potential. However, this situation is undergoing some changes. It seems as though the SRC is striving towards a more productive role in the administration of the University. Positions on such a council, should therefore be approached with seriousness.

The Engineering Rep's duties include more than a vote on council. He serves as a liaison between the SRC and all members of the EUS. Communication between the SRC and the EUS has not been at its best in recent years. Budgeting is one exception: Approximately 38% of the funds allocated to undergraduate societies goes to the engineering students who make up 22% of the student body. This prominence must be maintained if not improved.

I would like to address some pertinent issues and indicate where I stand on them. Firstly, I support the SRC's efforts to reduce the costs involving the rental of the Aitken Center. Secondly, I support the acquisition of an ombudsman since the present status of the system is not totally in the interest of the students. Thirdly, in view of the rather high prices charged at the SUB convenience store, I feel that management of this establishment should be taken over by the CSL upon termination of the present contract.



## Political Perspectives

By R. HUTCHINS

There is something distinctly disturbing in watching such a manifestly illiberal regime as that of Mr. Reagan going on about the plight of citizens in Poland and Afghanistan, while our own media presents us with rotting corpses in El Salvador and Racial Discrimination as testament to a blunt edge on Reagan's sword of justice!

I don't feel the rights of man should be used to score points off the communists in the super-power struggle for power.

We have been led to believe that "oppression" is a tactic used by communists, to take away individual freedom. Although I cannot condone communist oppression neither can I see the pious virtues promoted by Reagan and his American style of oppression. It seems he and many preceding presidents have pursued anti-communism so vehemently that the moral commitment to freedom from oppression has vanished.

American support for El Salvador's military dictatorship, intervention in Vietnam and Beirut, support for counter-revolutionaries in Nicaragua and countless other examples have tarnished their image as the flag-ship of individual freedom.

Fear of communism has become so much of a pre-occupation that basic human rights of self-determination and survival are ignored completely by both super-powers.

It is thus obvious that oppression is a two-tier system. It is precisely because our record on individual rights is consistently better than the Soviets that Mr. Reagan should take the greatest of care in holding the sword of justice as if it were his exclusive property! Many of us term it "calling the kettle black" but Mr. Reagan is quickly losing any semblance of being less ruthless than his ideological counter-part.

I am afraid that if Mr. Reagan can fool the American public into believing support for oppression is a necessary tool for combating communism then he can also take them to war once more under the banner of International Americanism.

I, myself, believe that if the Americans and Societs stayed out of Nicaragua, Lebanon, Afghanistan and many other oppressed countries the road to freedom would eventually rise amongst the people. And a system appropriate to their desires would evolve. This is not unlike the Americans expelling the British Imperialists under the banner of self-determination.

It seems that neither super-power can acknowledge the right of self-determination to any nation. They have forced literally all to accept their game of strategic chess as pawns in their struggle for domination.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau once said, "Man was born free, and everywhere he is in chains, everywhere." I think his insight exists still today for many in the world who are involved in a struggle they have no input in or consciousness of!

If Mr. Reagan is to effectively combat communism he must first adhere to a more humanistic foreign policy and set by example the more positive attributes of Western Democracy. If not, we are faced with an inevitable failure in maintaining stability and undermining socialist and communist revolution.