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Letters To The Editor

The Editor,
Brunswickan

I would like to voice my disapproval of the latest scheme proposed by the S.R.C. to try and get themselves out of another financial mess. The latest plan is to raise money to cover their deficit in the coming budget by charging admission to the "Con".

This is an unprecedented action, and in my opinion one that can have unfavorable consequences. This sets a very convenient way of covering up unwise and extravagant budgeting by the S.R.C. If this method of raising money is used this year, then next year's council will probably repeat the practice and so on until it will be just another source of revenue.

The "Con" was never meant to be a source of revenue for S.R.C. activities. It is supposed to be one of the benefits we receive for our \$18.00, just as free admission to basketball and football games. I was under the impression that all these things were taken for granted when I handed in my \$9.00.

It has been said that further cuts were impossible because of M.I.A.U. commitments which were made by the S.R.C. last spring. This seems to be the prevailing excuse every year when the council discovers that it doesn't have enough money. Surely the time has come for the present council to realize that we aren't another McGill, and we should budget for a college of 700. But no doubt, this year's council will probably commit next year's council to the red and the S.R.C. will counter by raising the levy next year.

Having college sports is a good thing but it can be carried too far. Surely it can be realized that a college of 700 cannot support three football teams, two basketball teams, swimming tournaments, ski meets, tennis, hockey and so on. It just can't be done without placing an unreasonable levy on the students. Let's hope that a little more sensible attitude will govern next year's M.I.A.U. commitments.

It may be argued, "Oh hell, what's a buck!" Well a buck's a buck, and I don't want to pay it. Many of the fellows here just don't have the time or the desire to go to the various sports activities and therefore get little in return for their \$18.00. But if one has to pay admission to attend annual formal, then what's the advantage of having a student's pass? Also, as I have said before, it sets a bad precedent for future council actions.

In closing I would like to express a strong desire that the S.R.C. approach the matter of budgeting in a more realistic manner instead of jumping at the first convenient method that is suggested for getting themselves out of the red.

Sincerely,
A. Hansen
Senior CivilThe Editor
The Brunswickan

Dear Madam;

I am writing in regards to the decision of the S.R.C. to charge students admission to the "Con".

The S.R.C. as we all realize, is the governing body on the campus, but at the same time they represent the students.

Each year the students pay a levy. For this they are given certain privileges, such as attending football and basketball games etc. It has been noted that in the past few years the privileges granted to the student body as a whole are becoming smaller, due to the fact that the S.R.C. insists on keeping and sanctioning a top-heavy budget.

In the Dance Regulations set down by the Faculty and student social committees and approved by the S.R.C., it was stated that the students were to be admitted to the three Formal Dances (Fall Formal, Con, and Encaenia) on their student's Passes. This is a commitment made by the S.R.C. and one that should not be broken without first giving the question considerable thought.

During the last S.R.C. meeting, I was very discouraged to witness the manner in which the members conducted themselves. Their Financial Committee had recommended cuts in the proposed budget which would have erased the deficit. After considering a few of these cuts it was suggested that the students be charged admission to the Con. There it was, an easy way out. They did not even consider the remaining proposed cuts, but after a little haggling, passed the motion.

Personally, I felt that the S.R.C. is unjustified in their proposal and would strongly suggest reconsideration.

Yours truly,
Stan JobbFOR A
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JIM CURRIE... THE INQUIRING REPORTER

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE S.R.C.'S DECISION TO CHARGE \$1.00 FOR THE CON?

George Brewster - Senior Forester: "There are certain sports that are enjoyed by all and there are some that are enjoyed by only a few. The same goes for student functions. I think that the activities that are most popular should be the first to receive S.R.C. support. The Con is widely enjoyed. Why should it be the first to have an admission charge?"

Ralph Clark - Freshman Science: "The deficit in the S.R.C. Budget is due to poor management in certain departments. The idea of charging a dollar once is alright but it should not become a general practice."

Maxine MacDonald - Sophomore Arts: "Although a dollar isn't much to pay, I don't think that it is a good idea to start charging admission to college functions in order to balance the S.R.C. budget. This is really just an indirect way of raising the levy."

Pete Murphy - Intermediate Forester: "Most other colleges charge for their big formals and they charge more than a dollar. I don't see why we can't. Considering the dance we get I think it's worth it. Our S.R.C. levy isn't so high that we can't pay an extra dollar for privileges."

Jerry Burt - Junior Civil: "I think that those who attend the Con shouldn't mind paying a dollar. After all, they're the ones who enjoy the dance, so shouldn't they pay a little extra?"

D. L. Dewey - "The S.R.C. obviously didn't give the question the consideration it deserves. What I would like to know is: 'What am I getting for the \$18 I have already paid?' I'll stay home, with a lot of other people, before I'll pay a buck for the Con."

As Seen From The Bleachers...

By THE SPECTATOR

Whats Wrong With OUR Sports?

Anyone who has been following the sporting world via the newspapers, sporting magazines, radio coverages and programmes has had this question tossed in their direction hundreds of times during the past year. The far reaching basketball scandal which engulfed the entire U.S. in both college and professional ranks, and the forced break up of the great Army eleven due to mass cribbing shocked and stunned the sporting world. This came as a terrific blow to the lovers and believers of true sportsmanship, but on looking back we can see that even though this may take on the form of history's greatest athletic explosion, it is, after all, nothing new. Dating back to the Black Sox scandal of 1919, which came near ending the great American past-time on a national level, through the troublesome football days of the thirties, the life expulsion of three N.H.L. players in 1946, and finally to this latest outburst which brought the instability of sports to the foreground, there has always been something wrong with sports.

Turning now to the local scene we find ourselves excluded from the above category. We have had no cases of bribery, thrown games or class room cribbing, at least none have been reported, but never the less we have our problems and there are strong signs of something being amiss.

Let us take for example the basketball situation. Not so many years ago U.N.B. was the powerhouse of the Maritime courts and at one stage went so far as to inscribe its name into the Dominion record books. Gradually we relinquished this top position to the blue and white cagers from St. F.X. and at present we seem on the verge of surrendering even more. For the past three seasons we have lost the Tri-Province crown to this same N.S. club and with each successive year the margin of their win has gradually increased. At this stage it was clear that the only team we had to fear was the St. F.X. aggregation, but times have changed. The boys in the blue and white must still be looked on as the team to beat, but already this season we have lost to Dal., a defeat which reduces us to third position in Maritime play. Such a situation is bad enough, but when we look at the new four-team league which has sprung up this year we begin to wonder if our N.B.-P.E.I. title is not in danger. On Sat. night the locals came up with a nine point win over a green and experienced St. Dunstons team, which is in its first year of competition. To manage this win the Red and Black needed the wide open spaces of the Beaverbrook gym and the combination of half a dozen shots which they can never hope to repeat, and which might easily be termed as on the "lucky" side. Many will say that this was just a bad game and things will be different in the future. The only answer that we can give to that is the shooting statistics which show Saturday's game to be the best turned in by the hoopsters in their last three. In this contest they shot at a 27.1% which topped their efforts in the other two games when they hit for 25% and a miserable 15.2%. This gives them a three game total of 22.6%, a figure which falls far short of a good shooting percentage and shows that they have put together a small series of bad ones. Also it is to be noted that despite the fact that they won two of these games they threw away twice as many passes as the opposition over the three game span and that their combined opponents had a shooting percentage of 31.6, pointing out quite clearly that they are not turning in a very good brand of ball.

Getting back to the league we see that Mt. A must be regarded as the biggest threat due to the inexperience of the two new entries. If we can only take the St. Dunstons five by nine points in our own friendly surroundings what will happen when we come against the Mounties? Also what will be our fate in the cramped hunting grounds on the Island? These all pose rather disheartening answers and if something doesn't happen in the near future we may be forced to witness the loss of the N.B.-P.E.I. title and in so doing take the last step downward from our former Dominion perch.

Leaving basketball and moving on to hockey we are faced with the same dropping-off situation. At one time Maritime champs, then N.B.-P.E.I. leaders, finally last year the team lost even this to the unknown St. Thomas pucksters, a team arising out of a small college with an enrollment of around one hundred and fifty. There are no signs that the Green and Yellow have slipped any from last season and there is also nothing to indicate that our squad has improved. While St. Thomas has been busy in the North Shore League, our hope for ice lane laurels has played but four games and has yet to notch their initial win, circumstances which place us in a worse position than last year because this time we are underdogs from the word "go".

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About 811

What's this we hear about taxicabs running around on telephone wires? First we knew of it was last Saturday night when a very flustered co-ed kept insisting that the cabbie call for her at "9061", which as you know, is the phone number. He finally caught on and she reached her destination on time.

We hardly knew we had a star in our midst until "AN INSPECTOR CALLED" and then weren't we all proud to whisper confidentially to the person sitting next to us that Di stays right up there on the good old third, and we hear her muttering lines at all hours! A good deal of credit was brought to more than just the 811-ers when she played the part of Shiela Birling so conscientiously and so superbly. Congratulations, and more power to you, Diana.

More than one person was overheard talking about the tremendous success of the supper-meeting of the Ladies' Society held at 811. Who finally overbid that last bridge game? We also overheard that a meeting was held in the kitchen over the stacks and stacks of dishes and cutlery. But the last remaining workers certainly enjoyed the tasty goodies that Betsy's Mother kindly sent, didn't we?

Well, the "Wednesday Nighters" still don't know whether to have a weekly or bi-monthly meeting. Some of them say that it sort of depends on the intramural basketball games, but last Wednesday's meeting was such a success that we'll just have to wait and see. After all, promoting academic success should be foremost in our minds and those meetings are certainly conducive to staying at home.

Formal are fun; parties before and after are fun; just plain parties are fun; but thank gosh they are only occasional, because... oh, yes, our FEET hurt.

Rules for a Russian Writer:

1. Don't think.
2. If you have to think, don't talk.
3. If you have to talk, don't write it down.
4. If you have to write it down, don't publish it.
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