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Double Trouble

There are approximately 2.8 billion inhabitants of this planet. Of this aggregate, there is an untold number of individuals to whom is affixed the moniker, Fred Smith. Two of the world's Fred Smiths are residents of our hillside society her at UNB. Both are Juniors. Both are residents of the Lady Beaverbrook Residence. One of the two, Frederick Earle Smith, was a candidate in the past week's SRC elections. The other was not.

Simple enough so far isn't it?

It ceases to be that way right now.

The SRC, when having the ballots for the approaching election printed, failed to distinguish between Frederick E. Smith, the candidate, and Frederick B. Smith, the member of the electorate. The result—chaos which has now precipitated a re-running of the election for both Junior and Sophomore candidates.

Defeated Junior candidate Roy Davis initiated the move toward a new election by charging that, in effect, he was running against two people, the total vote for whom was tabulated against the single total for the one and only Roy Davis. Following this, it then developed that the council had also been in error in conducting the elections by failing to abide by Article V, Section 9, of the SRC constitution which states;

(a) Two clerks shall be stationed at each poll on election day, hereinafter referred to as Clerk A and Clerk B.

(b) Clerk A shall give a ballot to each qualified voter and record that such voter received a ballot.

(c) The Voter shall mark his ballot, fold it, and hand it to Clerk B, who shall immediately place it in the ballot box, and record that the ballot has been deposited.

And also Section 11 of the same Article which reveals:

(c) In the case of class representatives, the voter shall vote by marking a 1, 2, 3 and 4 opposite each choice in order of his preference according to the number of positions to be filled. The numbers shall be counted as X's except in the case of a tie.

These procedures were not followed in last week's polling. Hence, new elections in both Junior and Sophomore ranks are scheduled for November 25.

The case then is this: The opening in the constitution existed. The defeated candidates took advantage of it and were quite justified in doing so. Condensing the facts further, it appears that the SRC is not fully aware of its own constitution. It has become a constitution-conscious council without becoming a constitution-knowing council.

But let's all look at this optimistically. Perhaps it means good things for the future. It appears that for the first time in many a year, somebody has sufficient interest in The Council, or sufficient desire to become a part of it, to expose these apparently, until now, little known parts of the constitution.

Anyway, it could have been worse.

There could have been three Fred Smiths.

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Letters to the Editor

Hotbed Scalded

Sir:

As members of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, we wish to reply to some of the accusations made by Mr. Fairbairn in **The Hotbed**. It appears that Mr. Fairbairn is in the habit of writing without having the least idea what he is writing. To quote his article:—"Neither of these organizations (ie, SCM and IVCF) had the courtesy, the energy, or the interest in their organizations to appear and explain their requests. They expected, as they have in the past years, that the soft-hearted SRC would pass their exorbitant budgets without question".

Let us point out that insofar as IVCF is concerned, this is our first request for an SRC grant and the SRC has never before been called upon to pass an IVCF budget of any nature, let alone an "exorbitant one".

The fact that this is our first request for a grant contains the answer as to why we were not represented at the preliminary budget meeting. Our executive did not realize its full responsibility in the matter, and its absence was not due to any lack of "courtesy, energy or interest in the organization", as Mr.

Fairbairn suggests, but rather to a lack of information.

IVCF is a comparatively new group on the campus. So far we have not been able to meet our financial obligations solely through our own gifts and those of friends. However, we have experienced a considerable growth, and this year planned a definite program of expansion. We feel, therefore, justified in our request for a grant.

Mr. Fairbairn also suggests that we had some nerve in asking \$25 for hymn books and that any person at all interested in the group should at least possess his own hymn book. No doubt the members of the Bridge Club possess their own deck of cards, yet apparently Mr. Fairbairn does not consider their request for \$40 to buy cards unreasonable. Then why should he consider our's so unreasonable? Maybe he can answer that.

Not intending to stir up a controversy with Mr. Fairbairn, we suggest, however, that at least he try to find out whether or not what he writes in his column is true and reasonable, lest he find that his **Hotbed** has gotten him into hot water.

In refusing our request for a grant, the SRC have no doubt done what they thought was right and proper in the interest of good student government. However, we are inclined to feel that they may have acted hastily in passing judgment. As a result of this refusal we shall have to curtail some of our proposed activities,

but we shall continue to function as a university group, making every effort to fulfill our purpose of "knowing Christ and making Him known".

Bill MacLean
Joyce Dickinson
Cyril L. Garner
Ray, E. Thomas
Margaret Dunn

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Be Good to us, boys

Sir:

We are happy the light has finally dawned in the feeble minds of some of the male population of UNB. This is **indeed** a woman's world.

However, so-called "gentleman car-owners" pick up ladies **not** through sympathy, but to further their own ends.

It seems that "heroes" vastly outnumber "louses", since the girls continue to be chauffeured to and from the Maggie Jean.

What gentleman, and we use the term loosely, would pass up the opportunity of going to the fall formal when he sees it walking down the street?

Whom will we see at the dance, the "heroes" or the "louses"?

Two Maggie Jeaners

WEEKLY CHESS MEET

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to match moves with the Fredericton Chess Club and strategists from other universities. The club welcomes all those interested and instruction will be provided for novices.

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