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"WITH A GRAIN OF SALT"

by Robert Thompson

THE PURPOSE OF AN ELECTION

On February 22 next we will again be electing a new slate of administrative officers to direct and govern student activities for the coming academic year. The budget presumably will be larger next year (if for no other reason than inflation); it is now approximately \$40,000. Assuming for the moment that it is considerably less than that — let us say \$30,000 (which is taken in alone by SRC fees) — what have we the students received as goods and services for our money?

First, how did our teams benefit from the money we contributed for student activities? In fact, how did our teams do this year? The Bombers, Basketball... You, reader, can judge for yourself. As a person who knows little about the many teams and how they are run or managed, I do not intend to do so. But one thing I can suggest is better liaison between team organizations and the Students' Council — how and why help is to be given; suggestions as to how scarce dollars may be utilized; methods by which teams might profit by the Students' investment in them — and how the Students might gain something from the teams. Better public relations on the part of your Council would get the best men and women out, and also give more students a chance to take part in Athletics.

How about the Council support for faculty undertakings — such as Engineering Week, Business Week, and all those organizations that take pride in their field and want to show us what they are doing? Little has been heard of any Council support here.

What about all the clubs concerned with the arts — NFCUS, WUSC, the UNB Band, the Radio Society, even the Brunswickan? What constructive measures have been taken on the part of the Council — of all Students — to promote our interests with outside groups and the public? How about our public image? Is it good? What about the fracas with the Army? What about the handling of Student Discipline? The only thing really constructive this present Council did was to give Radio UNB some money, largely because of its dynamic director. Other than that, they gave the Brunswickan more office space and moved into the back room.

And finally — did you know that for the last three years our President has been an upper Canadian? This in itself is not bad — despite what might be said to the contrary — but it is high time a President of our own is elected, someone who knows what the "Maritimer student" wants!

Of course this is an expression of a point of view — far be it from this writer to tell you what to think about SRC elections — but it just might be worth your while to think about some of the things I have said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANKS!

Sir:

In answer to Mr. Howse's editorial, I must say that I am most thankful for his co-operation and that of his staff. They have been most helpful and are to be praised, especially for the splendid Winter Carnival Issue. However, this has certainly not been a "one way deal". Last fall the Brunswickan was given the scoop on *The Brothers Four* and *The Limelights*, important news which was handled ineffectually by the paper.

As for Ed Bell's Column, I do not consider it worthy of any comment. Mr. Bell is nothing but a brash, egotistical "imitator", attempting to gain notorious recognition by being "controversial". His Column contained nothing but ridiculous rambling criticism, saying a whole lot of nothing, as usual! The Brunswickan would benefit by removing this loud-mouthed, do-nothing from its staff.

Despite the criticism, I thank the Brunswickan for their kind assistance on the coverage of the Winter Carnival.

Sydney Grant
Publicity Co-chairman

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Protest!

Sir,

It is being said that the Winter Carnival Committee rented the Flame Restaurant Saturday night. Visitors to our much-publicized Carnival who wanted a late snack were refused entrance to the only decent restaurant which serves late at night. The Committee's efforts on behalf of the students may justify a party, but surely a committee with the interest of the students and guests at heart would have chosen some other place to have a party.

It must have been very expensive to hold such a party. Which of course sets even the simple-minded non-committee member to wonder where the money came from. Since the Committee could not function without student support, perhaps a financial report isn't too much to ask for.

The W.C. Committee takes great pains to keep its activities a secret. Perhaps they want Carnival to be a big surprise. Or perhaps they fear that some of the brighter of the proles will realize that the Carnival has come to resemble Orwell's horrifying "1984", with Committee Chairman Big Brother soothing the proles until they agree that their wishes are identical with those of the Committee.

When things get to such a state that Mr. Grant cannot distinguish between people warming their feet and an incipient riot, communication between Committee and students is gone. Carnival used to be fun. It used to be friendly. It used to be a time for everyone to enjoy.

It used to be.

It is not so any longer.

As a member of the proletariat, I protest!

Jean McCutcheon
CE '61

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Disillusioned

Sir,

We feel that this year's Winter Carnival was a farce, in that the majority of the students were disappointed and disillusioned

in this year's "bigger and better" Carnival.

We feel that this is due partly to the disorganization shown by the Winter Carnival Committee and its ineptness in dealing with the queens, entertainment and facilities.

Also we feel that the Carnival is presented for anyone with \$2.75 rather than for the students specifically. Is this because the Committee is in the hands of a few of the "elite" who seem to prefer that the students assume the role of spectator, rather than participant?

We agree with Miss Farrell that our Carnival should not only be brought "back to the Campus", but back to the students.

Six Disappointed Students.

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PRO-CARNIVAL

Sir,

To offset some of the adverse publicity so prevalent on Campus, we would like to say that we enjoyed the Winter Carnival.

Paul Blanchet
Tony Little

Attention Seniors

February 15th is the deadline for applications for Students' Activities Awards. Letters received after that date will not be considered. Send applications now to: Marilyn Wiley, SRC Box, Campus Mail

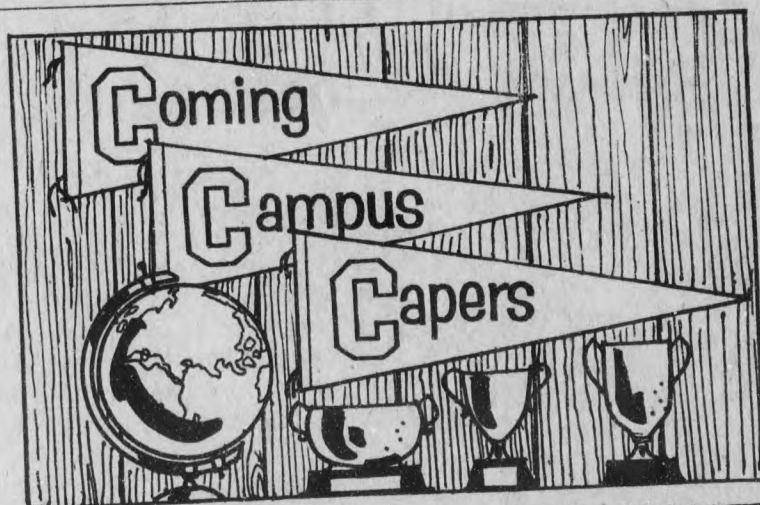
Intervalles Prizes

I have just come from my private sky-island that sits in the shadow of the moon. There are many strange and marvelous things on our island. There is a pink pochyderm with a long valise that takes me wherever I wish. We travel sometimes to the mucilage marshes and pick pencil-stubs that grow there. And sometimes we watch the licorice stalks dance, or doze in the fish-net tree's shade. There are magical mandolins, which when strummed, can recall all the people of dream from their soap-bubble jail cells, that pop at the drop of a note. Usually we sit on the uppermost peak of the mo-hair mountain — the poet, the thinker, and I. The poet writes poems, and the thinker displays — what he thinks — in essays. And I — why I tell little tales.

It has been a long slide down on my new moonbeam, and I feared that I might not arrive by the seventeenth day of this month. The seventeenth day, I have heard, is the last to pass in poems, or essays, or tales, to that book, — uh, — Intervalles?

I once heard from my sea shell the voices of sages: "One needs must have words to fill pages". So if you'll direct my fast dragon-fly here, I'll hasten off to the University post-office. There is a ballot box there, so I'm told, that's quite empty, and I want to get in on those five dollar prizes.

DON'T FORGET TO
CAST YOUR VOTE
ON THE 22nd



TODAY:

JONES HOUSE FORMAL—Jones House
NEWMAN CLUB SEMI-FORMAL—Lord
Beaverbrook Hotel, 9 pm, Members
and Guests, \$1.50 per couple.
BASKETBALL—UNB Junior Varsity vs.
UNB Grads, Gymnasium, 7 pm.
UNB vs. Aroostook State, Gymnasium, 8.30 pm.

SATURDAY:

HOCKEY—UNB at St. Thomas.

MONDAY:

FLYING CLUB—Room 309, Forestry
Building, 7.30 pm.
IVCF—All-Purpose Room, Student Centre, 7.30 pm.
WUSC—Tartan Room, Student Centre, 8 pm.
CONSERVATIVE CLUB—Oak Room, Student Centre, 7.30 pm.

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