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A CARNIVAL DILEMA

Winter Carnivals are designed to give the students of a college an opportunity to throw off their academic responsibilities and enjoy a few days of fun and excitement together. The interesting variety of sports events, competitions, dances, and professional entertainment that have become traditional at these carnivals should be more than enough to raise the spirits of even the most cynical students, and bring them out to take advantage of the chance, to make new friends from the crowds that flock to the annual fête. With all this in front of them, students should have no trouble enjoying themselves or getting to know and understand each other better . . .

Most carnivals succeed in this respect, but not UNB's . . . The artificial atmosphere on this campus with its stringent emphasis upon "Status" comes up again as always, to dampen the spirits of many students to the extent that they do not enjoy themselves at all . . . And the whole problem seems to be centered around the question: "Who Pays?"

It is not expected that boys finance all the campus dates — it is demanded! And so long as the expense isn't ridiculously high, most guys are glad to pay for their girl's entertainment . . . The Winter Carnival is an expensive weekend; it only starts with your Carnival Pass, and there is no reason why girls should not buy their own . . . It has come to the point now where many girls will not come to the Carnival at all unless they can get some boys to take them . . .

The only event that requires a date is the Coronation Ball on Saturday night but it seems that "no girl in her right mind" would go stag to a hockey game, or a rock and roll dance, or a hootenanny, so it appears that a lot of girls who could not get some boys to offer to support them for a few days will stay away from the Carnival altogether, rather than face the "embarrassment" of showing up at an event without a date . . .

The Winter Carnival is for everyone to enjoy; you do not need a date and would probably have more fun without one — you can get pretty tired of a person after five days of going where he goes, listening when he talks, enjoying what he enjoys, and laughing when he laughs, just because he's holding your pass; you can't even talk to other boys . . . In other words, every girl should buy herself a pass and go out and have herself a great time . . .

"THE FAN"

Letters To The Editor

Dear Sir:

Sir, I would like to write in criticism of the content of most of those letters written in protest of the Torch. Almost without exception they mentioned the grammatical errors, which were certainly deplorable, the ludicrous spelling mistakes, typographical errors and the misguided notions entertained by the editors of this paper. What no one seems to have realized is that the Torch accomplished its stated purpose i.e. to stir the students of this university out of their normal apathy.

For a few days at least the Torch and the topics it touched upon were a source of discussion at the Gossip Centre, ideas not people were the

order of the day and reactions whether of anger, amusement, astonishment or just plain disgust made for a welcome change from the usual — "who went out with whom, where they went and what they did."

This writer would like to see the Torch or something similar continue on this campus. I would suggest, however, that the writers check their facts more carefully and equip themselves with a dictionary or a Thesaurus before going to press, they will thus leave themselves less open to criticisms of a petty kind and their readers will have to content themselves with protest-ing the issues at stake.

Jennifer Black,
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Ed. A thesaurus certainly will not help misguided notions.

Dear Mr. Irvine:

You have done it again. In your last issue you falsely accused me of having the responsibility for the "Torch", which you took as a personal attack.

The articles that I wrote (which you feared to print as they were "too controversial") did not contain anything against the "Brunswickan".

I think it proves beyond any doubt what the editors of the "Torch" wrote. I was very disappointed at the way you handled the matter, at least I am happy that I had nothing to do with the "Brunswickan" this year. As a fellow U. N. B. student, your attack on me was unjust and uncalled for.

Yours truly,
Stevan D. Karon.

MARCH BREAK RECEIVES A NO!

Dear Sir:

On January 22 an article entitled "March Break" appeared in the Brunswickan. It was obviously written in a hurry by someone with a nearby hamlet and a steady he can't trust.

First to clear up a few mistakes, it was claimed "There are two long week-ends, Thanksgiving and Remembrance Day" in the first term. My experience with UNB seems to indicate that this is untrue. Indeed, it would seem that if so many students did not have to attend Memorial Services with the armed services. We would not even be granted free time to attend these services. Has the author not noted that these morning classes are never cancelled less than a week before a Remembrance Day. It is apparent the author is not in either my Economics or Psychology classes as tests were scheduled in both subjects for the morning of November the 11th. It would appear that these classes are cancelled for those who must remain in Fredericton, and not those who take a break and "get out of Fredericton".

Then there is the matter of no long weekends in the second term. As the article appeared, I assumed someone wrote it. Amazing. A person who can write but can't read. I refer those who can to page

7 of the university calendar and ask them if they can dispute that the Easter Recess is a long weekend in March and I feel sure this is not the Winter Carnival Weekend referred to in the article.

Perhaps our rich friend from a nearby New Brunswick hamlet can afford to go home at this time. Many others can not. As well as those who do not care to, there is the 50 per cent of our student body — even with the inclusion of the T.C. registration — are not from New Brunswick. I myself am from the neighbouring province of Nova Scotia, but even to travel this short distance requires over 14 hours. On a long weekend consisting of three days, as does the recess, I can leave on Friday morning spend Saturday at home, and return Sunday. Unfortunately Fredericton, the capital of New Brunswick does not rate rail service on Sunday.

The author of "March Break" can have it, but don't lengthen my term ten minutes to give to him. I want a nice short term so we get first chance at the early jobs, a short break after rough exams before the latter jobs and a chance to get out of this province before May.

Yours truly,
James R. MacAulay.

Ed. Note: The author of the article "March Break" does not come from a nearby hamlet, and whether he has a girlfriend in the nearby hills is no concern of the Brunswickan.

EX-COUNCIL MEMBER REPLIES TO ARTICLE

Editor:—

This letter is not written with the intention of defending my position, but rather to clarify several misstatements which appeared in a front page feature last week entitled "Two SRC Reps Booted", and to elaborate on a few others which were brought to light by other features in the same issue.

To begin with, I never missed five or six meetings without excuse. I made it clear to the President of the SRC that I would be unable to attend Thursday meetings due to previous commitments. The remaining meetings I missed, with the exception of the last one, I had valid excuses. For the Secretary to say that my excuses were very

poor is an error on her part, for never once was I asked for one nor did I give one. Thus the Council's action is upheld. Of the two Council meetings this term I received no notice, of the Applications Committee that I was asked to serve on, I received one notice for a meeting which I did attend, and the committee set up to arrange terms with St. Thomas, I attended the only meeting I was informed of. Is a person expected to attend these when he is uninformed of such?

To the Council member that made the remark apparently quoting me and saying that I considered it (SRC) a waste of my time to prove it or withdraw the statement. What I did say was in fact, that there was a great deal of time wasted at SRC meetings and that as a Freshmen Rep I could accomplish nothing in view of the fact that some of the SRC members liked to hear themselves talk. As David Tilson put it in the Jones House Library, January 22, 1964, the ideas of Freshmen coming out of high school are crude but with improvements are valuable. The ideas of this year's Freshmen Reps never reached the improvement stage for they were killed in the "straw vote" stage. Was the idea of increasing the Freshmen Representation on the council under the old system, and in view of the fact that they were the biggest single class, a crude idea? I was insulted at one of the SRC meetings when I was told that most Freshmen were irresponsible. To further explain my position I will cite an example. At a meeting last term I made a motion, after a similar motion was withdrawn by another member, that no money be given to political or religious organizations, this was simply following a precedent established by previous Councils. During the discussion period an oration was given favor of this by someone from the floor. This splendid display of oratory charmed the council and the motion was defeated.

There are several questions that seem to me to be lacking answers.

Why was Harold MacNamara's name left out of the article "Two SRC Reps Booted"?

Why should the entire student body be expected to pay

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