Originality. . . SRC has it

At the first meeting of the new SRC, Steve Hanson proved that he wasn't to be discouraged by Galbraith's statement in **The Affluent Society.** "These are the days when men of all social disciplines and all political faiths seek the comfortable and the accepted; when the man of controversy is looked upon as a disturbing influence; when originality is taken to be a mark of instability; and when, in minor modification of the scriptural parable, the bland lead the bland."

Hanson, with his fresh ideas about creating an image of the SRC for the student body, and by encouraging — pressuring, perhaps — the executive to make public its decisions more frequently and more quickly, will certainly become one of the men of controversy on the SRC.

Steve Hanson, and the people who paved the way to his seat beside Mrs. Peters, have shown themselves to have the originality Galbraith feared was being lost.

He is trying to make it comfortable for students to attend SRC meetings. Three rows of comfortable chairs line the back of the Tartan Room. There is a table for the press, and another, a sort of 'hotseat', for those who wish to sit in the great lap of the SRC while they are being interrogated, or while they request action, or demand it, from the council.

Still there is a great horseshoe of tables for the council. This gives the common student the necessary insecure feeling as he approaches the council. It is also not functional, however, because a council member can see only half of his peers. But this will be corrected with Hanson at the helm.

What remains to be seen is whether the Cabinet, a council committee of campus bigwigs, will be used this year; for it was created last year with no purpose defined.

Will the council members truly represent their faculties? Former council members say it is impossible to maintain contact with the larger faculties. The Faculty Societies represent only a fraction of the enrollment.

Can the SRC maintain the watchful eye it should have over all University organizations, and still not interfere with club policies? By controlling monies, the council can effectively control the policies of the news media and other important functional groups. Can this new and inexperienced council control activities effectively?

This new council shows every promise of successful government, and we believe that it will stand up to the many tasks which will doubtlessly arise to obstruct its smooth operation. We hope the new council, unlike many councils of the past, will seek the right way, and not "the comfortable and the accepted". We believe this will be the case, and that the rights of all students, and the desires of the majority, will be upheld.

DAN SCANS

We have witnessed a parodox possible only under the two-faced attitude toward liquor that exists here in Fredericton. The local taverns have offered live entertainment before the town's only lounge which, incidentally, is government owned. Except for a solo organ, the local lounge offers nothing besides taped background music and a busty mermaid perched atop the bar. A most sterile atmosphere exists in the lounge.

To exemplify the two-faced attitude of the local liquor merchants, it seems that very strict regulations are enforced. No person under 21 is admitted and persons without a shirt and tie are similarly turned away. Yet, I have witnessed the serving of some patrons until they are literally unconscious. Why is that such hypocritical attempts to maintain a facade of respectability are made at the door, but once inside, patrons are allowed to drink themselves into a stupor (at the highest prices in the province.).

Regarding the question of age restrictions and dress rules, both of which are arbitrary, the local lounge has lost its sense of proportion. These rules are obviously intended to keep the 'bobby-soxers' and derelicts out of the lounge, but, the manner in which they are enforced is preposterous. A story is related of a local medical doctor who stopped in for a drink, wearing a tie and sweater. He was turned away for lack of a sport coat. It may be that the management sincerely believe they have another 'stork club' and that nothing short of proper dress will match the distinction of their establishment.

Liquor laws and house rules must be made to allow the enjoyment of alcoholic beverages, at the same time protecting those incapable of protecting themselves from the hazards of liquor. The liquor laws of the Province of New Brunswick and the enforcement of house rules at the government lounge have failed miserably on both counts.

LETTERS

YOUNG DIEHARDS JEER FLAG

Editor:

I was one of the many University students who attended the flag-raising ceremony at the NB Legislative building on Monday, and I was appalled at some of the ignorant actions which took place there.

When the flag was brought out, the flag which everyone who is a true Canadian must accept as his own, a number of young people, presumably high school students, began to boo and jeer. When the Premier made his speech they booed louder, and when he spoke in French, even louder.

Of course this could be ignored, because the people of this country who are now of high school age seem to be characteristically poorly-mannered. But when it is a matter of allegiance to the nation, I begin to worry. These youngsters may not understand all the problems of the nation, and may be doing this sort of thing just f
their actions reflect the opinions of thei tive parents, and this is more serious.

Their parents vote. If they don't recognize that the flag is significant as a bond within the nation, as a symbol of unity which is necessary for the perpetuation of our nation as a whole, then we are faced with a great problem. They have not seen the woods for the trees. They are confused about the issues of the day, and there must be some form of education to straighten them out.

When the Provincial Leader of the Opposition spoke, his remarks were devoted to the Red Ensign. In a sort of eulogy he said, between the lines, that he still didn't like the idea of a new flag, etc., etc.

This is worse than the booing. This man is a leader of an important organization, a group that helps to defend our freedoms. And he is in disagreement with the law of the land. Shameful, shameful, Mr. Sherwood.

Seriously, I think it is a shame that people can't realize that what this country needs is a little bit of luck — and some common sense.

As Bob Dylan says in his poetic masterpiece, "Don't criticize if you can't understand. The times, they are a-changing."

T. M. J.



My fellow rats: At this time, I feel, we must give up the ship.

BELL COMPLIMENTED

Editor:

I attended the Saturday afternoon session of the Model Parliament, and my only regret might be that more spectators did not join me. It was really interesting; and I found the experience both entertaining and educational — not a singular opinion, I am sure.

Considerable credit should be given the Speaker of the House, Mr. Ed Bell, for the capable way in which he conducted the proceedings. He complimented the speakers on the high calibre of their texts — I agree. All who participated must surely have benefited from the Parliament.

Barbara French

AVOID HEADACHES

Editor:

Before St. Thomas University came on campus various UNB clubs had successful dances at the Student Centre. Of late very few of such dances have not been a failure.

All roads lead to STU probably because there is always a band, which admittedly provides better entertainment than Radio UNB.

STU should be congratulated for its effort and ability to at-

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