

COUNCIL:

STOP AND THINK

Students at UNB have complained yearly about the operations of their elected student representatives, the SRC.

Last year, during the presidency of Lawson Hunter, students protested that the SRC was involving itself with matters of educational philosophy instead of dealing with administrative matters. Students complained that they were not remotely interested in these things but rather concessions, finances for clubs, social events not universal accessibility, or the role of the student in the educational community.

This year they have a council which, to all appearances is chiefly concerned with administration. Wayne Beach with his platform of "Action Now" clearly outlined that if nothing else, things were going to be running smoothly and efficiently. An administrator is to be hired, co-operative housing will be investigated and detailed consideration will be given to applications for positions and concessions before they are given out.

With these things in mind, it is interesting to note that the last matter concerning the applications for concessions and positions, the first thing the new council has attempted to do was done with such pseudo-efficiency that it has left students flabbergasted.

It would be wise if this council took a program of "Think Now, Action Later."

Letters To The Editor

DEAN REGRETS FOUNDERS' EDIT.

Editor:

As Chairman of the Founders' Day Committee I regret that your editorial of March 2 was so negative in tone. As you know, decisions about the manner of celebrating Founders' Day are made by a committee on which students are represented. As editor of the *Brunswickan*, you were invited to attend the meeting of the committee, but you did not appear. Had you been there, you would have had the opportunity of attacking the subject of the debate. The large and apparently interested group of students who attended the debate, and asked many pertinent questions, indicates that your views were not shared by all the students. The students who did attend the committee meeting — and there were as many students present as members of the faculty — approved the subject, after a number of alternatives had been suggested and discarded.

I do not follow your logic in stating that if "students are... to look on Founders' Day with respect, it should not be a holiday resurrected yearly only." Are you proposing that Founders' Day should not be a holiday (and of

course it is not, although professors are requested to allow students to leave lectures and labs to attend the debate), or that it should be observed more than once a year? Almost all universities set aside one day in the academic year to honour those who founded the institution, to remember other benefactors and distinguished graduates, and to reflect upon the past, present and future. Surely all of us, whether faculty of students, who benefit so enormously from this university, should be willing to set aside three or four hours in the year to rendering our tribute of praise and thought and criticism to it?

Founders' Day is not and should not be merely an occasion for jubilation. It is an opportunity to praise what is praiseworthy and to damn what is damnable. It is also an opportunity to hear a distinguished guest offer his views on universities and society. It should be a focal point in the academic year, when students and faculty engage in a fruitful dialogue about the real nature of a university and its permanent and changing functions in relation to its own members and society at large.

The wish of the Founders' Day Committee is that the day be celebrated in accordance with the wishes of both students and faculty, and any suggestions for improvement or alteration of emphasis will be gratefully received and seriously considered.

Yours sincerely,
Desmond Pacey
Dean of Graduate Studies
Head, English Department

DREAMS

Wake up because your dreams are bad!
Stay awake, for Horror is approaching.

It comes also to you, who live far from the places where blood is shed, and to you also, during your afternoon nap, when you do not like being disturbed.
If it does not come today, it will come tomorrow, but come it will.

"O pleasant sleep on the pillows with red flowers, a Christmas gift from Anita, which took her three weeks to embroider, o pleasant sleep, when the roast was ample and and the vegetables tender. Half-doing you recall last night's newsreel: Easter lambs, awaking nature, the opening of the Casino in Baden-Baden,

Cambridge defeated Oxford by two-and-a-half lengths, — that is enough to occupy the mind.

O this soft pillow, down of finest choice!
Resting on it one forgets the annoyances of the world, that that news for instance:

The accused of committing abortion said in her defense: The woman, mother of seven children, came to me with a baby for whom she had no clothes, and who was wrapped in newspaper.

Well, those are matters for the courts, not for us. You can't help it, if some fare better than others. And come what may, our grandchildren may fight it out!"

"Ah, you are asleep already? Wake up well, my friend!"

Already the fences are electrified, and the sentries are posted."

No, sleep not, while the Arrangers of the world are busy!

Be distrustful of their powers, which they pretend they must acquire!

Watch that your hearts may not be empty, when they reckon with the emptiness of your hearts!

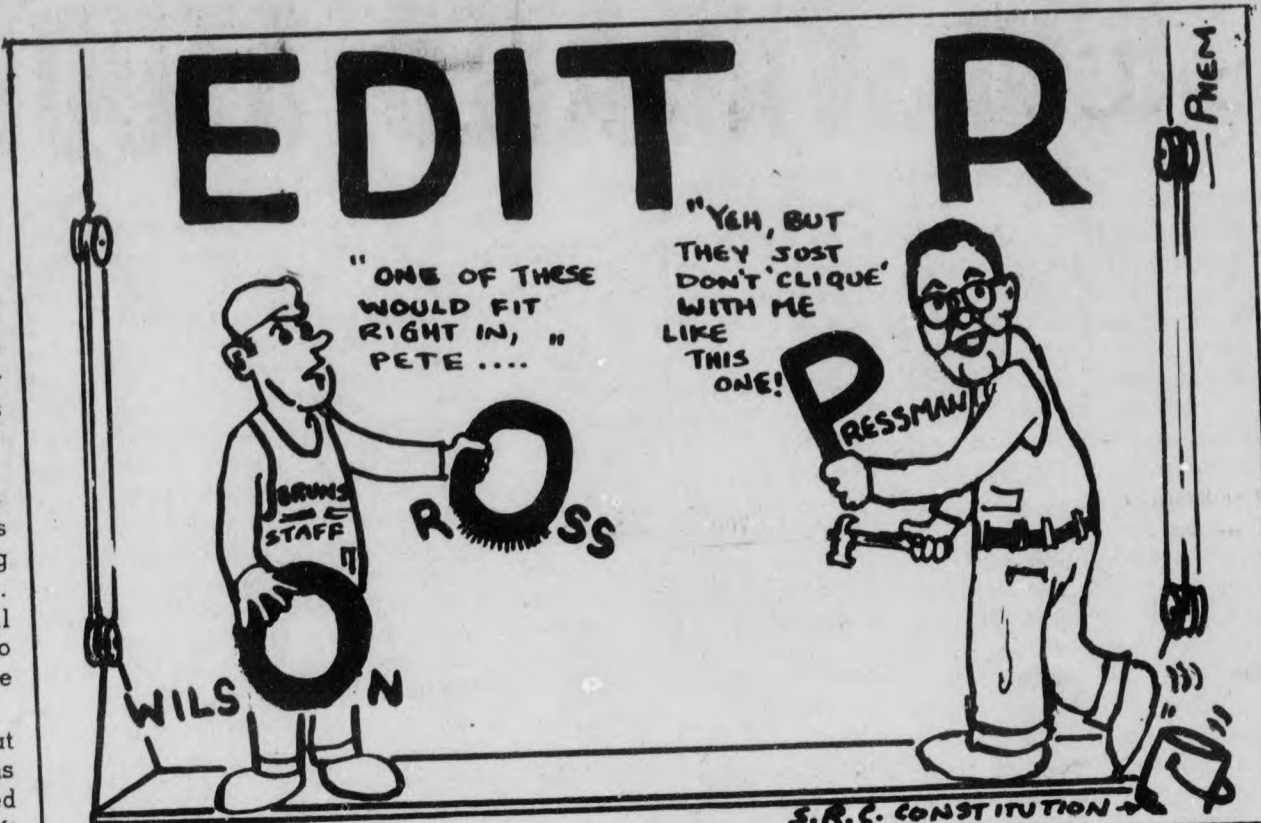
Do the useless things, sing the songs they do not expect from you!

Be uncomfortable, be sand, not oil, in the gears of the world.

G. Eich
1950

Editor's Note:

This was submitted by a professor on this campus who feels it applies to our situation.



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