

the meeting - another admin victory?

Charges against the seven people in Liberation 130 have been dropped: they made a deal not to embarrass the Board of Deans with their presence for a few months. The film seized by Security Chief Barnett has been returned intact, quietly and without an apology from the administration. And Dr. Strax is tucked safely away in the county jail.

As a subtle gesture of superiority, the Board of Deans has chosen their own time for an open meeting, days after Council's specified deadline.

It seems that the Board of Deans has acceded to every demand. But in every case their tactic leaves the students without a victory and the old guard unscathed.

The issues no longer seem critical to many students. The open meeting will attract fewer people after all these concessions, as the Board of Deans must realize. They will probably handle it much the same as Dr. MacKay's appearance at the Liberal Club meeting, where MacKay's assistant, Peter Kent, informed everyone that they could ask questions only when recognized and after announcing their names to the panel. Questions were rather slow in coming.

They may use this tactic again. If we allow them to do so, we essentially surrender beforehand. Let's not.

green stands guilty

Geoff Green resigned his position as SRC president last week.

No one expected it three weeks ago when he was elected. Certainly no one expected the move when Green showed himself to be Council's greatest unifying force in years, achieving more in his three weeks than Cox did in half a year.

In resigning, Green urged that anyone considering becoming SRC president in future "seriously consider the responsibility and implications of the position." Where were you, Geoff Green, when Dave Cox said the same thing a week before your election?

You said you would make a word-oriented council an action-oriented council. And you did. You were acceptable personally and politically to almost every faction in a divided campus. But good grief Mr. Green, three weeks is no time at all.

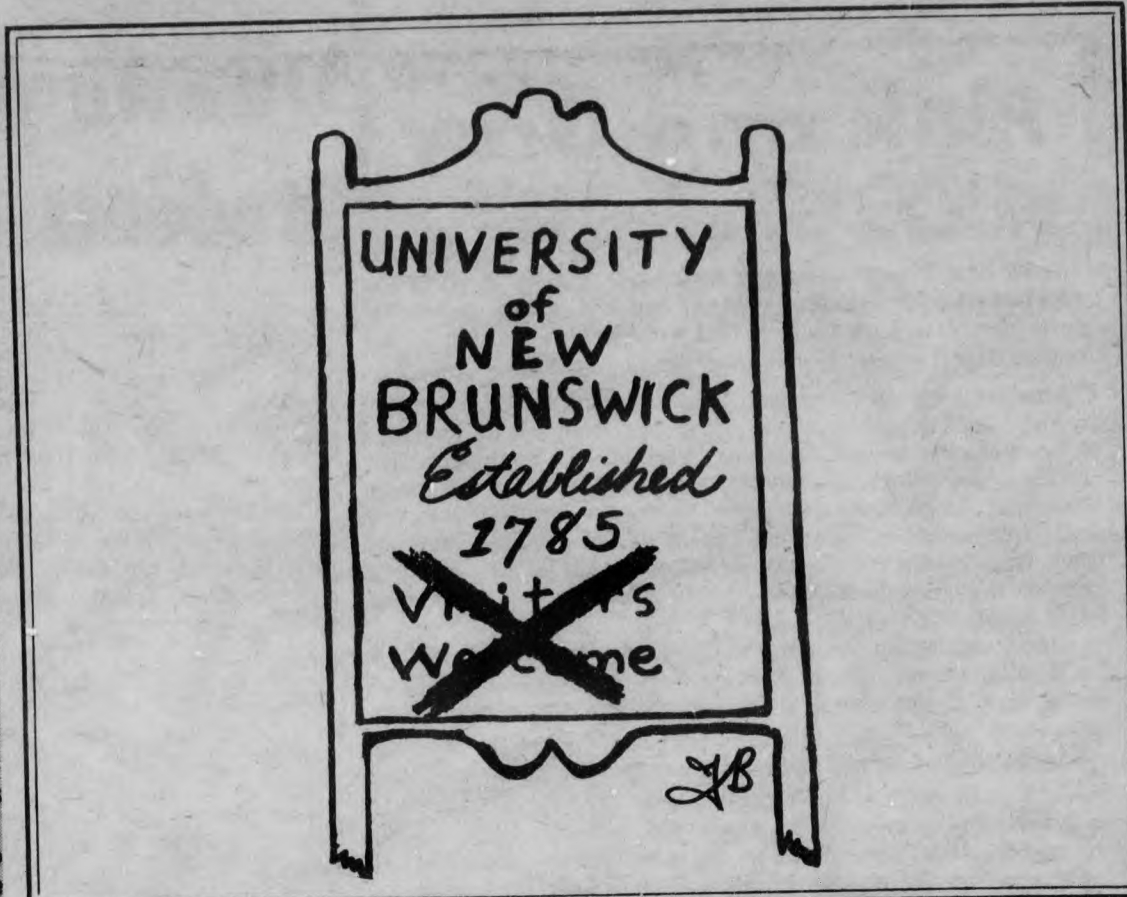
As far as the succession of presidents goes -- Next Please!

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Letters to the editor

If the students interest did not outweigh all other considerations, fellow students, there is much that would keep me from making you this speech: the strength of the administration in power, your mood of resignation, the general activities, and most of all the thought that nowadays to be an honest man is more of a risk than a distinction. I am actually ashamed to remind you how for the last sixteen years you have been the plaything of a minority's insolence, how disgracefully your rights have been taken from you without your lifting a finger, how laziness and slovenliness have so corrupted your spirit that you do not even now rise up against your enemies when they are most vulnerable, but persist in being afraid of those who ought properly to be afraid of you. Nevertheless my spirit moves me to face the opposition. At least I will make trial of the freedom of speech. Whether I do so in vain or to some purpose, rests in your hands, students.

I do not urge you to follow your ancestors' example and take up arms against injustice. There is no need to resort to violence, nor secession; let each of your enemies go to Hell in his own way. They think nothing of having gotten away with their crimes, and so in the long run the laws and your rights all have been taken from you. And the doers of these deeds feel neither shame nor regret, but stalk about under your very noses in their self-conceit, showing off their chairmanships and their committees, and some of them their triumphs, just as if they had earned them instead of stealing them. Even slaves that are bought for gold do not stand for unjust orders from their masters; are you, students, who have a right to be represented in the government of this university, going to tolerate servitude meekly? They are guilty as sin and proud of it, men to whom loyalty, decency, duty, honour, and dishonour are all merely matters of profit and loss. Their crimes should trouble their conscience; instead, your cowardice troubles yours, while they are unified by a common desire, a common hatred, a common fear.

But if you were as vigilant about liberty as they are enthusiastic about tyranny, you may be sure the university campus would not be in its present ruinous state, and the privileges it is yours to bestow would be in the hands of the best candidates, not the most shameful. You should strive the harder, because it is a greater disgrace to lose what has been gained than never to have won it in the first place.

If you ask, "What then is your proposal?" I would reply that it is to take vengeance on the doers of the injustices, not by force and violence, which is more their due than it is your duty, but by legal procedure, namely your SRC. But perhaps you have not had enough of their tyranny; perhaps the present occasion suits you. For my part, though I think it the depth of disgrace for a man worth his salt to take an insult lying down, I could stand your forgiving criminals - who after all are humans - if your forgiveness would not inevitably result in your ruin. For they are so lacking in decency that it means nothing to them to have gotten away with their crimes, unless they snatch from you the right to further misdeeds, while all you will have is the perpetual worry of knowing that you must either be slaves or fight for your freedom. For what possible confidence can you have in their good faith or singleness of purpose? They want to be tyrants, you to be free; they want to commit

crimes, you to prevent them. Can there be peace and friendship between people whose intentions are so different?

Therefore, I warn you, urge you, not to let their crimes go unpunished. Unless there is an investigation, unless the guilty are punished, what choice will we have, except to knuckle under for life to those responsible? What I urge upon you, students, is not that you should take more satisfaction in the wrongdoing than in the uprightness of your fellow-students, but that you should avoid ruining the innocent by pardoning the guilty. Besides, in public life it is better to forget a good turn than a bad one: a good man simply grows more reluctant to do good if you ignore him, but a bad one grows more vicious. Moreover, if there were less elite power in the hands of the administration, you would not be in such constant need to barter your liberty for security.

"All men with ambition to be something more than the other animals ought to strive with might and main (intellectual*) not to pass their lives unsung..."

- Sallust

Gonzalo

1. Selections from Sallust, *Classics in Translation*, The University of Wisconsin Press, 1966, Vol. 2, pp. 86-87, 92.

* Gonzalo's note.

I want to have fun too

Editor:

I suppose this letter is to the editor, but the real people I'm trying to reach are my friends, if not my lovers. The administration has dropped charges and expressed a desire to accept the open invitation to an SRC meeting, which means the demagogues will quickly forget their words. By demagogues I call to account the Appeal for Moderation among others.

I deem inexcusable the blatant use of licentious lies. The facts were misused and misquoted among other things. The SRC at no time said they supported Strax or the people in 130. The SRC disagreed

with the means; in other words you don't lynch a murderer, first you give him a trial (at the least, pretend you are being fair). Encroachments on the liberty of anyone are encroachments on the liberties of everyone.

Unfortunately people who favor strike action thought I was opposed, and those who were against it hated my glasses and perhaps my hair too. It is a shame no one will read and understand my letter because I want to have fun too.

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