

Hard Pressed For Support

"They are giving it to us to death" is a remark which we feel is going to come all too true in the very near future and it could bring serious consequences to student participation in the governing of this university.

A student senator made this remark upon learning of the student-senate committees students could be appointed to plus the student faculty committees already available. It is a poorly publicized fact that students are being allowed more direct participation in the student governing process here than could have been ever dreamt in those heady days when concerned students were sitting and marching on this campus to gain even the slimmest amount of information of what was going on in the administration of Colin B. MacKay besides building building.

The fact of the matter is that students are in the process and the chief problem now is finding enough students to fill all the positions that are made available. It is very possible that student leaders may be taking enough line to hang themselves as far as direct student participation is concerned.

The problem is not that student leaders are doing the wrong thing by fighting for the positions but the fault is with the general build in heavy dosage of apathy by students that is hanging over this campus in much the same way the black soot belching out the administration's service building blackens everything it touches. Their electorate is providing little support.

This year has all the prospects of being famous as the Year of the Great Sleep in Multi-Colour Black. Where are the students, concerned with their welfare as well as others

who will stand up and run for the university Senate elections this month. Will anyone care enough to become active members of senate committees and put some student first attitudes into those committees which have more direct influence in the academic life of this community than any other source.

Student leaders used to be highly articulate visible people who excited great things from those who associated with them.

What happened is that the reality of the situation set in and student leaders are hard pressed to find other students with enough community service spirit to keep working.

Perhaps the more serious consequence is that students have become complacent about their position because they know no better.

We can have a much better society on this campus if students generally start to ask questions and demand action.

For example a course evaluation committee is in the process of being set up. We must push for large representation on this particular body which can and will report on courses and professors in the hopes of making this university responsive to the needs and desires of those who the university was first set for. The students.

Apathy is a yearly problem and one that will plague us until students begin to realize that the only people and way this much heralded new generation will accomplish change is to work to make this a better place than when we find it.

A university experience must be more than a place to learn coffee drinking and talking, it must include the challenge to leave a heritage which is a better way of life than the one we found.



This is the man who ate the steak that came from the steer that nibbled the grass that grew in the field where roamed the cat that caught the bird that floated around in the oil slick.

from the New Yorker

feedback feedback

STU independent of UNB

Dear Sir:

The article appearing in the October 9 Bruns, entitled "STU's Smith wants out of RUNB commitment" was a collection of misinterpreted half-truths. The word "commitment" itself is a misnomer. STU had the idea to drop or renew its contract with RUNB upon expiry. Our decision was not arrived at, as the title suggested, through some autocratic authority of our President; it was approved by 350 members of the STU general meeting. You will also be interested to know (not having been at the general meeting), that most of the criticism emanated from the student body, not the STU SRC.

Further, the meeting dealt with important and delicate internal matters concerning only STU. The presence of UNB members would have been inappropriate and undesirable.

Lastly, STU is independent of UNB: there is no reason why

it should feel obligated to accommodate the wishes of RUNB to its own detriment. I find it difficult, therefore, to understand why Jim Muir and company are "perplexed" to find that "Smith and his clowns" refuse to play pat-a-cake with them.

STU Student

LBR has RUNB problems

Dear Mr. Jonah;

This article is written in conjunction with the article titled "STU's Smith wants out of R. UNB Commitment", which appeared in the October 9 edition of the Brunswickan.

We are presently living in the Lady Beaverbrook Men's Residence, and can sympathize to some degree with Radio UNB's small technical staff, but we fail to see why they continuously evade any attempts to repair our run down R. UNB facilities.

As moth-eaten, tattered, mouldering, cankered, blighted,

decrepit and moss-grown as L.B.R. conditions are, we should not be ignored to the extent of not having our pleas for the 'luxury' of listening to RUNB satisfied. We can easily see why STU's president wants out of any R. UNB commitment. There is a lack of service for which student apathy is NOT fully accountable.

As far as we L.B.R. "gentlemen" are concerned we do not exist to the residences "up the hill" or to the studios of R. UNB. Our tuition and S.R.C. fees are as good as anybody's aren't they? Or are they?

Respectfully yours,
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Petty Crime Unfair

It must be a sign of the times that purse snatching and other such niceties have again come to this campus. In a society that is supposedly comprised of people who are going to strive for a general increase in the good life in years to come it is distracting to find that petty and unfair crime has to be a part of campus and SUB life.

We must deplore this action that pits students against students just for the few dollars that women on this campus carry in their handbags plus the other various forms of consumer junk found in ladies purses.

If the economic non-boom currently in effect in Canada has forced students to steal to eat then we seriously suggest that the government of this campus - students representative council - arrange some sort of daily meals for those so despoised.

It's not a pleasant proposal or at best an adequate or good one but surely the current crime wave being experienced by unsuspecting students is not pleasant either.

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