

Comments

Dear Sir:

It is now student election time again at UNB and all sorts of student wheels are preparing their posters, thinking up snappy sick slogans and wondering if they will have another "position" (in which they did little, but go to meetings) to put in their resumés.

The last election (if you don't remember it don't be surprised) was totally devoid of issues. The typical approach was - "Vote for me, I'm a nice guy and I'm very groovy and popular - see all the committees I've been on". It seemed

that those who ran didn't care about the campus as much as they did the position. Council meetings, so I have been told by several people, seem to reflect this. Motions are pushed through with little resistance and several people don't even open their mouths at the whole meeting. It is little wonder that certain people can get away with certain things and no wonder that students seldom waste the time to observe the meeting or take part as is their right.

The obvious question is "Well if you're so concerned about issues, what issues are there

that you feel have importance?" I'll try and list a few of the ones I feel are significant and will also throw in a few of my very biased views.

Issue 1 Student Honorariums and Salaries

A few years ago the passing of money, either direct or indirect, by student politicians to student politicians had reached the extent that it was felt necessary to change many of the SRC systems and cut or peg some salaries for moral as well as business reasons. It seems evident that this past summer sums of money were paid out to have certain jobs done by certain people and somehow some of the jobs didn't get done and others had to be paid to do other jobs. I would be the last one to scream poor business practices, patronage or graft but it does want to make one wish to know more about what happens in the SRC. For those in the know the above should be a good issue.

Issue 2 University Operation It is quite plain to me that UNB should be seriously investigating the triameter system. This system has several major advantages. It eases the pressure off the housing situation allows much more flexibility in the academic area and with a well-developed placement program could substantially increase job placement prospects for UNB students. All of these are advantages to students. Some professors are against this because they feel they would lose their free summer period - experience has proven this is not so. The SRC is the obvious body to apply pressure to the university administration.

Issue 3 The Accommodations and Placement Office

This section of the university administration should have been split into two departments at least a year ago. To have one person and some secretaries handling two areas of such importance to students is not good. Both of these areas should be expanded - inspection of housing could be initiated and a more energetic attack on the student job problem could be carried out. Under the present circumstances Mrs. Spicer has been doing an admirable job but it is time for the university to cease cutting corners in student services.

Issue 4 Hiring and Tenure of University Teaching Staff

Is it not unreasonable that students should be represented (by senior students) on the committees which choose instructors, give tenure and grant advancements. Such decisions as these determine the type and quality of education we receive. Presently these decisions are made by older more solidified persons with no direct input by students.

Should the university be responsible for providing housing to manipulate a better student housing situation (in cost per bed and in quality)? It is

my feeling that when the university accepts a student, it has a responsibility to ensure that there is sufficient housing available of reasonable cost and quality. The present Housing Committee is considering questions such as this and others and I'm sure feedback from students would be appreciated.

Issue 6 Increases in University tuition, Residence Rates and Accommodation Costs

This is a large area and an important one. All of the above costs will probably be going up next year and since it appears that the government is tightening its purse strings on UNB (perhaps because of UNB St. John) the person who yells "raise the residence rates to cover the costs is not thinking. The increase in university tuition if it comes will, not be due mostly to residence system deficits, its cause can be found in normally rising university costs (and what I feel are exorbitant professorial and administrative salaries) and perhaps more to the lack of expected enrollment increases. This is however a major issue and should be aired with some competence greater than mine - perhaps the comptroller should be interviewed by the Bruns or S.R.C.

Issue 7 Child Day Care Facilities

This is an important issue which it seems the Board of Governors have been ignoring. Although a plot of land was made available for new Day Care Facilities (the old ones are to be torn down this summer) the university has refused to back a mortgage for new Day Care Facilities. University Departments make use of these children as subjects for experiments, have done so for some time, and it has cost them little. The SRC should pressure for support of adequate child Day Care facilities on campus.

Issue 8 University Government

It is plain to me that the Board of Governors system is inadequate for the needs of the UNB campus. These people meet perhaps eight times a year and are in the majority on the UNB campus less than 2 weeks per year. It seems inconceivable to me that persons with so little continued contact could keep up to date and have a feeling of campus needs and yet they are making the major decisions with long term effects on the campus. It seems that a Board of Trustees made up of local (new Brunswick) people should replace this body. I can see no reason why such a Board meeting every second week would not keep things flowing much more efficiently than they are now. I am not saying the university is not run well - it is only it could be more efficient in decision making in less time and hassle.

These are a few of the issues I would like to see aired in this election. They are to a degree contentious and since many of them are steeped in my person,

al bias I do not expect all to agree with them. I do, however, hope that they and others may find their way into the coming campaign. For once I want to vote for SRC reps for reasons other than that they were on fifteen committees and "are interested". I hope this interest might be manifested in ideas.

Yours truly,

Richard S. Fox.

Dear Sir:

Re: "Reviews...Disques" in the Brunswickan, January 28 edition, 1972. Please consider this in Defense of the former Beatles, and Paul McCartney in retrospect.

"The Beatles copied American Rhythm and Blues Artists". I defy you to find me one serious belligerent who could himself, professionally or as an amateur, come close to reproducing the Beatle style and even then make a well accepted result. No doubt, the Beatles were influenced by what they found when they came in contact with America but Stan Twist seems to forget that there was a radical change of music style within America itself when they met the Beatles. It was turned their way. It was the Birth of the 'actual' Rock and Roll band era and the Beatles seemed to be the idealistic group most bands wished to find success through. True, not all bands gave the same sound... therefore that was one reason for the divergence and variety of styles. Even within the last few records while the group was still 'one' there was more wit and output than the majority of recording stars in America could hope to accomplish. Hurray for all the greats of the industry, they are impeccable and hurray for the Beatles for being ONE factor in igniting the talent which did he upon this continent.

'McCartney's degeneration after leaving the Beatles' - Don't forget there were two in the Lennon-McCartney songwriting team. Any division means loss of quality, unquestionably, yet it most often allows for better qualities to grow in place of those lost... Mr. Twist; How many times have you listened to 'Ram'? Perhaps your machine needs a cleaning; because you didn't hear what was put there. Better recording conditions, a relatively talented, enthusiastic wife, an impervious backup group and mature subject matter should surely prove to you the advancement made by this artist and not the regression which you so boldly presented as fact.

Thank you very much Mr. Twist. I do respect your opinion and thank you for providing me an outlet of expression which I value very deeply.

Sincerely,
John Campbell

Mugwump Journal

By EDISON STEWART

I've gotten just a bit of feedback on the taxi story last week. All of it was in favour of what I had written. If anyone else has had a problem, send your complaints to your SRC rep, and ask him (or her) to look into the bus system that I proposed last week.

Speaking of the buses, many candidates in next week's elections have been putting it on their platforms. Maybe now it will get the right attention.

Fees - both residence and tuition - will likely be going up in the near future, I really think residence fees should go up, but I'm not too sure about tuition fees.

You might have guessed that I don't live in residence. Because I don't, I am vulnerable to inflationary pressures in the economy, and, if my landlord chooses, my rent can go up at any time without my even being consulted.

In residence, however, life is largely subsidized by the university - what that means is that I, living off campus, am subsidizing to a degree, the people living in UNB's residences. Being my brother's keeper doesn't really bother me, especially if my brother needs it, but in this case I don't think he does. Why should a person in residence be isolated from the economic pressures that I am subject to? No reason at all.

Now that the women's residence report is out, maybe the women on this campus will finally be freed of their shackles. An overwhelming majority of the girls wants at least some change in the system - now let's see how many months it takes the administration to take action.

The Health Centre's hours have changed - see last week's Bruns for the new schedule. It's a step in the right direction - perhaps, by next term, we can have an even better service. Keep those cards and letters coming in folks.

The people at Lacklustre productions really must have made a killing with the Chilliwack concert at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel Monday.

About the only complaint that the show's producers could make with any foundation at all is that the audience had the audacity to remain for the show. The producers kept telling people to squeeze closer and closer to one another on the floor, until finally each person had about one square foot to himself. No chairs were provided, and some people have told me that they oversold the show - too many tickets and not enough space.

I suppose it never occurred to Lacklustre that some girls in this area still wear dresses to things like that, and to sit on the floor would have been embarrassing for a quite a few of them. Well, that's planning folks. Here's hoping they don't get a chance to put on another show.

Don't forget to get us know about your problems. Send your letters to the Bruns.