Editorial

The following questions are posed as a result of reading the University of New Brunswick Act, 1968. The purpose of listing them is to make you aware of its inadequacies with regard to the granting of powers, and the arbitrary power that is at the hands of the President. This is not to say that the powers are being abused at present, but the situation may arise in future. It would be advisable to make the necessary changes before such an incident might occur.

The Act was made law by Bill 42. However, the Honorable Mr. Meldrum, then Minister of Education, stated that the Act was prepared and approved by the University and he also implied that the Act was a result of University discussions. This statement is apparently false in that we doubt that any student had any say in the formation of the document. The minutes of an Association of UNB teachers make it clear that members and faculty were unable to get copies of the proposed Act.

It's almost a joke to think that the Act was representative of the University community.

Do you know that–
Section 10 subsection (3) empowers the University to expropriate any privately owned lands in the province without prior consent of the owner and prior to any negotiated settlement of compensation with this owner.

This means that a person would have to bargain for land that is not longer his. It transfers governmental power to a corporation.

Do you know that–
Section 36 states that "the Board of Governors has all powers necessary or convenient to perform the functions and achieve the objects and purposes of the University, and to do and perform all other matters and things which may seem good, fit and useful for the well ordering and advancement of the University..."

Basically what that means is, that in times of "insurrection" or ferment by either students or faculty the University calls the shot as to how they want things to progress or regress for that matter.

Do you know that–
Section 23 subsection (1) clause (m) provides for one member elected or appointed by the students of the University and section 74 subsection (1) provides that the Board may determine the manner of selection, the constituency, the class or classes of students to be excluded or included, the time manner and conduct of an election or appointment, the commencement and term of office, the reasons for leaving and the eligibility for reelection. It also says that this person (representative) chosen by the Board shall not be a student enrolled at this University.

In other words even if the Legislature does let students on the BoG they still control the reins and we conceivably could end up with a "student" acceptable to the BoG and not to us being our representative on the BoG's.

Do you know that–
There is no provision in the Act for the removal of the President. Also the President has the power to suspend any member of the faculty he wants to (he must at least notify the Board). He does not have to tell the victim the reason for the suspension. The Act makes no provision for any right of appeal for anybody suspended. The board also has the final say in all matters.

This is reminiscent of the Strax Affair, when a staff member was suspended for an indefinite period of time. There is nothing short of suspension as a method of discipline. The President also has the right of veto over anybody hired by the Administration.

Do you know that–
According to section 59, the President has the authority to suspend any student for up to sixty days and deal summarily with any problem of student discipline. (This is subject to other sections of the Act. He cannot expell any student.

Technically the President could keep a student out of circulation for as long as he wanted by setting several sentences for 'crimes' a student might have committed. In other words the President has arbitrary control over any individual at this University.

Even though we have a farily liberal Administration at present we feel now is the time for such changes to be made that will abolish such absolute and dictatorial powers. What are your feelings on the situation?

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IPSEDIXIT

Xmas time here again, got to get the holiday cracks in about all the staff, tradition and all that crap. Fluffs going to Montreal to spend time with his teacher, beaug wants a years subscription to a beauty parlor to get that ever so look, kellis going back home to the land of cod and screech, downy wants an axe from santa, to prove he is a forrester, myrna says she wants a long ruest while chris j is looking for a cold bottle to go with his warm bird, steve and jeff are off to experience the wonders of wolfville and to hustle everything that moves, gook luck with the libbers. colleem and kathy want bras that burn a bit easier. neale's off to a refresher course in english accents. grant wants to get a little typsy as well as drunk. fizzer asked santa for a mouth guard to keep his feet out of it, rollie wants a bottle of wine for the party, deb has plans for the holiday, all leading to the aisle, while mac still says she's going to to keep off the bottle, ed's still looking for it, dave is hoping for a green thumb, phil will sleep in late every morning in preparation for the 2nd term, maybe he should stay in bed, jojo and ed will keep having their battles but everything will work itself out, reid says he's good, but we have our doubts, though gord vouches for him;fluffette will kick anyone who calls her that, she's venturing to nb for the latter part of the hols, hope she makes out ok, john, will try to resist putting on too much weight, but the little woman will have other ideas, he'll look like a stuffed turkey, bryce wants a soc survey from santa, while trevor wants a case of crackers, big bag will keep trying to be a cowboy, while keen ken will open the hols with a camera and a bottle of rum, not to mention his little woman, bob, ken and mike want new apetures to explore, while liz will rest up from using so much colour, and practice not getting so up tight, roy wants a pudding bowl to cut his hair with. rover wants a pin to let some air out of his ego balloon, whileed gets a hair cut, richard goes home to carry on the family business, to keep it first that is, paddi, and the inside folks take time to dream up more wild literary pieces, weldon and dave and joe and all those old homers from mudstock will get a rest from all of us down here and the only way it'll hurt them in the pocketbook, weldon wants three new units and dave an ink catalogue, congratulations on giving birth to a new offspring in Oromocto santas not a pinko and his reindeer are roof trained we hear jan has something on tapp, neil says chimo, while maria wants books from santa for her little angels, gary will attempt to get unowho drunk, fat chance. steve hopes to spend sometime in a bar, don wants an afro wig and jean wants to go hom, and we don't care it it rains or greezes long as we got our plastic thompson or jonah..... merry xmas and a h.f.n.y et als well.