

Let's restructure the SRC

There's been talk for as long as we can remember about restructuring the Students Representative Council, thus magically making it more active if not more democratic. Ideas on the subject have been tossed back and forth for years, but nothing concrete has been done.

As expected, there have been the odd, minor changes, but nothing on a scale which would drastically alter the SRC's method of operations. We have a modest proposal we'd like to submit for consideration.

The council right now has a total of 30 members, 29 of whom are elected. The remaining member is the Finance Chairman, who is appointed by the Comptroller. A council of 30 people is rather unwieldy, and with a goodly number of councillors asking the same questions and other such time-consuming trivia, meetings drag on and on.

It is only right that each and every councillor have his or her say, because, after all, they do represent the people. But if the council were smaller, wouldn't the trivia be reduced proportionately?

We feel it would. But before changing the council, it's important to analyze student representation on two other decision-making bodies on campus - the Senate and the Board of Governors. There are five student Senators from UNB and there will be three students elected sometime this

fall for the Board of Governors.

These eight people, presumably dedicated, will be operating on behalf of the students in the highest levels of the administration. SRC President Roy Neale has proposed that some of the student senators and student governors be appointed by the council, thus providing a concrete link between the SRC and the other two bodies.

Student representation on campus would be strengthened all around, or so goes the argument. Strengthening student representation is an admirable task, but there are other ways of doing it. In light of the fact that the administration doesn't seem to be too hot on the idea of the SRC appointing members of the Senate and Board of Governors, we would suggest to Neale that these other ways can be acted upon immediately by the SRC. No approval is necessary from the admin-

istration to get our own house in order, so to speak.

The SRC can already nominate students to the Senate's various committees, although there isn't any guarantee that the nominations will be accepted. Until nominations are refused, however, it's safe to assume that the administration is at least willing to consider SRC nominations in this matter.

But rather than have the SRC appoint senators and governors, however, we feel it

more practical and democratic for the duly-elected senators and governors to become members of the SRC, thus welding the student 'front' into one. But this would add eight new members to an already over-sized council.

So the remedy is simple. Right now, there is one councillor for every 500 students on this campus. Cut that in half, and you get a 13 member council with a four member executive, for a total of 17 people. Add eight, and presto, a new, dedicated, streamlined council of 25 people.

The argument of some people that reps are needed for each and every faculty is no longer valid. Hopefully we are now in the age where we can

work together, and take each other's needs into account at the same time. There can be no justification for such a large council, and we must note that our proposal only lowers the number of members by five.

What our proposal does do, however, is provide a strong unit of student representation at all three levels of campus government. As well, it allows for more SRC councillors to be elected at large, and forces petty faculty disagreements into the background.

The need for a more unified campus on every count demands that this proposal be taken into consideration. While we may not be right perhaps it will indeed provoke some discussion, and we'll all be better off in the end.

Vandalism unnecessary

The proverbial student we heard so much about is supposed to be free and easy, with only one or two minor cares - the Vietnam war, for instance.

While that may be all well and good, there are a few people on campus who disagree with this philosophy about caring. They actually don't give a damn about anything. Minorities of this size rarely merit

our attention, but this one is different.

These few people were either (a) drunk out of their minds, (b) stoned out of their minds, (c) all of the above, or (d) just plain ignorant. Last week several five year old trees in front of Memorial Hall were broken. The remaining stumps were removed by the Maintenance department.

While trees aren't something we necessarily get upset about, (there are, after all, plenty around) this kind of action is totally unwarranted. We only hope that these grade B morons had their fun. At least their effort won't have been entirely without purpose.

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Dear Sir:

Please print this letter in the Brunswickan.

Why are we all here? Why attend university at all? Of course we have fun and some girls find husbands; but most people, I'm sure they will agree, are here to get an education. The education is mainly to help us to get jobs. As far as jobs are concerned the education is useless if we don't pass exams. For some, the education may be useless unless they make good grades on the exams.

Last year during my first

college final exams I witnessed something which could annihilate someone's possibility of making a good grade on an exam or maybe even passing it. This something was the noise made in the rink lobby during the last forty-five minutes of the exam periods. It is very surprising that University students would be naive enough to make so much noise while their fellow students were writing papers that determine what grade those students can get for a whole year of work, especially since

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