

Actions of a few jeopardize Forestry week

Every year we slap the paint-greased fingers of some of the foresters on campus and obviously it hasn't done anyone any good. They've been out in full force once more.

Apparently about 30 of our 300 or more woodsmen have some kind of warped idea that defacing the buildings at UNB with that great original slogan "Forestry '74" in bilious green is a tradition belonging to forestry week. So every year a few obviously drunken members of the faculty (for who in their sober mind would do such a thing?) make it a habit of getting the maintenance crew out to clean up the mess.

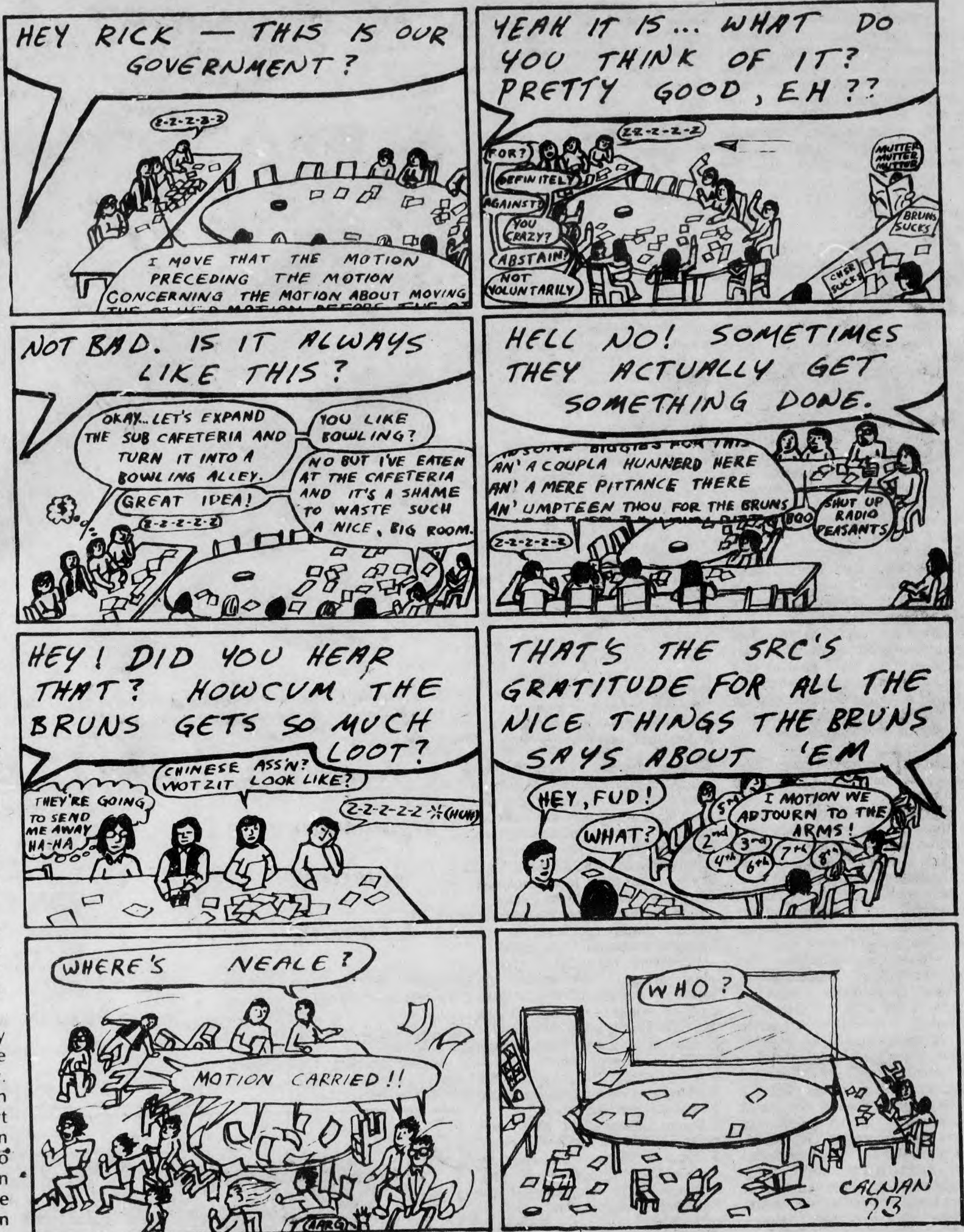
But then cleaning isn't always an easy job; especially when the vandals have been gracious enough to use oil-based paint that cannot be entirely washed off. While applying it they also intimidated a security officer (again) and broke a number of windows.

There were some pretty harsh words for the vandals at this week's SRC meeting.

The Forestry Association executive was also on hand at the meeting and made several points: it is quite possible those responsible were not all foresters. In the past, other faculties and students at STU have been involved. Second, they noted their association, which organizes Forestry Week, only represents half of the faculty, and couldn't, therefore, be held responsible for the actions of non-members.

To their credit, they joined with the council in condemning the vandals, and offered to do their best to bring the vandals to justice.

It is too bad that the forestry faculty has acquired a bad name because of the actions of a few. Let's hope the other woodsmen on campus will set out to report these vandals so punishment can be meted out to those who deserve it. No one likes to turn in fellow classmates but when the situation calls for it, no one can be blamed for doing their duty.



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