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Where does our money go?

Students can always go elsewhere, not execs

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this time to express my thoughts on the "Where Does Your Money Go?" meeting, which was held March 9th. Although the major idea behind the whole encounter was impressive, and the author is to be commended, as the meeting progressed it became obvious that the panel had the odds weighed quite heavily in their favor.

The people in the Residence System were given only three days in which to research the topic (or topics) which they felt was pertinent to the subject at hand. The lack of sufficient time was evident in that only 3 or 4 questions contained any background information. It is much easier to refute an unsupported question with a swift string of numbers; but a carefully structured inquiry, bolstered with facts and figures is much harder to escape.

Another problem that seemed prevalent, was that inquiries could be cut short, or, in some cases, unanswered by simply asking for another question. I realize that some stop-value device had to be used by the chairperson but if written briefs had been asked for, or accepted, the evening would have been put to better use. Written briefs may take longer to present and be more difficult to answer with the simplistic babbling that was, more often than not, the case at the meeting, but since all the people involved on the panel are directly responsible to us, the students, a few more hours one night of the year is not asking too much.

Finally, the time of the semester at which the encounter was held, was a definite hinderance to those concerned students who would have liked to actively participate, but who also would like to get through their mid-terms. A few additional of UNB's more discerning horde (profs. included) at the meeting and there would have been a lot more "seat-squirming" on the part of the panel.

The results of the meeting are drastically visible. Gillian Thompson, feeling quite fulfilled over her part in the proceedings, will go aobut her way trying to find ways to uplift the moral and cultural feeling of those who would like their moral and cultural feelings uplifted. Dr. John will continually scamper about trying to locate funds for good old UNB. Surely, he should have no problems getting contributions or grants for a post-secondary institution that is considered by some as in the TOP 10 in Canada. But then, why should such a prestigious university be having problems to the tune of $300,000.00? Vice-Pres. O'Sullivan will, on the other hand, still be the person in charge of UNB's Physical Plant and so the next time you happen to see one of the "workies" loafing around the campus, don't worry, he's being VERY well paid, by you, and O'Sullivan knows that he's there!! (That isn't the only thing that our distinguished Vice-President is doing either. You will feel his presence as he continually squeezes your pocket-book until it is sufficiently drained beyond all further use. Someone has to keep up mortgage payments on the various buildings though. The real difference between us paying a mortgage and home-owners paying their mortgage is that when they finish their payments they own their house. Unfortunately the Residence System isn't portable.)

Mr. Mullin, the Comptroller, will return to his office only to tell us that certain salaries (ie. President and Vice-President) are confidential, even though we help to pay them. Barry Thompson will continue to defend Saga Foods even to the tune of $106.00/student (projected increase for a 19 meal plan or all resident students). For all those who don't know, it was only $56.00 but some time after the contract was signed a $50.00 error was located. Coincident?

Deans Kidd and Kent will, after seeing the price tag soar, be forced to try and cut enough corners plus scrimp and save so that their end of the final price hovers around the $50.00 mark. To them go my sincerest wishes for good luck, they will need as much of it as they can get their hands on.

The clearest result of the meeting though, is come next September; Residents of UNB's Residence System will be called on to pay about $1,700.00 for room and board per year. Add to this the tuition fees, whether they go up or not, and the bill is pretty formidable. If this rise should continue...well, students can always find another university to attend, but jobs for University Executive positions are not so easy to come by.

A Concerned Student

Treat people like people

Dear Editor:

The Reserve Mining Co. issue has gone on long enough. Eight years of suffering frustration, anxiety and uncertainty is more than enough for the people of Silver Bay to have to endure.

With a decision from the State Supreme Court due soon, this issue will hopefully be resolved, one way or the other. We would know, where we stand - jobs or jobless!

It would not be over though, if Representative Munger's House Bill #401 begins moving through the Minnesota Legislature. It would block the use of Milepost Seven (tailings disposal land area), should the Court decide in that direction. It would cause the issue to dragon even longer.

Perhaps it is time, our friends in Canada, concerned about Lake Superior, write to Governor Perpich and the Minnesota Legislative and say, "Enough is enough. Let's get this issue settled once and for all." It is my belief and I hope the Canadian people's belief, that government should act according to, the desires of the people and not according to the desires of bureaucrats.

The people of Silver Bay are not the fire-breathing monster depicted. We are not bent on destroying all we touch. We are families; men, women, and children. We are asking only one thing - to live and be treated as human beings once again.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Karen Downey

Some women say:

These guys don't rate

Dear Editor:

I find it very distressing to see what sort of activities people engage in, and how "getting their kicks" may result in deliberately offending others. I am referring to an incident which occurred at the Lady Dunn Dining Hall on Monday morning, during which many girls became victims of a panel of six males armed with a camera and numbered cards. As the girls walked down the stairs (in various forms of attire) they were greeted by a flash of numbers and six foolish grins. The reactions were diverse - some girls laughed, some ignored them, some turned around and walked back up the stairs, while other became quite angry. I'm sure that many people may be able to identify with the problem of not being at one's physical or mental peak at 7:30 on a Monday morning, and could understanding our increasing frustration. These fellows' imposition and outright rudeness caused a great deal of embarrassment.

I tried to deal with them rationally and discuss their task in an intelligent, objective manner, but apparently this approach was on a considerably higher level than they were able to handle. This was not a residence prank or a Psychology experiment, and, as one "judge" said, "We all have different motives, I guess". A typical answer from someone who obviously doesn't know what he's doing.

Were these boys simply seeking a means of amusement, or were they perhaps at one time victims of a similar physical appraisal and needed to express their pent-up hostilities? Whatever their foolish reason may be, they should know that their behaviour was offensive and that, although we treated them quite fairly, we did not approve of or tolerate them.

As they left upon request from our Don, one member had the additional nerve to bow to the girls. There is not question that the appropriate thing to do, which applies also to his fellow comrades in non-functional activity, would be to bow their heads ... in shame.

Tierney Ness
(on behalf of some women of the Dunn)

Gange: fire two

To Whom It May Concern:

Upon examining last week's issue of The Brunswickan we were appalled at the apparent misuse of student funds by Mr. Mike Gange, sports director at CHSR. We were even more horrified at the apparent complicity of the comptroller of the SRC, Mr. Brian Pryde.

It's damn near time someone took a definite stand against this sort of thing. Undoubtedly, this entire scandal will sprout legs and crawl under the rug as has been the case in the past. Those ultimately responsible for this Fiasco should speak out against this unbelievable practice, namely scattering student funds to the winds. Nothing short of the resignation of those responsible should be accepted. It's almost unbelievable that the rot runs as deep as the comtroller, let alone a CHSR Department Head. Is it any wonder a large majority of students would rather not pay student fees when a couple of students can take an SRC-sponsored trip during March break, apparently for no other end than rest and recreation. The information they "supposedly" got about the sporting event could have been procured from the wire service. A telephone call (after six) or the wire service would cost but a fraction of the cost of the trip.

Mr. Gange's apparent conflict of interest between CHSR and CFNB is inexcusable and should be thoroughly investigatged. Mr. Pryde should demonstrate more responsibility and avoid immature and evading answers to intelligent questions, ie. "What is a Remote".

It's time the students at this university woke up to the dismal realities of their Student Union and took a stand to protect their investments.

Mike Bleakney should be congratulated for his diligent work in bringing this scandal to the students. The Brunswickan is also to be praised for demonstrating responsible journalism, much more than can be said for CHSR.

All students should hope that steps will be taken to insure that this type of activity will not, can not, happen again.

Most sincerely,
Derek MacKenzie
Steven C. Gilliland
Randy Kim
Merl Blanchard
Rodney Ritchie

Let me rephrase that.....

Dear Editorial Collective:

As one of the parties concerned, I feel that a poor title was chosen in last week's Bruns. I refer, of course, to the story that appeared under "CHSR Sports Director comes under fire...."

I may be at fault for this, since it may have been construed that I held Mr. Gange solely responsible for this irresponsible use of Student Union member's money. There is no doubt, in my mind, that Mr. Gange is more responsible than any others, but this responsibility is shared by the Union Comptroller, Brian Pryde and CHSR Director Matthew Penny.

Mr. Pryde, in his position as comptroller, had chosen to continue a financial policy that had only one redeeming value, it took very little policing on his part. Once a budget had been approved (in the fall) he would sign any check that passed his desk that referred to an approved budget item. In stating that the matter which took place over the March break was an internal matter of CHSR, since it could be loosely linked to the approved Sports budget, he is degrading his position to that of one who simply applies a signature to a check. A rubber stamp of his signature could be prepared for this purpose, at considerable saving to the Union.

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Request mannuals

Environmental Health Directorate
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Dear Sir:

Would you please send us 2000 copies of the Safety Manual entitled *Aerial Application of Presticides* (Cat. #H31-1273) for distribution to members of the Concerned Parents Group. The information contained in the Safety Manual may prove invaluable to New Brunswick families living within the six million acres designated to be sprayed during the * 1977 Forest Protection operations due to begin two months from now. Last year there were many incidents of persons, schools and homes exposed to spray materials and the publication of instructions about how to decontaminate clothing, children's skin, toys and garden crops was hasty and inadequate.

We understand that these Safety Manuals are available without charge as a public service of the Government of Canada. We hope to be able to have them in the hands of New Brunswick parents well in advance of this year's spray program.

The Concerned Parents Group is a registered charitable organization (Reg. #0474452-19-05).

Yours truly,
Catherine Richards, Sec'ty