

editorial

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Students want action -not vacillation

As time passes, it becomes increasingly apparent that the so-called Student Representative Council is becoming another monument to man's stupidity.

The only thing that keeps the SRC there is the fact that students pour one quarter million dollars into its coffers per year. It seems paradoxical that these fees, which were originally levied to support programs initiated by council, now seem to be its whole raison d'être.

It is disheartening to seem that the so-called 'leadership' on council is totally uninterested in the important issues facing students. The people running for office, (if indeed they are not acclaimed) openly play up the fact that they do not care about representation to the government, improving campus life, and being an active force in society.

More time is spent worrying about failure, and trying to look good than getting on with the job of representing the opinions and concerns of students.

Mistakes are repeated over and over again. In this issue of The Brunswickan, a new set of 'by-laws' is presented. Last year, council spent half of its meetings in the year, on another new organizational document.

As the old saying has it, 'a camel is a horse that was designed by a committee'. Last year's constitution proved a failure for just that reason.

One of the reasons that the document produced last year was such a failure was the simple fact that when the constitution was being passed, the by-laws were not available. Passing one document blindly without the other, which, it was said, would be produced by someone at some unspecified time in the future.

This year, all appearances have it that council is going to do the same damn thing again. Pass this By-Laws document, without the corresponding regulations document.

One of the key issues brought to light by the CSL controversy is

the position of the executive in the summer. Nowhere is this clarified in the new document, and indeed it should be.

As it stands now, two members of the executive can have the full authority of council.

The Brunswickan takes the position that at least all of the councillors present in the city during the summer be required to pass judgement on summer projects, rather than the President and Vice President voting yes while the Comptroller abstains.

The regime of the current SRC President has been characterized by secretive action and total lack

of harmony in the executive.

Council has not helped to stop this, but rather has abetted it. It is about time that the important aspects of student representation start being acted upon.

In the name of all students at UNB, The Brunswickan demands that the council take action on such local concerns as parking, athletics, housing, and improved services to all students, and on such national concerns as student aid, unemployment, and funding of the university.

Action — Mr. Smith and company — means getting results, not talking about doing something.

Law Students -

Do they talk to ordinary mortals?

Who do these upstart law students think they are, anyway?

Last week we sent a Brunswickan photographer and reporter to Ludlow Hall to get answers to Viewpoint and they finally gave up in disgust. They returned to The Brunswickan office with only four out of over

30 students interviewed offering answers.

The Brunswickan tries to provide its readers with a cross section of student opinion every week, and one way we do this is with Viewpoint. We decided on what we thought was a pertinent question — "What opinion do you

have of an autonomous Law School in New Brunswick?" We were foolish enough to think UNB law students would have opinions on this matter that would be of interest to the rest of The Brunswickan readership.

Boy, were we mistaken!

Not only did they refuse to have their names printed or their pictures taken, but they actually told us to get out of the building and ask our questions elsewhere.

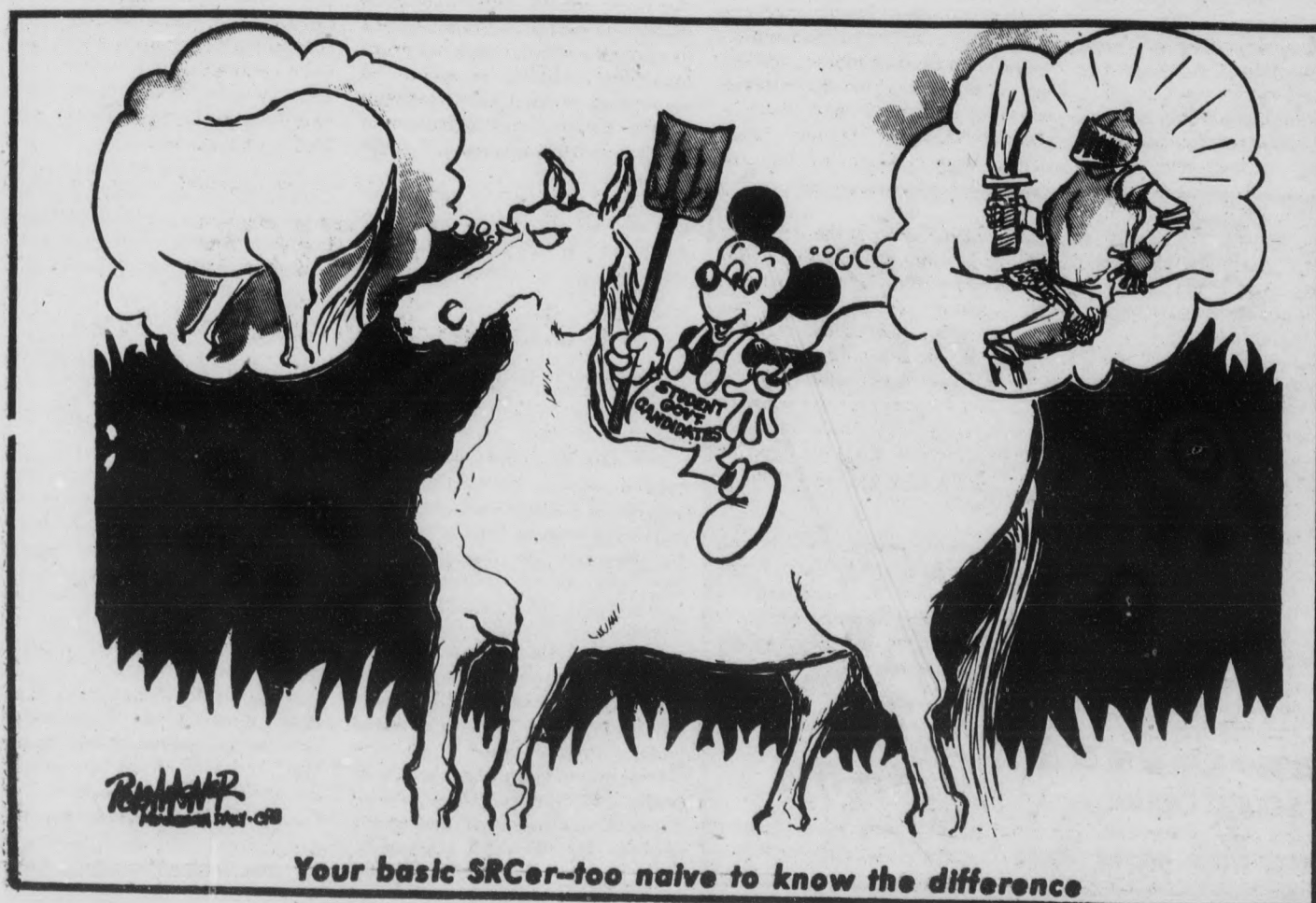
"This is a library," indeed.

There is an important issue facing the law school at the present time, and it does not augur well for the future when UNB law students are either so hostile or else apathetic that they refuse to talk about it.

Then again, maybe we have looked at the whole mess in the wrong light.

Could it be that law students think they are just one step above the rest of us? They will make their own reports among themselves to the law faculty or Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission, but that doesn't mean they have to talk to anybody else about it. Do you know what we mean?

No, we don't believe that anyone should be forced to express an opinion against his or her will, but, law students, next time you want anything from us, (conferences, lounges...), just remember.



Your basic SRCer—too naive to know the difference



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