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journal

Good news for those who frequent the Science Library. Several weeks ago a student wrote in with a complaint about what he termed the inadequate lighting in the library (in all areas except around the reception desks). When a Brunswickan staffer looked into the matter we discovered the lighting was indeed inadequate and consequently brought the matter to the attention of Assistant Vice President (Academic) Eric Garland. Professor Garland has followed through on his promise to investigate and an improvement has occurred. The lights are currently being relocated directly above the study desks and lowered. Professor Garland said he contacted several students within the library and received a favourable opinion of the new arrangements. Thank you Professor Garland.

Several weeks ago The Brunswickan reported that Dr. John Anderson had indeed received what was termed by Professor Woodfield as "leave payment". We said that he was awarded approximately \$60,000 and yet according to Professor Woodfield, nothing was supposed to be said on the subject. Well sure enough if you would care to check last month's Board of Governors meeting (University Perspectives, page 5) under Finance Committee Report it states "Leave arrangements for Dr. Anderson were discussed and approved. Dr. Anderson rejoined the meeting." It's certainly short and sweet. It's curious isn't it that so little was said about the subject, but after all we were forewarned.

I reiterate for those who failed to read the article that Dr. Anderson did in fact receive \$60,000.

Another item in University Perspectives also caught my eye that being the letter to the editor titled "Headline evokes comment". It appears that there is no such word as "paranting". Well, I know that people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones, but it's nice to know that we're not the only fallible beings in the media on this university campus!

On page 3 The Brunswickan reports that while the short list of potential candidates for the presidency of this university has been finalized it has not yet been brought before the Board of Governors or the Senate. We are very happy to see however, that an open meeting in which the candidates can be questioned will be offered. Previously it had been decided that only members of the Board of Governors and Senate would be allowed to question the candidates. I urge all students and faculty to note when the meeting will take place and make plans to attend. I don't need to emphasize how important the position of president is and even if nothing said by either faculty or students mattered, it is still important to ascertain the potential of the candidates.

When the 8.6 per cent increase over last year's operating grant was announced there was great rejoicing among members of the student body, and no doubt among faculty and administration also. However the worm in the apple has already appeared, in that the grant was given on the premise that tuition will go up by the cost of living. On page 8 of the MPHEC Financial Plan submitted to the Council of Maritime Premiers for the academic year 1979-80 it states "no provision is provided to offset the effect of inflation upon tuition fees as the Commission continues to hold the opinion that it is reasonable for tuition fees which have declined from one quarter of total institutional revenues to approximately 15 per cent in the last 10 years to increase with the cost of living". The paragraph then states that should institutions not increase their tuition fees then the average increase would actually be only 7.3 per cent, and that for the government to provide the recommended 8.75 per cent increase in institutional revenues without a tuition increase, operating assistance would in reality have to be 10.5 per cent. This does not bode well for students returning next year. While Dr. Anderson said he was unable to predict for certain whether tuition would go up he did state that there was justification to increase fees. He pointed out (as stated in the report) that the MPHEC recommendation is lower than that requested by the institutions, in fact according to the report "it is considerably below the level of assistance requested by the institution". Other reasons were given in the report but suffice to say that from my point of view anyway, a tuition increase is definitely in the offing.

Student Representative Council vice president external Blair Moffatt gave an excellent presentation to council Monday night when aided by an overhead projector he displayed how universities received their funding. The meeting itself still displayed a lack of organization but I was glad to see that councillors were taking an active interest in student related affairs, i.e. potential tuition increases, cutbacks in student services and such. A great deal of debate occurred over these issues and while nothing was resolved at the meeting, a further meeting was scheduled for Wednesday night. Although SRC turnout was a disappointment, only 7 out of a possible 22 councillors bothered to show up, strategy was mapped out. Members refused to divulge what the strategy was however, so I guess we'll all have to wait to find out. Keep your ears and eyes open however, hopefully something worthwhile, workable and concrete came out of this meeting.

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THE BRUNSWICKAN

sound-off

Apathy alive and well at UNB

Dear Editor:

Does apathy reign supreme on the UNB campus!!? If it's not already on the throne it's certainly gaining popularity amongst the proletariat!

It seems to me that the students of this university are fostering a trend bent on severing the individual's ties with the various student organizations we are so fortunate to have. This "why bother" attitude is one which I find absolutely deplorable and a dangerous one to cling to.

Tell any student ten years ago that the President and Comptroller of the SRC would gain office through acclamation and he would toss you glances ranging from extreme scepticism to contempt. There was a time when people were concerned about the SRC and the decisions it made concerning the student body.

Look at the campus organizations and activities and the dismal support they're getting. The

Brunswickan, one of the best Canadian University newspapers, (sure they foul up sometimes but so do we all) has a grossly miniscule staff! That this small group of dedicated people take it upon themselves to research, write and organize a provocative, informative paper and that they manage to get it done each week is indeed an achievement. What are the rest of you doing?

CHSR 700 your campus radio station is making a distinctive upward trend with the first concrete programming in a few years and some great new talent. It infuriates me to hear of people who will not give the station a try. Sure, foul-ups are made but I'll risk my reputation by saying that CHSR has or is showing the potential to have the best in radio in the city of Fredericton! What is seriously lacking is dedicated staff willing to work behind the scenes and forego the glitter of D.J. dom.

It's the same story: a small group doing the job which should

take many.

We all have other commitments! We all have our studies to consider! Even a spark of interest by students would greatly improve the situation. Complaints are lavished upon those people who are getting involved but why don't the complainers take an initiative and get involved? The quality of the products can only improve if there is a greater number of people from which to choose the best. There is always some job to be done.

The victims of the apathy displayed is the student body as a whole. Apathetic students may well be content with the situation but I find it totally unacceptable and hope a flint of conscious will be sparked in the depths of the iron walled mind of the uninvolved student. Get off your behinds and get involved, it's more fun than you think!

Sincerely,
Vaughn M. Fulford

Science library

Chatterboxes disperse!!!

Dear Editor:

There are a number of problems with the science library that have been cited in the past. Among these are poor lighting and noisy ventilation systems.

I want to add another complaint to the list. The complaint I have is the amount of socializing that goes on in the library. Many times I have been driven from my place at a study table by people talking about the party they went to last night, or other gossip completely unrelated to school work. I have no quarrel with taking a little break from studies, but I do have one with the fact that the break has to occur within the library and disturb others that are not taking

a break. A passing greeting, a couple of words exchanged, or even some help on an assignment for a minute or two is acceptable, but when it is prolonged it is not.

I have tried going to the far corners of the library, but these spots are popular and it is not always possible to find a seat away from the centre areas. Also these seats are often dark and dingy.

The library study space is not well thought out. Perhaps as a long term solution study tables could be arranged among the stacks in such a way that discourages socializing, or compartmentalizes it at least. For instance, by having a large group of tables in the middle, sounds can travel to both ends of the library. If this area was at one end of the

library fewer people would be affected.

Study space in the library is often in short supply and shrinking this space by allowing idle chatter aggravates the situation. For the short term, I think that on a busy day the librarians should exercise their right to ask people to cool it or to do their talking outside the library. We all know that the librarians are nice and perhaps don't want to project an image of a snooty woman with her finger to her lips all the time, but I think that reasonable people, if asked to be quiet would respect the word of the librarian out of consideration for others.

Thank you for allowing me to sound off.

Sandy McRue

Brunswickan editorial unmerited?

Dear Editor:

I must say that I wasn't pleased at all with the Brunswickan's editorial on Feb. 16th.

It's unfortunate that the Brunswickan takes such a dim view of the SRC, especially when you are supposed to be an aid to government, not a hindrance. I hope that you're proud of the way you have succeeded in alienating the

I resent your remarks of Patty LeBlanc regarding her 'treatment' of the student observers. We, the council, appreciate hearing their views, but if you had listened more intently to our past president, Steve Berube, you would have realized that all council members have precedence on issues being discussed.

student body from the council.

My bitching continues about your disheartening remarks about our new president. Dave Bartlett is a whole lot better qualified for his position than 98.2 percent of the students on campus. The other 1.8 percent had obviously no desire to run! For God sakes, give him a break and let him become accustomed to his office. If you're looking for entertain-

ment at council, bring your high diving board, which incidentally you said was missing from the meeting of Feb. 12th, and we'll watch you dive . . . into a bucket.

Sincerely,
David Farnham
Full-year Bus. Rep.

P.S. I hope you like your new light tables.

More from Maurice

Dear Editor:

Copy of a note (Feb. 16, '79) to the Minister of Labor, Fredericton: "Madam:

Yesterday (9:02 a.m.) I asked that you resign immediately. Maurice Spiro

(Security Service Associate)" I venture to say, Dear Editor, that my friends and acquaintances will be interested in the above.

Thanks,
Maurice