Cause speaks yet again....

Dear Editor,

The Committee Against Unnecessary Student Expenditure - CAUSE - would like to take this opportunity to thank the many supporters and voters who attempted to defeat the Proposed Renovations scheme of the SUB on Oct. 21. Unhappily, we are all going to be forced to go through the entire procedure again because of the annulment of the referendum and its results.

A few interesting details have come to light, now that the campaigning and voting are finished. The SUB board spent a total of $7000 in the presentation of its case (including $1000 for postcards), compared to a total of $37 spent by our committee. The SUB board also conveniently managed to reserve for itself the main bulletin display cases all around the SUB building. In addition, it seems that the boards chairman, David Kay was involved in the process that led up to the illegal changes made in the referendum question. It appears that the SUB board stopped at nothing in trying to push the voters to voting "YES".

It is quite clear now that the main guilty party in the unauthorized changing of the referendum question was the University Secretary Dr. Woodfield, who admitted publicly to at least two SRC councillors that he made the subtle wording shift totally without authorization from any student representatives. Even more startling is the fact that after all this, the ballots from the referendum were entrusted to, you guessed it, Dr. Woodfield for safe keeping! When CAUSE members asked that the ballots be sealed in a proper manner, we were thrown out of the Secretary's office. Further comments with respect to his misconduct are unnecessary.

True to form our SRC itself hasn't managed to come through this fiasco unscathed. Rumour has it that several main polling booths "just happened" to run out of ballots for the referendum question during the voting! Furthermore the council voted not to release the results of the voting even though legal advice suggested that to do so would be "perfectly legitimate and would simply consitute an expression of the students' opinion". Finally, it is obvious that the SRC Vice-President Lloyd Tozer, failed in his attempt to run a proper referendum vote in that it was his sole responsibility as Returning Officer to ensure that irregularities in procedure did not appear.

Therefore CAUSE suggests the following actions:

1. The SRC should fully condemn the unauthorized meddling in student affairs by UNB Secretary Dr. Woodfield.

2. An apology addressed to the student body should be extracted from Dr. Woodfield and he should make a public commitment that he will never again improperly interfere in the legitimate activities of the SRC.

3. The SRC constitution must be amended to ensure that elections are run solely for and by the students and that the UNB Administration is in no way involved in the direction of SRC election activities or policies.

4. That SRC Vice-President Lloyd Tozer be held legally at fault for the disruption of the democratic process in the recent voting on the SUB issue. (By-Law X1 of the SRC Constitution spells out his election responsibility.)

On behalf of CAUSE in hoping for a free and fair referendum vote against the wasteful proposed SUB renovation scheme.

Signed,
Steve MacAlinden
CAUSE Executive

More Shelters needed

Dear Editor:

(To Whom It May Concern!)

Congratulations on finally getting a bus shelter in front of Lady Dunn, but please don't think that one shelter is enough! At least now SOME of the bus riders can get protection from the elements, but what about the riders that wait on Windsor St. and how about the riders going down the hill?

Please let's not be satisfied with one shelter, we need more! There are more riders than the 12 that the present shelter serves. And winter is just around the corner.

James Caven

Kitching thanks

To the Editor of the Brunswickan,

I was really impressed with the fact that 367 people voted for me, despite the fact that I didn't campaign using the standard brainwashing media (posters, buttons, and interviews). The Brunswickan's version of my article in the campaign issue was not exactly to my liking (my photo didn't turn out, and my text was censored for my "anarchist" views).

Steve Kitching
C.S. IV

P.S. I would also like, if I may, to personally thank the 12 women who voted for me at the Lady Dunn polling station. Please leave your name/room number/hall c/o Tom Henderson, the Bruns.

Answers sought from Orientation Committee

Dear Editor:

The actions of the Orientation committee over the past year have been a subject of many rumors and much speculation.

I address the following questions to the Executive of the Orientation committee (including Gerard Finnan, Sue Lynch and Andy Young - all three, incidentally, being our new SRC Executive):

1. Is it true that the Orientation Committee ran a $5000 deficit this year? (I notice that no mention was made of the Orientation Committee's expenses in the recent auditor's report.)

2. Were the receipt books of the committee really lost? Have they been found yet?

3. Did the Orientation committee Executive actually spend $660 on a meal at the Martinique this year?

4. Furthermore is it a fact that 20 Bottles of Wine as well as other drinks were consumed by them at this meal?

5. Were the meal and drinks all paid for by student funds?

If all or even any of these events actually took place and are true, I would suggest that it would be an intelligent decision on your part to consider submitting your resignations immediately.

Very respectfully yours,
Filip Vanicek

P.S.: Would you please make an effort to answer these questions publically. Thanks.

NUKE!

Dear Editor:

Nuke John Bosnitch.

Chairman of the Save Humanity Committee

Efforts unnoticed

Dear Editor:

It has been made known to me that the efforts of certain individuals have either gone unnoticed, or have been given attention to a far less than deserved extent. To perhaps make some recompense for this, I would like to make known the time and energy put in to this year's Orientation Week by Mr. David Barrett, who served on the Orientation Executive as Public Relations Director up until less than three days prior to the commencement of Orientation Week, when he was replaced by Susan Lynch.

For the most part, the major amount of effort which went into Orientation had been expended by the time Labor Day rolled around, and this was especially true of David's duties. His major project over the summer months was the contacting of dozens of local establishments, and requesting their assistance towards Orientation, in the form of coupons and discounts for the incoming freshmen. It must be stressed that this project which entailed many, many hours both on the telephone, and on the road; this project was undertaken, not by Sue Lynch, not by Gerard Finnan, not by anyone else, but by David Barrett himself.

It must be noted also that David was instrumental in the design and production of the "Let's start some new traditions" posters and pennants which now adorn many a freshman's wall. The very thing which symbolized the theme of this year's Orientation, brought to you thanks to David Barrett.

By now, many people should be asking "If this David Barrett did so much, why didn't anyone else know about it? Why was he ousted from the executive?" To be brief, the reasons (AND I USE THAT WORD LOOSELY) for being taken off the executive can be summed up like this: David Barrett's ideas as to a successful Orientation and the role of the Executive as a team of separate minds which gave their ideas, and considered

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Upset over coaster derby

Fellow Students:

Firstly I would like to comment on the fine turnout and quality of coaster derby cars in this years coaster derby. There were several cars that demonstrated extensive planning and work on the part of the drivers and crews. This years course added a skill factor which for the most part was lacking in other years. But so much for the bull and let's get on to what's burning my ass.

The whole coaster derby idea is good, so don't get me wrong. What's annoying is the format or rules by which it's organizers run the event. Running elimination heats to decide which car advances to the next level is pure stupidity. The only finish position that was decided in last weeks derby was first place. But yet at the coaster derby pub the organizers had the gall to announce second, third and even a fourth place finishers. I am completely bewildered at just how they came up with these results. Perhaps some forgot to clear the memory function.

If the engineering people hope to keep the interest and respect of the other students, and in particular other derby participants, they will have to make some changes for the next derby. The run must be timed so as to eliminate this 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place propaganda which I witnessed at the coaster derby pub. In this way the top 6 or 8 cars can then advance to the semi-finals. The full details must be handled with the formation of a committee, which brings me to the next paragraph.

A committee should be organized to thrash out the rules and regulations of the race. The committee should have representation from each group who wishes to enter the event and thus not be tilted in favor of the engineering faculty.

In conclusion I would like to say that a bunch of guys at the top of the hill feel damn well cheated, not from a first place win which I believe to have been fairly won, but from the lack of recognition given to our coaster car and crew. It is our opinion that the Industrial Arts coaster car took second place in Fridays race and we are willing to settle this conflict of judgement anytime. The challenge stands.

Sincerely,

Industrial Arts Coaster Crews.