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By CHRISTIE WALKER

First and foremost, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Todd Daley, whose name we have neglected to mention in our last two issues, for his co-operation and help with offset. You are appreciated.

Unfortunately, I find it necessary, once again, to point out the guidelines for submissions to Sound Off. Please double space all letters and make them legible (this means print or type!) I also find it necessary to ask the authors to include their I.D. numbers and telephone numbers. And please, if you don't want your real name printed say so... We'll withhold it on request, but letters must still be signed by the author.

We are responsible for what you say, and it's hard to track down someone who isn't real. Remember the deadline for letters to the editor is 5 pm Wednesday.

I hear that the criteria for joining the staff of this year's UP THE HILL, is that you have to be on the executive of the Student Party. Are you changing the name of the yearbook to "The New Brunswickan" or what?

It looks like we'll soon be able to cross in front of Tilley without being knee deep in mud. Apparently they're building a sidewalk. My sneakers thank you.

Speaking of the yearbook, while glancing through some of the issues done through the 60's, a picture caught my eye... a picture of Simon and Garfunkle, probably one of the most successful folk duos of all time. They were here, at UNB, singing. It made me wonder what was going to happen to the money we paid into our SRC fees for entertainment. Personally, I feel there are very few bands you can sit through twice - we've had Valdy, Teenage Head, and when they play sometime in the near future, The Blushing Brides. So let's hear from the students... who would you like to see come to UNB?

Now, on behalf of The Brunswickan, I would like to challenge the wimpy CHSR C'Z'ars to the 1982 media bowl, at 11 a.m. Oct 16.

That's football in case you didn't know, and in the past it often looked to us as though you were playing marbles or something equally as well how shall I put this, delicate. RSVP to this challenge.

A student here at UNB told me a funny story about what was supposed to happen to the money that UNB made from the sale of Murray House last year. Apparently, the university promised that they'd put the money into repairs in Maggie Jean - but as yet, the only repairs done to Maggie Jean have been to upgrade it enough so that it passed a fire inspection. Of course I stand to be corrected, but if this is true... promises weren't made to be broken, y'know.

John Bosnitch has asked me to mention that his constituency meeting as been rescheduled for today at 12:30 in Head Hall.

Finally, I'd like to wish Gary Brown and the Red Shirts the best of luck on their trip to Newfoundland this weekend. Go get 'em guys! (Yah, Pookie!)

See ya next week....

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Gym facilities should be free

Dear Sir:

A short while ago a letter dated September 10, 1982 was written over your signature and relating to use of the Recreational Facilities at the University of New Brunswick was received. It seems appropriate to pen a reply addressing these matters.

It should be noted that for some years now, large companies and corporations have spent large sums of money in providing recreational and cultural facilities for their employees with the ultimate goal of boosted morale, employees in better physical health and more productive workers. A side benefit is less time lost due to illness and worker indifference.

With the introduction of this new policy, a great step backward is being achieved in that it discourages the typical staff member from participating. To point out that this is a common practice now among most universities in Canada simply means they are equally shortsighted for, you must admit, big business does not do something which is not in its own best interest.

It is understood that the measures being implemented are aimed to provide a source of revenue, possibly to the value of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000). Let us examine this

aspect. First of all, both from guess and also from personal questioning by myself, it is evident some people presently using these facilities will no longer use them when a fee is introduced. Therefore, there is a net loss in revenue base. Maybe you counted on this, but let's continue. The building is open roughly 16 hours per day, 7 days per week. This means that for I.D. checking purposes, 2 people full time and two people part time are required as additional staff. Here are those figures based on the new minimum wage scale of \$3.85 per hour beginning October 1982.

2 persons x 40 hours/week at 3.85/hr. = \$308.00
2 persons x 16 hours/week at 3.85/hr. = 123.00
Total: \$431.20

Now \$431.20 x 52 weeks = \$22,422.40.

This cuts a long way into the projected revenue of \$40,000, or was the \$40,000 after the above expenses? Then there is the money paid out for I.D. cards, paperwork and staff time devoted to this matter.

In the approximately 16 and a half years in which I have been an employee at this University, I have considered the use of the recreational facilities as a valuable untaxed, unpaid fringe benefit available to the staff. With the

introduction of this new policy, carrying on in the accustomed fashion will mean taking an effective pay cut of \$62.50 per year.

Then, coming down to the very mundane level, there is the aspect of dollars and cents. Spread over the whole year the \$50.00 fee for a staff member is small and yet must be laid out all at once, which at least some of us would find difficult. Further, staff will find it more of a pinch to come up with that amount than, for example, Faculty, who are levied the same fee regardless of their higher remuneration scale.

In summation, I would encourage you to abolish this proposed plan regarding fees for use of University of New Brunswick Recreational Facilities by Staff personnel since it is both a step backward in concept and in a measure self-defeating as a fund-raising project. Your invitation to use the facilities, as noted in the first paragraph of your letter referred to above, seems to offer something heretofore not available when the only thing being offered in reality is an opportunity to pay for something you have already been giving us for sixteen and a half years.

Yours truly,

Wendell Hillman
Electronics Technician

Thomas a fake?

Dear Editor:

What would happen if a UNB student named Peter L. Thomas wrote a letter to the editor of the Brunswickan, accusing an SRC councillor of having invented stories of corruption in student government just to get elected? It is my opinion that some of the students of UNB might look at that councillor with suspicion and doubt.

What if those accusations were in fact true, and that councillor were seeking out corruption just for personal gain? Then, of course, many UNB students would reject him in his bid for office.

But what if there was no such person as Peter L. Thomas and the original letter to the editor had in fact been written by someone who had left student politics in disgrace just recently? Then the students of UNB would be witnessing a

pitiful attempt at revenge against the one man who truly cleaned up student politics at UNB.

We've REALLY been had!

signed,
Randy MacDonald

Bosnitch for president

Dear Editor:

After the letter in the last issue attacking Councillor John Bosnitch, I feel forced to respond. Anyone who honestly believes that Bosnitch's actions as engineering representative since October 1981 are just an election ploy is either a fool or just very naive. The only opportunists in this "game" are those people who will suddenly start caring about the

students in the next few weeks as they appear out of the blue to run for office.

If Bosnitch isn't already running for SRC President, he should. If he is, thank the Lord! For once we will have an honest man at the top.

Hopefully,

David F. Ryder