Real *Brunsies* don't back down

Real sharks don't eat quiché.

It seems to become increasingly more difficult, over the year, to editorialize. No matter what topic we pick we seem to be offending someone. The minute we mention something controversial we disturb the faculty, the very second we mention the SRC we are being griping, uncooperative so and so's. We certainly shouldn't try and offer solutions to problems, in case we're butting in where we really don't belong. And heaven forbid we should mention the SP! Really!? Are there any safe topics on this campus? It seems not. If that's the case, then what's the point of avoiding the heated topics? If we are truely the voice of the students, then we should act that way, and shouldn't be intimidated by faculty, administration and power hungry, self-serving students whoever they might be. A paper could become so paranoid, an editor so concerned about his job, that they fail to see the dirt whirling around them. Can we really be so blind? Yes, and we have. We've been downright afraid, and indignant and for the past several months have snuck around, shrinking into corners and shrivelling into dry cotton balls at the least sign of controversy. Well that's not the job of a student newspaper, to whither and die, our job is to stand up and fight. (So now we sound self-righteous!)

Personally we're tired of cowering, and we're not prepared to turn a blind eye to the comings and goings of any organization, regardless of who they are, regardless of how weighty their word may be.

So, where do we start? How do we say what we want to say, to feel what we want to feel without being chastised? It's virtually impossible, and highly improbable that we should be fortunate enough to freely express our thoughts.

Do we say that it's absolutely wonderful how President Bosnitch runs around campus plastering his 'Proclamations' on SRC bulletin boards. Or do we wonder what he's wasting time and paper for, creating more committees, for less jobs, so he can have a few more scapegoats?

Do we say that it's very gutsy for the SP members on the SRC to ask for a rolecall vote to see which councillors supported the SP constitution? Or do we find it utterly ridiculous that upon finding out who did not support the SP, certain SP members moved to recall these councillors from the SRC?

Is it wrong of us to wonder what happened to the Winter Carnival which seemed to be lacking more than snow? No, of course not, because that's critisizing another group of students. So we don't ask, so we don't care, but we do!

What happened to our ombudsman? Or was that a passing fancy, a dream stirred up to appease the hungry masses, dropped at the first convenient moment?

People: students, professors, administration, presidents, councillors, expect so much from the press, and expect no questions asked. Well if we're not here to ask questions... what are we here for?

Well we think we already know. We're here to be as honest and sincere as we can. If we stir up a little trouble, if we marr some so far unmarred faces, if we scandalize a pure situation, if we exaggerate the facts, if we hopelessly screw up a story, we have no excuses.

Our message becomes increasingly simple as the year drags on to a so far unpredicable conclusion. The Brunswickan has been around more than a century, and will be around long after the influential people on this campus are wheeling themselves down to a bingo game at the Nursing Home. We have a tradition to uphold. There will be no more snivelling here. If you want to criticize; do so, if you want to complain, it's your right, it's your paper.. but just remember... it's ours too. And we'll work hard to keep it that way.