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A comment on UNB's political situation

Dear Sir:

First of all, I would like to comment on the current political situation on this campus. I am apprehensive about using the term "political situation", but it seems that this is what it may be described as.

In the past couple of years a certain group of people have emerged in the student political arena who, in my opinion, represent a small percentage of the general student population, however they have taken it upon themselves to oppose anything that does not have the Student Party stamp of

approval or the authorization of our illustrious SRC president. These people may have the noblest of intentions but if they would just take a few moments to reflect upon their method of attempting to get things they would realize that so much more could be accomplished if they were willing to cooperate, rather than antagonize. These people should open their eyes and see for themselves the issues at hand instead of waiting to hear the opinion of a certain individual before forming an opinion of their own, and being

blindly led along.

Currently in the SRC it appears that a thorough knowledge of Parliamentary procedures is almost a prerequisite for serving on Council. It is in my opinion that Roberts' Rules of Order were designed to facilitate a meeting's progress rather than hinder it, as it appears has taken place in the SRC and, most recently in a SUB

Board Meeting.

Finally, I would like to address the issue of the Entertainment Fund which contained \$50,000 two years ago. I would like to ask "Where has the money gone?" and "Who can account for it?". Some people have expressed to me a concern about the financial position of that Entertainment Fund. In view of this, I

feel the students have a right to know where their money is being spent, and therefore, I am calling for a complete financial audit of Campus Services Limited's operations. Could it be that CSL is using this money to finance the CSL Exchange?

Brent Bartley

Former SUB Board Chairman

Editorial comment

Dear Editor:

Both of your editorials of last week cannot go without comment. Regarding a proposed referendum question calling for a SRC fee increase, that motion arose in the SRC only one week before the election with no prior notice. In addition, no facts and figures were given documenting the need for such an increase. If the reasons the increase was needed were clearly spelled out and enough time was given to inform the electorate, I would have voted for the measure rather than against it at the SRC meeting. If that question had been on the ballot, it would have been defeated. Your editorial should have been printed several weeks earlier, and, backed up with some facts and figures, could have pushed a fee hike towards fruition.

Regarding the editorial "Election Lacked Interest", I would submit that this was

largely due to the Brunswickan's failure to find any issues. There were enough issues raised by those four referendum questions to fill several pages but the Bruns only printed one sentence in two editions. The Brunswickan's major effort in the election was to run and editorial giving 40 reasons not to vote! And then Deborah Geneau in the Mugwump Journal

last week says, "Great stuff! I mean that sincerely" about a 13% turnout. It seems that the Bruns thinks that, just because they no longer care about, or bother to cover campus issues, that students shouldn't care either. It's too bad, but in the minds of more and more students the number one paper on campus for news is no longer the Brunswickan, it's the Saint Thomas Aquinian.

Jeff Fryer

A fan gives thanks

Dear Editor:

The fans of the UNB Red Devils wish to thank Eddie Trail for an entertaining season of hockey.

A fan

Camera Club exhibit a success

Dear Editor:

Over 200 photos were submitted by 45 photographers from the University and Fredericton community for the 12th Annual UNB Camera Club Exhibition held last week at Memorial Hall. The opening

on March 4 was attended by over 100 people including most of the photographers as the Exhibition continued to be the best attended display of the year at the Art Centre. The Exhibition itself contained some of the best material, especially in

black and white, seen in recent years.

Taking prizes for the top colour prints were Laraine Laughland, J. Edward Hurley, and Mary Pacey, Cheryl Fraser, Alain Sullard, and David Pirie took the top

honours in black and white competition while Greg Dave, Judy Kavanaugh, and Gerry Clayden had the best slides.

The club also annually allows viewers of the exhibition to pick their favourites. Don Gibson and Daniel Pole took the top

spots in the people's choice competition.

The UNB Camera Club would like to thank the Creative Arts Committee for

supporting the exhibition, Roger Smith and Molly Bobak for their help with the judging, Marjory Donaldson and the staff of the Art Centre for their help and patience, Susan Montague and the staff of the Department of Public Relations for their help in publicizing the event, and all the photographers who have helped to make the exhibition such a success.

Amnesty International extends invitation

Dear Editor:

Amnesty International would like to invite anyone interested in learning more about its work for the release of prisoners of conscience and the abolition of torture and executions to our next meeting on Wednesday, March 28, 8 p.m. at 749 Charlotte Street. This month's Letter Writing Network News includes appeals for the release of prisoners from Pakistan, Israel, Czechoslovakia, Swaziland, Romania and Syria; our current local work is concerned with the countries of Paraguay, USSR, Sri Lanka and South Africa.

We would also like to invite anyone who enjoys popular or classical music to a benefit concert, Sunday, March 18, at 8 p.m. at the

Centre Communautaire Sainte-Anne (Priestman and Regent Streets). This concert will feature Michel Carbin (guitarist), Marie-Line Desjardins (pianist) and Le Choeur de Soulages. Tickets are \$4 or \$2 for students, and may be obtained from the Librairie Trouve-Tout in Kings Place,

the Cercle Francais in the Community Center or by leaving your name with Hannah Lane, 455-3473. For more information about the English-Speaking A.I. group, please call Martha Vowles, 454-5802, for the francophone group, call Sylvain Filion, 459-1407.

Hannah Lane

On the Aquinian

Dear Editor:

Re: AQUINIAN

I must personally congratulate yourself as well as your staff on maintaining your high level of mediocrity. Giving backing to a political candidate may be expected from your type of operation but, having failed to have interviewed all of

the candidates until hours before the newspaper deadline, is a grave error on your part. I trust, that in the future your operation will be forced to become more economically self-sufficient and that your level of reporting will increase so to join the ranks of other C.U.P. publications.

Yours Truly
Earle J. McCarthy