

EDITORIAL



Share and share alike

The UNB Senate Ombudsman Committee submitted a proposal to the UNB Student Union which calls for the Union and the Administration to share the cost of the ombudsman equally.

The problem?

This same proposal says the Ombudsman Selection Committee should be comprised of 4 faculty members and 3 students.

This means, in a close decision, the Administration would cast the deciding vote which could result in problems with the Ombudsman's accountability.

This problem is easily solved.

The cost is shared equally, therefore there should be equal representation on the hiring committee.

If not, there is a real danger that the student Ombudsman position will be an administrative puppet, so-named to appease the students.

It is imperative that the Student Union take action and demand equal representation on the Selection Committee.

If not, the Ombudsman will be a useless and eventually obsolete addition to the Administration.

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Well, it's over. The election results are in and we have chosen the executive and councillors who will, hopefully, put our student fees to work for us. No major surprises as far as the results go. Some minor ones, such as the very evident Bosnitch support, the Bennett landslide (many felt Mike would win, but few thought that he would receive more votes than any other candidate), and the rather disappointing turnout at the polls. I noticed this year that each candidate mentioned "no matter who you vote for, get out and vote." Last year, the Brunswickan was chastised in the letters to the editor and by other students for presenting an editorial entitled, "25 reasons not to vote", people felt that such an editorial would actually entice students not to vote. Last year's voter turnout was about 30%, while this year's was just over 23%. With encouragement, less people voted, with 25 good (albeit humorous) reasons not to vote, we had 30% turnout. I guess next November we should present 50 reasons not to vote, maybe we'll get 60% turnout.

If anyone out there in newspaper land is unhappy with the results, it's the fault of 67% of UNB for failure to exercise their right to be heard. This is one of the few occasions where the students have the final decision, and even here, it's decided upon by a fraction of the whole.

Anyway, enough ragging. On to (slightly) better things. First off, I'd like to wish John, Al, Tony, Michael, Hugh, Larry, John, Jackie, Kelly, Andy, Terry, Cynthia, Paul, and anyone else who was elected to the SU the best of luck for the year to come, and I hope that any problems which almost certainly will arise, will be dealt with by the executive and council as a whole, not by factions on both. The first few council meetings should tell the tale, as the new members begin to learn the ropes of understanding council procedures. In the upcoming months, we can only hope that any and all ideas will be dealt with on its own merits and not decided on by who introduced it.

Bug-bear seems to have been unable to swing any votes. Too bad, he'd have made a great "Master of the University".

One thing in particular that I am glad about is that the sum of the votes for Daisley and Blair still don't beat Bosnitch's 900 and some odd votes. So, according to the students, even if Blair hadn't been a candidate, they still would have elected Bosnitch. I felt that Blair was only in the race to take votes away from Daisley, and he succeeded, but not so that it would have been a deciding factor. As it is, I'm surprised that Blair got as many votes as he did, considering that he put close to no effort into his campaign. Oliver Koncz had his picture made up for the poster, and Hugh Brown and Bosnitch put some up around the SUB. With help from your supposed opponents, why campaign at all?

On the front page in the lower right hand corner is a story concerning a complaint filed with the New Brunswick government concerning hate literature that has been floating around Moncton. The complaint was filed by a doctor from Newcastle and he is very angry over the content of the three pamphlets that contain references to there being no holocaust in World War 2, and accusing the Jewish people of planning a worldwide conspiracy aimed at destroying the Christian way of life. This is an issue that's been in the news recently what with the Zundel and Keegstra cases being the most publicized ones. Having such complaints concerning a publisher in Moncton drives home the fact that there are still many people with anti-semitist feelings. Whether it's because of religion or because of race, we weren't put here (or evolved here) to discriminate against certain people for no reason other than their religion or skin colour, or any other factor for that matter. South Africa may be hundreds of miles away, but Moncton's just an hour's drive.

That's about all I have to say for this week. Before I go, I would like to mention that Fr. Rogelio Sanchez of El Salvador will be speaking at the Monsignor Boyd Centre on the situation in his country, the subject being, "What can our response be?". The lecture will be held on Monday, November 25th at 7:30pm.