

EDITORIAL

Is she or isn't she?

Ah yes, well here we go again. . . No sooner have our much-maligned janitors started cleaning up the garbage usually associated with student elections . . . you know, posters, libelous manifestos, and handouts with incomprehensible slogans (what the hell does "co-operation without vindication" mean anyway?). . . than we are informed that the young lady elected to the Board of Governors may not be seated. It looks as though varicose veins are going to be a common ailment amongst our budding campus politicians. Remember Tony Tracy?

The reasons for not seating Susan Forestell - the young lady in question - are still not clear. It seems as if her affiliation with Bosnitch and his cohorts has been deemed by the powers that be as "a conflict of interest." According to a press release issued by the public relations department, a committee will be set up to investigate this alleged "conflict".

In a written statement to members of the UNB Board of Governors, Forestell made it quite clear that she would fight any attempt to restrict or obstruct her exercise of membership to this board. Ignoring the finer points of English grammar, she wrote:

- there is no conflict between the university and me;
- there is no conflict between the Board of Governors and me;
- there is no conflict between the students and me."

Perhaps this is questionable. But what I really find distasteful is that the Board of Governors has not even had the decency to inform Forestell of her current status. "Is she, or isn't she?", we ask ourselves. I don't know. And for the time being it looks as though the question will remain a rhetorical one.

All rather curious, isn't it? The more astute members of the university community are already wondering why she was allowed to run for the position in the first place. It seems that the university administration seem to be adopting a policy of crossing their bridges when they come to them. Unfortunately they are burning a few on the way.

By MARK STEVENS



Mugwump Journal

Well this is supposed to be my first Mugwump and I'm not looking forward to this one or all the ones I will have to write next year. I'll give it a go for this week, then start thinking about September's column.

Apparently the UNB Board of Governors is refusing to seat Susan Forestall, (sound familiar?), for an alleged conflict of interest; the BOG won't say what the conflict is. Are we going to go through another year or so of lawsuits before she is seated. I hope not. So go ahead and seat her anyway, what can she do, she has only one vote on a board of many.

I saw in the letters to the editor this week that people were congratulating Jane Arnold on her overwhelming victory in the election. In those letters they said they have great faith in Jane and that she will do a great job. It is nice to see that she has people's confidence but I think it might be just a bit premature to judge her performance.

To those people of Harrington Hall who came down to our offices last week complaining very loudly about a not so complimentary article; if you were not involved in the said activities don't worry as the article does not pertain to you. If you were involved in the activities, well then the truth hurts.

This Monday is budget night at the SRC meeting. At this meeting sparks are sure to fly as clubs and organizations argue over money for next year. Our fearless editor and I will be there for the Brunswickan to make sure we get a decent budget so we can continue to provide you with a good paper in the future.

Oh, by the way, since it is not mentioned anywhere else in the paper except next door (on the masthead) I should tell you who will be the editors of the paper next year and who they are replacing. Editor-In-Chief Mark Stevens is taking over from Karen Mair. Mark is from England and needs lots of Bushmills to keep him productive. Managing Editor (me) Ernest Dunphy is replacing Valerie White. I can't write, I don't like to write and I'm only in it for the money. Entertainment Editor will be Uncle Steve Griffiths who throws out Chris Earl. Uncle Stevie will run into problems when we play the media bowl since he is a member of both the Brunswickan and CHSR.

Offset Editor will once again be Jeremy Earl and Stephane Comeau. Both know how to set off things but they don't know how to offset things. Eleanor Stunden returns to Photo Editor along with newcomer Richard Doucet. Richard gets lost in the dark easily, which is not a good quality in a Photo Editor, and Eleanor has a very good set of shoulders that are headed for the top. The rest of the positions will be filled by the well known personality, TBA. TBA had to take time off from his university commitments to help us, which is greatly appreciated.