EDITORIAL



Oh, the evils that plague the Student Union! Suspensions, elections, resignations, allegations, impeachments, removals and law suits are some of the highlights. Here are the details:

UNB students Michael Bennett and Barry White have been suspended from the university for a month. As well, White has been removed as student representative from the University Board of Governors. Saving expulsion, suspension is the most serious form of diciplinary action meted out by the University. Bennett and White could suffer serious repercussions because of their suspensions. Academic penalty, embarrassment — essentially they are being loudly labelled as trouble makers and counter-productive individuals. But are they?

In his letter notifying Bennett and White of their suspensions, UNB President Downey says they are guilty of "unwarranted interference with student government on the Fredericton campus and spurious, malicious and intemperate remarks. . .concerning my (the President) actions in respect to student government." H-m-m.Bennett and White have no recourse; they can't appeal the decision and they can't even complain. Furthermore, UNB doesn't even have a proper Ombudsman that they can appeal to.

Poor Mr. White, a respectable student, loved by all, booted from the Board of Governors. What is he to do? He has had not one, but two, serious slaps on his wrists. I wonder if he is as counter-productive as everybody says he is. I think White should stand up and speak for himself. I attended a so-called press conference a while ago where Mr. White's suspension and removal was discussed. Did he say anything? No. He and Bennett both sat there like little puppets in their morbidly dark suits and let someone else do their talking for them.

Silly, don't you think?

Tony Tracy is now seated. Poor guy — they are trying to pull his seat out from under him. Naughty boys. Is Tracy all that bad? So what if he has views opposing those of council? Have no fear, the SU is trying to be fair — sort of. At the same meeting in which the council made their intentions to boot Tracy clear, the Council passed specific by-laws under which they will implement Tracy's removal.

These by-laws, 'made as you go' will prevent Tracy from running for office again should his removal be successful. The by-laws also prevent him from making an appeal. But isn't it nice...Tracy is still allowed to vote in the next general election. The council saw fit to leave him some rights should he be removed.

I think the timing of a lot of things going on in council right now is stinky. As I said before, 'made as you go' rules for as 'made as you go' Student Union Council.

Mugwump Journal

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Here it is, Friday again. Eight more weeks of classes to go. But who's counting? I feel better about writing this column this week for the mere fact that my typewriter is working again. However, I had to keep a close eye on the typewriter repairman while he was here because I think he wanted to sell my typewriter to the antique dealer downtown. And yes, you guessed it, it's so old that it does not have a corrector ribbon, so beware of various mistakes that I'm sure you will find through out this column.

I hope that everyone is getting prepared for the flurry of activities coming up next weekend. It's nice to see that there will be plenty of things to do but I wish that the individual committees would have consulted each other before scheduling these upcoming events. Do you realize that within one week there will be three major events--Arts Cabaret, (12 and 14), Winter Carnival (12, 13 and 14) and Red 'n' Black (15, 16 and 17). And that's not even including the Grad Class Beach Party on the 13th and any residence socials which may be scheduled for that weekend. How is anyone supposed to attend all of those events in such a short period of time? And the last week before mid-term break even! That's O.K. I wasn't worried about passing those midterms anyway.

Well Tony Tracey it looks like you're not going to be relaxing in that chair too long. At Monday night's Student Council meeting a notice of motion was passed to remove Tony from his position. Well that didn't last long, did it? It looks like the Student Council will not tolerate uncooperativeness or dissent. But I really wonder if the Student Council members are behind this, or is it the newly formed Foundation for Students who just happens to be in control of all the Student Union funds and just may not want Tony Tracey trying to exercise his authority as comptroller.

We are starting a new column here at the Brunswickan. It will provide a chance for those of you out there who have serious questions or problems that you would like some solutions to. However, I will stress that this is a serious column and we would appreciate serious letters only. We are prepared to provide professional answers. Don't worry, we are not going to print your letter in order to subject you to public criticism and ridicule.

And now for a few tidbits. Congratulations Red Devils for giving the STU Tommies a thumping once again. Got to pick up those wins somewhere guys? For those of you out there who are wishing to go skiing but just can't find a way to Crabbe, why not check out the ski bus that leaves from the SUB every Thursday around noon? It's a great deal and a great time. And a special note to that girl out there who reads my column each week and complains that I'm always depressed, always feeling sick, always complaining about the cold, and am generally a dreary person. For your information sitting around this office all day Thursday when you don't have any classes and wish you could be out doing something a little more entertaining can get depressing. And after being couped up in this office for eight hours, I do end up feeling a little ill. And yes, it's damn cold outside. BUT I am not a dreary person. As a matter of fact, I'm just ecstatically happy right now. I'm overwhelmed with joy. I'm laughing hysterically. And besides all that, I'm a great fan of sarcasm.