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## STUDENT UNION ROUNDUP

by Kate Whitfield  
VP Executive, UNB Student Union

As it's the first week back to classes, the UNB Student Union wanted to pass on some information about what's coming up. It's just our way to inform you of some of the goals of your Student Union executive and Council and what we have planned for the next few months.

Over the next few months, the main job for Sarah Caines, your VP Finance, will be to work on the funding formula for Student Union clubs and societies. There is a need to review the current method so we can implement a more effective - and importantly - a more fair system. A mid-term budget is also being completed so to find out how your \$81 is being spent, drop by the Union offices. For comments or suggestions, e-mail Sarah at [finance@unb.ca](mailto:finance@unb.ca).

For your VP Student Services, Maria Barrett-Morris, there are the never-ending issues concerning the Health and Dental Plan administered by the Student Union. This time of year is ideal for reviewing the current system to attempt to iron out some of the wrinkles - no one hates the words "opting out" more than us! Maria will also be working on the March Break trip, while acting as the manager of the Paper Trail. If you have any questions, feel free to contact her at [services@unb.ca](mailto:services@unb.ca).

With the elections coming up in late February, VP University Affairs Clinton Fitzpatrick will be focusing on running a smooth election. With the introduction of the new on-line voting system this will not be a small job! Clinton will also be working on promoting the Advocacy Centre to ensure that all students know about this service, along with facilitating the SafeRide program. Any questions concerning these

issues, e-mail [univaff@unb.ca](mailto:univaff@unb.ca).

Having the CASA Awareness Week scheduled for the second week of classes means a quick start for me, your VP Executive. This is only the beginning though for all the events surrounding the issue of the increasing cost of education. Look for more tuition forums and action second term - especially around the provincial budget in March and the tuition announcement following in April.

My time will also be spent as Coordinator of the V-day campaign, the main event of which will be the live performances of "the Vagina Monologues" in February. The new Off-Campus Housing webpage with the approval system will also be released this Spring. Feel free to contact me at [suexec@unb.ca](mailto:suexec@unb.ca).

As a member of the Board of Governors, President Scott Duguay will be continuing the lobbying efforts surrounding the rising cost of education. Scott will also continue our current executive's focus on the visibility of the Student Union while completing the restructuring process. The 2nd Annual Snow Odyssey, a pet project of Scott's, will be in full swing on the weekend of February 7th through to the 10th, with a concert, the faculty games and an ice sculpture competition, among other events. You can contact Scott at [suprez@unb.ca](mailto:suprez@unb.ca) and watch for his mid-year report, which will be available soon.

Last but not least, there are a couple of important dates we have to mention:

January 15th - there will be the first meeting of the Student Union Council, SUB Room 103, 7:00 p.m. (every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. after that).

January 25th - is the last day to opt-out of Health and Dental plan for those students who enrolled in January. Visit the Student Union Main office in the SUB for more information.

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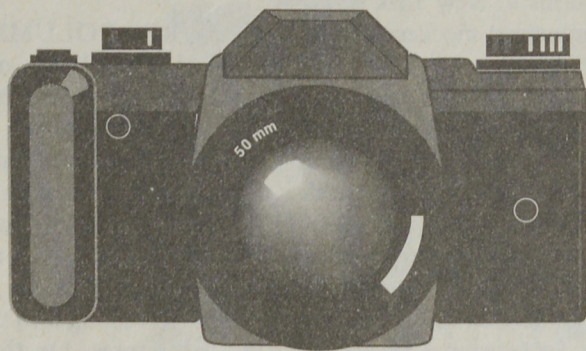
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## Under attack: Democracy and Freedom

*An urgent need to  
address and remedy the  
injustices in the world*

by Naveed Majid

Let me share a "secret." People from the Middle East culturally favour justice above democracy and above freedom. In fact, injustice is abhorred. And, as witnessed by the events of September 11th, it is abhorred with a passion. We must understand that "terrorist" attacks are responses borne of frustration by people who have nothing to lose.

The American retaliation on "terror" can only result in further passionate responses from those who are watching and seeing further injustices being committed in the name of "democracy and freedom."

The Israeli retaliation on Palestinian "terrorists" has only helped to feed the fire that has been burning there since the "creation" of the Jewish state in 1948. Israel uses the term "security" as a justification for committing atrocities against its indigenous people. However, in absolute terms, it is nothing less than unjust because Palestinians are identified, segregated and targeted. Palestinians can exercise their rights only at the discretion of the Israeli Army. And, those rights can and are suspended by the Israeli government. This is similar to the identification, segregation and targeting of Jews in Germany.

Lester B. Pearson and his successor, Pierre E. Trudeau never wavered on what was right for Canada. These men made Canada a symbol of fairness and equality throughout the world. Ever since Brian Mulroney ventured into Ronald Reagan's rectum and eventually to his colon, Canadians have started to lose their identity and stature on the world stage. Unfortunately, it seems Jean Chretien had no choice on the passing of Bill C-36. It would be naïve to assume the Americans hadn't pressured our government into passing - and quickly.

The Americans have viewed Canada (and the U.K.) as a bastion for terrorists and as having a leaky border. Bill C-36 is true to the McCarthyistic style of fear mongering associated with American patriotism. Now, our own government fast-tracked one of the most important Bills in the history of Parliament... not to satisfy us, the Canadian citizens... but, to appease the American government. Our leadership lacks the commitment to defend our democracy and our freedom for fear of losing the mighty American dollar.

Our leadership seems to think we can't survive without America. Our leadership seems to lack confidence in the Canadian people and in Canadian resources. Many experts predict that eventually the Americans will need us, but our leadership doesn't believe it. Anyway, what kind of friends are the Americans if they ignore us just because we don't agree with their "posse" principles and "cowboy" mentality (mental being the operative).

George Dub-ya said "Democracy and freedom are under attack" and he is correct. It's happening right here under our very noses by our own officials who let fear motivate them. Arabs are not terrorists. Muslims are not a threat. However, with the passing of Bills C-36 and C-11, a minority group is being identified, segregated and targeted... all because of fear.

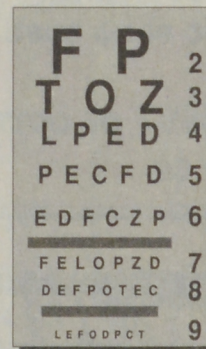
The Nazis did that to the Jews in Germany. Why can we not learn from history? I agree that we should support our neighbors to the south, however, not at the cost of our own democracy and freedom of our citizens.

We hear speculation from the Americans about who the next target will be in their War on Terrorism. We have yet to hear talk about how they will alter their foreign policy in light of how their single-minded "nosiness" and their one-sided "interests" have evoked hatred towards them. America is playing a victim while it has had a history of being an aggressor on the world stage. Israel has always played the role of victim as it attacked autonomous countries at will with impunity. But a wolf cannot hide behind sheep's clothing for too long before the sheep get wise - either the wolf leaves or the sheep start to gang up. Remember, the Bible says, "The meek shall inherit the earth."

Canada needs the strength of character that was Lester Pearson and Pierre Trudeau to once again speak out against injustice, unfairness and inequality. The global community must find the moral fortitude to address and remedy injustices towards people who are weak and downtrodden.

Favoritism, double standards or turning a blind eye to alliances that are unjust must stop. Injustices committed under the guise of "democracy and freedom" will never amount to anything except chaos and the erosion of democracy and freedom. In order to save democracy and freedom, we need to address and remedy the injustices in the world. If not, the cycle of violence will only continue and only worsen.

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SUNDAY at 4:45 P.M. (RESUMES JANUARY 13)

Please contact me in person, by phone, or by e-mail if I can be of service to you. My ministry here is full time, and I am on the campuses every weekday.

I am teaching this semester at St. Thomas University. I will be teaching the joint UNB/STU course Biology 1552 (Principles of Biology 2) MWF 10:30 a.m.

As well, I keep office hours at STU in Holy Cross House Room 207 on Monday from 11:30 AM until 1 PM and on Thursday from 2:30 PM until 3:30 p.m.

At other times, I will be in my office in the bottom floor of the Alumni Memorial Building - or I will be "intentionally loitering" around the UNB campus and STU campus. Drop in anytime, or make an appointment to see me if you prefer.

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