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March Break - Hurry up!

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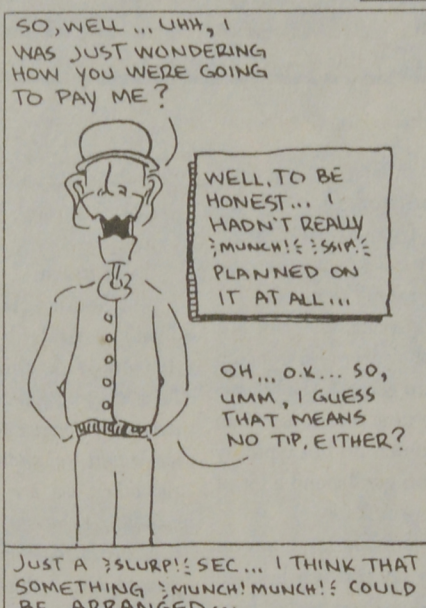
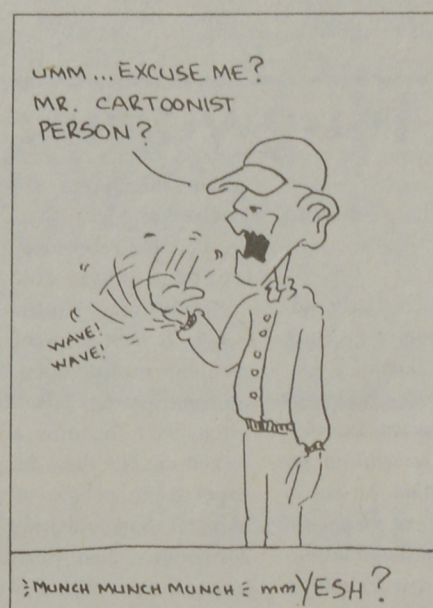
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S.U. Roundup

Welcome to the Student Union's new way to get you, the students, to know what is going on. We want to break the trend of you not knowing who we are and what we have to offer.

As you all hopefully know, the Snow Odyssey took place a few weekends ago. This was an attempt to increase school spirit through inter-faculty competition in the snow. It was the first year for this event and was a tremendous success, with numerous faculty teams participating. There were also two sold-out concerts at the SUB.

As inter-faculty rivalry was one of the themes of the weekend, we look forward to the Engineering Team defending their Faculty Cup title, and for Business the Spirit Cup title, next year.

Currently, the biggest issue on the table at the Council meetings is the restructuring of the Student Union to make it a more effective unit. The current division of roles is creating a more stagnant operation where day-to-day administration jobs inhibit the Union's ability to work on new initiatives.

The new structure takes the role of VP External to a new level of VP Executive, taking some of the administrative duties from the President. This opens the door now for the President to work towards new visions for the university. Once the changes to the existing by-laws are complete, the new structure will be the foundation behind the up-coming election in March.

As part of his Atlantic school tour, the national director for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) came last

week to UNB. Mark Kissel spoke to the Council regarding CASA's latest lobbying campaign - 'Education: Canada's Renewable Resource; it's time to reinvest.' CASA is an organization that acts as a collective voice across Canada lobbying for post-secondary education to the federal government. The initiatives outlined in their 2000-2001 campaign focus on rebuilding campus infrastructure, restoring the Canadian Health and Social Transfer, and relieving student debt. The organization strives to write and implement policy alternatives for Parliament.

I hope you had a chance to speak with Mark personally at one of his information tables around campus last week. If not, feel free to come up to the Student Union

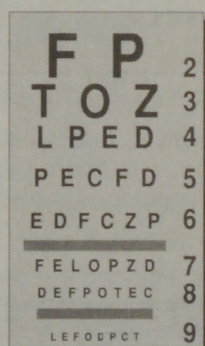
office for further information.

With the official opening of the SUB expansion, it makes sense for us to evaluate some of the services offered in the building by the Student Union. The Paper Trail is one such service that is underutilized by the students. We have placed a survey in the store for you to add input into possible future ventures for the Paper Trail, or for the space it occupies in the SUB.

So there you have it, the first edition of the Student Union column. I hope it served its goal to let you in on what is going on up the hill.

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