



# ROSES AND THORNS

My original intent this week was to focus my comments upon the by now infamous report of the President's Planning Advisory Group, but after some speculation I realized that the SUN would probably be full of stories and editorials about said report.

Let me instead address my comments to the "Aware and Concerned Students" whose letter to the editor appeared in last week's SUN. I am most pleased to see that someone is interested enough to write a letter to the editor but after a small amount of research, and

talking to a few people I must also say that I am distressed about some of your comments. On the subject of the Hiring Board; I have been assured that no persons were hired without an interview, and our \$15,000 a year-plus, General Manager was not Chairperson of the Board, in fact she did not even have a vote (if it came to a vote to decide if a certain applicant was hired). And on the subject of applicants being permitted to stay and take part in the debate during the council meeting, I have again been assured

that everything was legitimate...certainly the minutes of the meeting will speak for themselves when published.

"Aware and Concerned Students", I applaud your interest in student affairs during a time of such apathy among most students but please get your facts straight in the future.

That's all!  
Bouquet of Thorns: Last year's V.P. Internal, Sue Parlee who was quick to jump to the throat of her present counterpart Brian Brennan, at the Library lounge last Thursday night, over some remarks quoted in last

week's SUN. Sue, you of all people should know what it's like to be in such a position.  
Bouquet of Roses: Barb Mullaly and the Lady Panthers for the national ranking last week. We're proud of ya, girls.  
Panther Notes:  
- Soccer Panthers gained a win and a tie in UNB over the weekend. Nice goin' guys!  
- Fall Fest is coming and coming fast!  
- So are Mid-Terms!  
- Long John Baldry is at the Barn tonight! Get out and have a good time.  
Have an enormous week!

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there is nothing that can be done about it now. The latter is something we can all do something about. A little student involvement on your part and mine would allow the council to spend more time making pertinent decisions and less time trying to figure out what the student body desires. They won't know if we're not there to tell them. For those unaware, Student Council meetings are open to all members of the student body and a phone call to the S.U. office will confirm the date of the next meeting. Let's get involved! The hiring board was definitely a big production this year and rightfully so. With seventy-two applications for Campus Police and approximately fifty-two applications for bartenders on top of those for receptionists, radio station personnel, etc., the Hiring Board was faced with quite a large and time consuming task. This is the reason for the test given to the bartenders. It was done to save time and was based wholly on the

actual cash and inventory sheet which a bartender is required to complete at the end of each shift. It certainly was not designed to make sure a person was not granted an interview for personal reasons. Nobody was hired who was not interviewed, as was summarized.

The comment about Heather Love, our new General Manager, is nothing more than an attempted slur based on a personal preference about who should have been hired for the job. However, there is no reason to go into that here. To set things straight, the General Manager is required to sit on the Hiring Board as stated in Article XVI, Section I of the S.U. Constitution. In this instance she was not, nor is required to be the chairperson of this board. I have been informed by the Chairperson of this board that more than adequate notice was given by our G.M. that she would not be able to attend all interviews. She made those which she could and

it was not just a simple matter of not showing up.

The item that really annoyed me was the implication that this years Student Council was not doing their bit and the implications of power happy individuals in the organization out for only their own good. No Student Council is perfect, and I doubt that this one will be the exception, but then again neither was last years. The lack of a basic framework of employees for this year has undoubtedly caused some quicker than normal decisions, but that is not the fault of this Council. As for the statements: "Accept your responsibility and give us our money's worth. You're not supposed to be in this just for your own personal benefits!", these are so unjustified I can hardly believe that they were actually in print. At least one of the executive members of council did not take a job this past summer, and

one other executive member quit work early to attend to various matters such as the reconstruction of parts of the Barn, the radio station (a great improvement over past years), etc.. These members do spend a lot of time working in our best interests and their salaries (if you want to call them that) are a mere pittance when you compare it to the work involved. As far as I can determine, much of their time is simply donated.

In conclusion, I feel this years council is doing an admirable job, even without considering the many unexpected obstacles they have had to cross. I hope that this letter has served its purpose in helping those of you who are or were unaware of the issues in the letter mentioned earlier in coming to a more rational conclusion of this years Student Council.

Respectfully,  
David Kennedy