

Editorials

It's beat the dead horse time again. Yes, the SRC Elections are next Wednesday, the 27 of October. We actually have a race for several positions. There are three yes that's three, (count them) people running for Vice-President.... An almost unheard of situation.

And what about art's seats... Six people running for three positions. Business Administration, two people for one seat, and four people for three spots as Representatives-at-Large.

There are also four positions; Forestry, Science, and Education (two) whose representatives were elected by acclamation..

Since fifteen members out of an academic com-

munity of 5000 (approx) have offered their time for your benefit, why not take five minutes of your time and VOTE next Wednesday. The polling stations are listed on page 8 of the Bruns.

Remember these students are running for positions that were created with your welfare in mind, both physical and fiscal. So why not give them a chance to help you.

Remember as well, that if 10% of the student population does not vote for the individuals who are running for Re.-at-Large the Council will be short three more seats. They are short enough seats as it is.

So take time-out and do something active in the University Community. Vote. It won't kill you.

Women's Liberation is an issue that we do not always take very seriously, perhaps because the feminists often seem to be taking themselves too seriously. Sure we can laugh at some of the flamboyant tactics they have chosen to adopt, such as bra-burning bonfires or getting attacked in New York for whistling at labourers. The feud between Norman Mailer and Germaine Greer has occasioned much interesting TV viewing and satires in magazines. But we must remember that underneath all this lies fundamental civil rights problems. Women are simply not getting a fair deal in our society.

The Royal Commission on the Status of Women in its report last spring singled out for attention the shortage of women in public life. The report stressed the need to encourage women to speak out in public, to run for political positions and to be appointed to public positions. The Federal Government has made few steps in this direction. Dr. Sylvia Ostry, the highest paid female civil servant in Canada, who received an honorary degree from UNB at Encaenia 71, is Director of the Economic Council of Canada. Not only because of her ability, but because of the opportunity for the federal government to put the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women into action, it was thought by many of us that Dr. Ostry would be made Chairman of the Economic Council when that position became available earlier this autumn. It is a blow to women across Canada that she was not.

On the provincial level the lone woman in the legislature, Brenda Robertson, holds a cabinet post. Perhaps this will act as an encouragement for more women to run in the next election.

The provincial New Democratic Party, or at least the controlling faction of that party, have taken a

stand for women's rights. One of the principles of the NDP is that whenever possible women should speak, at least on the issue of women's rights. This principle has been blatantly abused in practice. When the Waffle Manifesto was presented at the NDP convention in September, the lead spokesman was MISTER Alastair Robertson. Now it seems that Mr. Robertson, now President of the party, is usurping the women as spokesman for women's rights. At a debate on the abortion issue last Tuesday, Mr. Robertson was the spokesman for abortion.

This clearly points out what is happening in our society that has stretched the fight for female equality to over one hundred years. Women brought the issue of the need for, not only legal, but free, abortions to the forefront and now that it is a controversial issue, the men are going to take over and get it for women. The need for women in public life, speaking out on important social issues is just as important as the need for free abortion on demand.

The conflict in the St. Thomas auditorium was all the more disgraceful because so many women did not stand-up for their rights. When Mr. Robertson asked for a show of hands to indicate how women felt about his remaining as speaker, the majority of women voted for him to continue. This indicates how low the political consciousness of women is. The confusion lay in understanding the principle involved. The issue is not whether a man can speak on abortion - of course he can. The issue is that we must get more women in public life and confrontations on women's rights is the ideal place to start.

The strategy of the Women's Caucus must also be criticized. When Mr. Robertson's seat was not given to them, they retreated. It's going to be a long war if the advance guard retreat everytime the battle gets difficult.

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Hello, folks. Here it is, 12:30 Thurs. a.m. and I've got to fill this space. You see, we were deluged with a flood of letters this week, so that's why they start on page four, shift to page five, and then end on page 11. That's the way it is. You see? I've just filled this space. Ta da.

Dear Sir:

Let me say this: FELLOW CAR OWNERS - UNITE. The parking situation on this university campus is disgraceful. I drive to and from the campus everyday - a distance of 36 miles return - and when I get here in the morning you know what I see? I see all kinds of little white signs saying STAFF PARKING. They're everywhere. I think you were right a couple of weeks ago when you said that this university is set up for its staff instead of its students. Why is it that the staff can park all around the library while the students have to park up behind the SUB or on the road above the library? Why not have open parking, first come, first served? Why the acute segregation? Why is it

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