

## CUSO thanks UNB Film Society

Dear Editor:

I would like to utilize your paper and thank the UNB Film Society for their generous contribution to CUSO of the proceeds from their screening of "A Streetcar Named Desire".

CUSO is a non-profit organization which has been working for more than 22 years in international development. Through the years we have placed thousands of volunteers in Third World countries and their work has become well known. We also sponsor public education activities on development issues and through projects support locally-initiated, self-help

activities around the world.

The funds raised by the Film Society will be used to support CUSO programs which focus on women's work in the Third World. Women all around the world work hard and those in developing countries probably work the hardest. They walk hours a day just for water and firewood. They pound meal and bake bread, prepare herbal medicines, build houses, make cloth and sew clothes, raise chickens, make soap, grow food, care for children and old people, act as midwives, make pots and tools and fashion handicrafts to earn money just to mention some of their everyday jobs.

Women are fundamental to each country's development and CUSO is working with them to improve their lives and the lives of their families. A few examples of the types of things CUSO is involved with in this area - in Papua New Guinea we have recruited a Canadian woman to help women in the rural areas develop programs in nutrition, public

health, family planning, decision making and leadership; in Botswana, CUSO supports a national program to improve the design of sorghum grinding mills as the women currently pound grain by hand; in Bolivia and Peru, CUSO's projects promote better water, sanitation services and hygiene for women and their families while making

leadership a key element of the women's program.

Once again, we do so appreciate the support of the Film Society and to all those who attended the film our thanks as well.

Sincerely,

Beth Paynter  
N.B. Representative  
CUSO

## Meaning of Christmas

Dear Editor:

Christmas is upon us again - time for exams, going home, visiting family and friends, and of course, Christmas shopping. The routine of school-life is forgotten and we look forward to a rest and a time of refreshment.

Christmas, however, is often not a restful time. Shopping, parties, visiting relatives and friends take the place of every-day activities. The pressure of decisions - what to buy, which party to go to, when to visit whom - create for many, a holiday season which is more hectic than the rest of the year.

Although motivated by a desire to make others and ourselves happy, often we don't enjoy Christmas as much as we expected to, because of the frantic pace we set.

This "hectic" type of Christmas - especially the extreme commercialism involved in selling and buying gifts - is disliked by many people, who feel it is opposed to the "meaning" of Christmas. We would rather show love to one another, and promote joy and peace, which we think

better show the "Spirit of Christmas". Although we still give gifts, visit, etc., we try to have better motives behind the actions.

Still we fall short of the real meaning. Christmas, in its most simple form, is the celebration of the birth of Christ. None of us would dispute this historical fact, and it plays a part in both the commercialism, and the "Spirit", of Christmas. If Christmas simply represents the birth of a man, then what gives it any "meaning" at all? It must be the man himself.

Christ was not just any man. His coming changed the course of history. He showed people how to find true joy and peace, and to realize the purpose of their lives. He could realize the purpose of their lives. He could show people these things because he was the Son of God. Through a personal relationship with Christ, we receive the joy, peace, and meaning in life which we seek. Christmas will then take on a new meaning for us.

Hope everyone has a happy and restful Christmas season, and comes back ready for the new year.

B. Jeyasurya & J. Malcolm

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to Mr. R. Hutchins' column as well as the article entitled The Other Side of the Nuclear Coin.

Throughout his Political Perspectives column in last week's edition of the Brunswickan, Mr. Hutchins refers to people INVOLVED in the disarmament movement as FATALISTIC. This is a contradiction in terms.

Logically, those NOT involved in voicing their concerns over the escalation of nuclear arms are the real victims of "fatalism". They, despite those concerns, sit back and do nothing; a sense of powerlessness pervading their lives - resigning themselves to what they consider their fate. They obviously feel that nuclear destruction is inevitable. I

contend that it is this attitude that is the fatalistic one.

On the other hand, those who ARE involved tend to be optimistic in that they see hope for us and future generations. The main aim of the disarmament movement is to educate and as we are all aware there are positive and negative aspects in the process. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the subject matter, fear is not an uncommon reaction to the "students" new-found knowledge. But it is not fear of the "enemy" (whomever that is)... it is a fear that the government leaders concerned will not compromise on any issue, ideological or otherwise, and continuing with, as Mr. Hutchins so aptly put it, "the

final stage of madness".

The Other Side of the Nuclear Coin draws an analogy between nuclear weapons and kitchen knives - an analogy so ludicrous one hardly knows where to begin.

Picture this if you will: A B-52 dropping a kitchen knife on Los Angeles - can you fathom the destruction? Another possible scenario: a kitchen knife is deployed in East Germany, aimed at London, England - a computer malfunctions - the knife is set on its ir-retrievable path - the horror is too great to conceptualize!

I could continue taking exception to the other points raised by "Access to Energy" but quite frankly, I do not think the article warrants my time.

Kaye MacPhee

## Janitor's honesty refreshing

Dear Editor:

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to Bill McCoy, Harriet Irving janitor, for his honesty.

At about 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 25, I stole some time off to have coffee at the basement of Harriet Irving Library, and I sat for a

couple of minutes to scan through "The Brunswickan". I must have been carried away by those features on the Red Bloomers and the Nuclear Coin when I checked on time, I knew I had to hurry to my next class. So, I

hurried into my raincoat, grabbed my bag and left not suspecting that I left my calculator behind.

In class, I discovered I'd missed this indispensable student's companion, and I rushed back only to discover it was gone. I was so depressed but I went to class all the same. At the end of that class, I figured I should formally report even though I wasn't optimistic something positive would come out of it. Surprisingly, my calculator had been retrieved by Bill McCoy and turned in at the exit's desk. I'm particularly impressed

by this demonstration of high moral standard, and Bill's diety. I've lost things in similar situations before and they never came back. Even when I left valuable items on library reading desks to use the washroom for a couple of minutes, they have disappeared never to be seen. Guys! What a paradise we would have if we all emulated Bill. His exemplary behavior in the circumstance is a model worthy of emulation by each and every one of us. Again, Thank you Bill.

Ebenezer Ajayi