

Rae is way off

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After all, if there were any force of conservative British superiority, would three socialist governments have been elected in the West? (at least one of them having a cabinet with as many Schreyers and Borowskis as Greens and Smiths in it.)

I think Rae is way off the mark with that bit about erasure of cultures. If that were true, then why is it that the west is the home of the Icelandic festival, the National Ukrainian festival, and more. If cultures are non-existent then why is it that during the summer in Winnipeg there occurs a little multi-cultural festival called folkorama where quite an array of cultures (English, Scottish, Ukrainian, German, French, native Indian and more) come to display, compare, and share their cultures. It should be remembered that an adaptation of culture shouldn't be considered erasure of culture. Perhaps because Prof. Rae saw little friction, he assumed monoculturalism. Don't be so pessimistic, Prof. Rae; different ethnic groups can live together. They sometimes even go one step further...and share their cultures.

If there is no sense of community then why is it that in Steinbach you are likely to hear German spoken, Ukrainian in Dauphin (or North Winnipeg) and French in St. Boniface, Ste. Rose, or St. Laurent. Perhaps Prof. Rae doesn't understand that these communities can exist without being exclusive or isolationist. A culture can exist without digging in and forgetting time and the rest of the world.

It was not fear of French Power, but rather a dislike for arrogance that brought the Conservatives their many victories in the West. Westerners detest arrogance (another reason for the lack of British Superiority) and

when I was home for Xmas all everybody could talk about was how Trudeau had gotten a kick in the ass. I think the consensus was that most people were glad things had turned out as they had. Now King Pierre to the outsiders in the west (and east).

Westerners are guilty of some errors in understanding French-English friction, but one of them certainly isn't a questioning of why the French want to keep their culture. It is, rather, a puzzled wondering as to why just the existence of a cultural difference should cause friction. They often take the English side because many of their neighbours and friends (or they themselves) are Anglo-Saxon, who don't seem to be suppressing any culture in the west. Because they fail to understand the situation they are sometimes skeptical of French claims of discrimination.

Finally, as far as the crown being "a symbol of unity under which they can achieve equality": that's pure bison-dung. The Queen probably means less to the average Westerner than she does to the average Quebecois - at least to the Quebecois she can be a focal point of his anglophobia. If the Queen does mean something to the older, original immigrants, it is because they promised, when they landed, to accept Canada as it was, Queen and all.

I don't mean to paint too idyllic a picture of the West. The West is no land of milk and honey, no promised land: the native people aren't accepted as they should be, The Westerners still don't understand the Quebec situation.

But I do hope I did give the interested another view of the West, one that I tried to base on fact.

Ted Robak
For. Eng. 3

Foresters rarely get good press

Dear Sir:

I have been attending this university for nearly five years. During this time, whenever 'Foresters' were ever mentioned in the Brunswickan they were being criticized and degraded for showing a little spirit, something that is rather lacking on this campus. Rarely, if ever, has a good word been written about them.

Last October, during Forestry Week, this paper used practically a full page to shit on the few misdeeds performed by foresters. However you managed to find enough space for only five or six lines to mention the fact that the two UNB Woodsman's Teams placed first and second in our annual Woodsmen's Competition, beating out ten other teams.

I think it's about time that the people who are running this newspaper smarten up and see what is going on outside their own little cliques. This past weekend, these same two Woodsmen Teams went up to MacDonald College in

Montreal to compete in another Woodsmen's Competition, the biggest intercollegiate competition in Eastern North America. The UNB-A team took top honours, beating out 21 other teams from the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario and the United States.

Now, for once before I leave this university, lets see a little credit given where it is due, to the Foresters.

Michael Shee

For. 5



Thefts at concert, but it was good

Dear Sir:

It has come to my attention that there is an increase in theft on campus especially in the SUB and at functions sponsored by C.H.S.R. and the S.R.C.

The latest incident of theft that has come to my attention occurred at McConnell Hall Tuesday night at Jason which was sponsored by CHSR. Two of my friends had their coats stolen which together are valued at \$150.00. The coats also contained other valuable articles such as car keys and contact lens which together are valued at \$75.00. This is a little expensive for an

evening's fun with no reimbursement coming forth from CHSR for the loss of these articles.

I would like to inform the person or persons who stole these articles of certain Sections of the Criminal Code concerning theft amounting to over \$50.00. Any person convicted of theft over \$50.00 worth of articles will not be allowed to work in the civil service at either provincial or federal level of government. Also the person will not be allowed to leave Canada say to visit the United States. Considering the theft occurred on campus the person's academic record will have notice concerning his behavior and his questionable character. This will further decrease his candidacy for certain jobs.

Considering the inconvenience to my friends they have asked me to mention that the person or persons who stole the coats could please return the same to the CHSR. The coats can easily be identified by my two friends.

Daryl Hay
S.U.B. Supervisor
Science 4

Dear Sir:

I just returned from the Jason concert pub, you know, the band that everyone shot to hell because they had not been heard of in this part of the country. Well, the show was terrific. I will be shocked if anyone comes out of McConnell Hall without near praise for them.

Jack McKenna

Granted, they are not an individual song producing band, but they sure reek of talent. Five people, who undoubtedly can put on a great show. Their entertainment value is well worth anyone's presence. A lot of time and rehearsing made them a success. Too bad that type of enthusiasm was not seen within the student body.

For the last two weeks I have heard only hell raised by the student body because of the failure of getting Lighthouse or Neil Young. O.K., STU beat us out in getting Lighthouse, but who managed to get tickets for the show? Who had the opportunity to get tickets just as much as the STU students?

I think if people would climb down from their little pedestals and stop bitching, and have a little faith in something new, these people just might learn something, moreover, have quite a shock. I also was infuriated over the reason for losing Lighthouse, especially Young, just as everyone else, but I gave Jason a chance and was quite satisfied.

So people, why don't you get off your asses, quit crying, and try to make the most out of something. Shocks can turn into happy times. But then, there are not too many people on this campus who have stepped down from their pedestals yet.

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