

The Wheels go on Turning...

Of all the myths and legends that are popular in the dark depths of the Student Center, the most foolish and distorted is the Myth of the Wheels. Every university has its story of the 'elite' — the people who run things — the wheels. We have it here — the feeling that somewhere, somehow, tight little social cliques are deciding things, living a gay exciting social life in some way impossible for the rest of us, being president of this and chairman of that: snobbish, irresponsible and exclusive.

Nonsense. The people in the SRC, Carnival, Red 'n' Black, Brunswickan, Radio UNB — the so-called 'wheels' — work longer and harder, for less thanks and

benefit to themselves, than any other group on campus. They are a small group because they are the only ones willing to help out. No wonder they spend time talking to each other. The majority of students here haven't the slightest conception of the amount of time and effort the wheels put into a big campus activity or organization — for the benefit of Joe Average, not of their own.

What's more, Joe Average couldn't care less.

Not only does the average bear on this campus expect well-organized activities, he demands them as if they were his by right. Then, he has the gall to complain when he isn't

perfectly satisfied.

There are a lot of clowns on this campus. They bitch about the SRC but never go to a meeting and they never talk to their SRC representative; they call the Carnival committee a clique, but they never volunteer; they bitch about the Brunswickan but never offer to help; they bitch about the Radio — but where are they when there's work to be done?

Every major organization on this campus desperately needs more hard working, capable people. Every major organization suffers from the arrogance and laziness of Joe Average student. The people who run every major organization, get almost nothing from Joe

Average except indifference and contempt.

For some reason they stay on. Partly to see how well they can do the job, partly because they feel more strongly than most that SOMEONE has to do it. But always, in the back of their minds, they know that most of UNB doesn't give a damn.

Of course things aren't done perfectly. Wheels make mistakes. Most of them do their best and get little thanks for it — of all the students who saw the best Red 'n' Black for years, two people took the trouble to write letters to the Bruns: both complaining.

Let's not forget that without the wheels this campus would be nothing.

OPINION

Help Your Neighbour

The year draws to a close. And with the New Year the university prepares for another eclipse of old student executives and the influx of the leaders of 1965-1966.

After the SRC elections next month, every organization will be required to choose new leaders. And it is the purpose of this short column to suggest to certain people that they should consider participating in some organization in some executive capacity next year.

It is a tired line that reads that executive positions are good for you, that they may help you to understand your fellow men, but it is true.

And how hard is it to become an executive? Well it is very easy, as you probably thought, because not very many people want to do these little jobs. Some of them aren't so little. But not many people want to, do anything at all.

Who are the executives? Strangely enough — or perhaps it is not so hard to understand — there are more executive positions filled in the so-called 'major' organizations by students from Quebec and Ontario, from which about 25% of the university population comes, than there are from the Maritimes, from which more than half the university comes.

It is not sectionalism that is being preached here. This is but an attempt to stimulate a few Maritimers to do what is both good for them and good for their part of the country. A man trained in administration can lead his fellows out of despair.

Not that the Maritimes are in a state of despair, exactly, but it is certain that the Maritimes lag behind other parts of the country in initiative: there seems to be a noticeable lack of ambition in the Maritimes. It is something like a feeling of inferiority. Many, many Maritimers are afraid to risk their well being even in part in the hope that no ill fate will befall them.

The examples must be many, for even within the small experience of this writer, there is a considerably large number of instances in which a Maritime business concern let an opportunity pass by. When you buy a pair of gloves, does the salesman start at a price or quality which he thinks you can afford, or does he let you try on the best pair in the store so you can compare? The analogy is obvious.

If you prepare yourself during the holidays to run for a position on the SRC, or for some other 'high' position in the university organizations, you can help yourself, and you can help your neighbour.



Editor:

In 1964 the White Parliament of South Africa voted a defense budget of \$362.7 million, having a total population of about 17 million. Canada's White Parliament (Canada: population approx. 20 million) called a defense budget of \$1558.2 million. Thus the Republic of South Africa, spends \$21.3 million for each million inhabitants while Canada spends \$77.9 million per million citizens. This expenditure seems quite reasonable.

To say that South Africa is preparing a "full scale war" is preposterous. A monumental statement showing much overzealousness and lack of thought. To undertake a "full scale war" would be economic, political, and personal suicide.

"Help Stamp Outspan" recommends economic sanctions but even with the best intentions, to say that boycott and embargo would "NOT" worsen the predicament of the "already miserable majority" and then to conclude that "additional privations" are necessary is plainly contradictory. The fact is, of course, boycotts and embargoes would create hardships for all South Africans white and black alike — and I doubt if the blacks would suffer least. The South African economy is largely dependent on black labour; to reduce exports from South Africa of fruits (Outspan oranges) and wines would have massive repercussions on the level of the unemployed — unemployed which would not be absorbed elsewhere. We would be guilty of causing extreme mass suffering.

Besides, as those who have

tasted them know, Outspan oranges are good, very good, and tastier than Sunset oranges. And South African wines, well... have you ever tried Paavi Tawny Muscate?

Tom Forbes, Arts 2

Editor's Comment: Yes, I have... the wine is revolting. And the oranges squirted me in the eye.

Editor:

To pacify members of the Student Christian Movement and other people who have been beating on my door, I'd like to say that the picketing against Howard and MRA wasn't organized by SCM members or any kind of Christians. It was organized by atheists, agnostics, radicals, reactionaries, and other subversive elements of whom there are all too few on this campus.

Nelson Adams

Editor:

There is a rumour that the chickens served in the Student Centre on Sunday last were all retired hand-grenade-layers.

I have been unable to contact any of the kitchen management at the time of writing to confirm or deny this rumour. Perhaps Mr. Colwell will respond and clarify the story.

Campbell Tidman

Editor:

May I take exception to two small — but very important — words in your report on the Newman Club panel, discussion on the existence of God ("God may exist," Dec. 3). According to the report, the panel agreed that "there is no rational argument for (God's

DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL, CHRISTMAS HAS BEEN CANCELLED.



existence". Not so. We did agree that there is no conclusive proof of God's existence; "arguments for" abound, otherwise faith would be blind and contrary to reason.

The rest of the report I enjoyed, except for the title, but that's just a matter of opinion.

Ernest Chiasson, Sc. 4

Editor:

At last Parliament is going to do something about getting rid of our antiquated method of dealing with murderers. Capital punishment serves no positive purpose. In countries where it has been abolished there has been no increase in the crime rate. It is just an act of revenge, a way to "pay back" the murderers. It achieves nothing of positive

value.

I think we all fail to realize that we are responsible for the death of every murderer. We hang him. We are all members of the society in which he lived. We are all part of his environment and therefore we are in part responsible for his crime. But killing the murderer does not bring the victim back to life. Killing the murderer does not prevent his crime. And it certainly does not increase the value of human life.

Dick Blackstock, Arts --

Editor:

I don't know if it is because I am a freshette, and it is my first time away from home,

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