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"The Press! - What is the Press?" I cried;
When thus a wondrous voice replied:
"In me all human knowledge dwells;
The oracle of oracles,
Past, present, future I reveal,
Or in oblivion's silence seal;
What I preserve can perish never,
What I forego is lost forever."
-James Montgomery (1771-1854) *The Press*, Stanza 1

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OPINION...

Psychology of grades

by STEVE BOYKO
Brunswickan staff

I have heard the following reply many a time when I ask why someone is not studying for a course: "Why should I? I know I'm going to pass." Indeed. Then, later, they complain that they only got a C+ (or whatever).

I can have but little sympathy for such an outcome; what little I have, is for them to be a victim of a fairly common attitude: people do not aim high enough.

Many people just want to pass a course; they are 'happy' with a C+ or a B-. Such an attitude will hardly raise the G.P.A.

I, on the other hand, tend to aim for the best possible; that way, if I do (by some miracle) get a high mark, I am pleased

with myself and will try as hard again. If I achieve a B or so, I

am relatively happy and will work harder next time. I rarely get a C, and never get below that.

This may (ha, ha) be due to a higher intellect, but I believe it is due to that basic attitude difference; people just don't try hard enough.

This can be seen all through the world; people who work their 9-to-5 jobs according to what they have to do, not what they can do. The rare few who do their absolute best are noted, and people say "Gee, I wish I could be like that!" But they can.

The achievers of the world are merely people who do their best; everyone else just does not do all they can. I can't agree with anyone who says "Well, I just can't!" That's a quitter's attitude, and no one wants to be a quitter.

I can give examples of people who achieved fame by doing their very best: scientists such as Neils Bohr and Albert Einstein, leaders such as

Napoleon and Winston Churchill, and humanitarians such as Martin Luther King and Bob Geldof. If they had tried less, they might have been mentioned in the local paper and received a small award, but would not have done so much for so many.

And for those who say "But I'm not good at anything!", I reply: everyone has a talent. Just ask yourself this question: why are you in the faculty that you are in? I am in Computer Science because I like computers and I have a 'knack' at programming and such; others may be in Chemistry because they enjoy studying and analyzing chemicals, or in History because they enjoy studying and analyzing the past, or in Business Administration because they have a 'knack' for figures. Everyone has a talent.

So, the next time that you are studying for a midterm or a final, just try a little harder and see what happens. I guarantee that you will be pleasantly surprised.

Not a guide to politics

by BARRY PARKINSON
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People are beginning to hassle me about who's who in the latest run at the student council. Some misconception about me knowing what I'm talking about; then again, maybe these folks are asking everyone, regardless of ignorance.

Oliver Koncz is my first target; he's running for VP Administration this year. The amazing thing about Koncz is his survivability. He's run for various positions in the last three elections; blown away in all three - a 1:2 spread appears to be his best. And get this; I seem to recall that Koncz got in once...a Senate seat, I think...four people going for three seats and Koncz got the third. (I think this was the case - if wrong, public apologies WILL be issued). Despite all this, he's been in the Circles of Power for a few years now. Constantly getting appointed, y'see. This year, he's been Assistant VP Academic (I think Public Relations is thrown in as well).

If this pattern continues, you'll likely see Ollie no matter what happens. One half of my brain says this is not a good situation; if people reject someone, he/she should stay rejected as long as the council of

the day is in power. The other half of me figures that if someone wants to fool around with politics (or anything else), he/she should go at it any way he/she can. This steps upon the opinion of The People, perhaps, but they're usually too apathetic/unknowledgeable to bother with (more on this attitude shortly).

John Bosnitch ...

That he's running again for president is not surprising, just disappointing. After the Student Party/Unity idiocy, the Campus Services debacle, and the general aggravation, you'd think John would be about ready to graduate; he has been here for an impressive number of years. (Incidentally, if you're not familiar with SP/Unity, I refer you to Fall '82 issues of the Bruns; for my version of what CSL was all about, take a look at the Sept. 20 issue of this year).

Bosnitch had some ideas that I could really sympathize with. Further, it looked as if he stood a chance of accomplishing them. But, like many so-called "revolutionaries", Bosnitch got in power and began screwing up. Sitting in a big chair has warped more than one person, and Bosnitch has joined these ranks.

Just two months ago, he

said in public that he would not take an active part in student politics. At the same time, he was laying down the comeback trail - "I fell like Lazarus - like a man coming back from the dead." Jezus ...

Enough about Bosnitch and Koncz. A few words on the inadvisability of letting people decide their political fate were promised.

Student politics mean very little to me. For this reason, I have never voted in a SU election. I won't be voting again this year. (For other levels of government, either I wasn't allowed to vote, or didn't think much of the candidates.)

I am, some would say, apathetic. And I guess I am. It's people like me who let the Bosnitches of the world in; we don't think it matters who's in. If you believe it does matter, then people like me don't belong in the political process; unless/until we get our act together, maybe we shouldn't be allowed to vote.

It's late again. I should sleep, and then get this thing off to the lawyers to peruse. You never know who might be reading.

And so what if it doesn't go to press? Myself, I'll be far, far away by the time the new council starts calling for points of order. Good luck to the rest of you.