



"The time has come", the Walrus said, "to speak of many things..." No, I won't go on about cabbages and such. But there are many things of which to talk about, just the same.

The topic is, to be sure, National Students Day (NSD). And as that famous Rabbit said: "It's getting late!" Just what is the SRC doing to co-ordinate NSD on this campus? My own inquiries have proved fruitless.

This is no longer the time of "student unrest" and "dope-crazed hippie students" spurring garbage about "doing your own thing" and growing long hair. At the time (late sixties-early seventies), these may have been important issues. But now students seem to be concerned about more "gut" issues—such as financing and economics. Most students are still unaware of what goes on behind the doors of higher finance. And NSD is there to create an awareness to students on these and other issues.

What I'm getting at is that if our Student Council does nothing to promote NSD, they are doing a bad turn for the students.

And further to that, I would like to introduce the NUS involvement in NSD. I suppose a lot of people think that the two (NUS and NSD) go hand in hand. Not so.

Granted, NUS is involved up to its ears in NSD; but NSD is in fact open to campuses all across the country. So just because NUS itself is an issue on this particular campus, there is no reason on earth that our SRC should not co-ordinate something for NSD.

So there you have it. If the SRC does nothing for November 9 (NSD) because the NUS referendum (which is before NSD) fails, we know that that is not the real reason. Who knows what the reason would be?! Something stupid, to be sure.

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In the above passage, I mentioned the NUS referendum. I can't safely say just how it will turn out right now. I personally hope it goes through and I have my own reasons why. But I won't bore you with that.

What I do question is the "fence-sitting" attitude of Jim Smith, SRC president and some equally illustrious persons around UNB. I somehow doubt that a specific stand on this issue will hurt Jim's image (if indeed he has one). What I'd like to see is "leadership" and I'm sure other students would as well.

And I learned through the grape vine that some people in the SRC are critical of NUS because of the chunk of money they take from the total of student funds. The figure, I guess, is somewhere around 6000 dollars. The actual membership fee is one dollar per student—a mere pittance! But all totaled, the amount is heavy and it's that much less that could be invested in CSL. (As if \$50,000.00 is not enough!)

Last year, when NUS was first interested in UNB, they offered to have students procure the fee through a "student levy". That is, each student pay the buck to go directly to NUS. But the SRC thought the fee should be incorporated in the Student Union Fee—so as to save hassle at registration time. Fair enough. But why the repeat performance of a referendum? It is evident from last year's referendum that UNBERS wanted NUS. 'Nuff said.

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Someone threw a cheap shot. The other day, The Brunswickan received through campus mail an edited copy of last week's feature on the AUC. Granted, the criticism was somewhat justified in that we had quite a few typographical errors and such. However, there was no name attached. And since it came in one of those "inter-department mail" envelopes and since it had "Mr. McBrine, Public Relations and Development" written on it, we figured it came from them. ("Them" being those who put out "University Perspectives").

So as it turns out, Mr. McBrine and company were not responsible. I found that out because Mr. McBrine was curious as to why he received an edited copy of the latest UP.

Therefore, I feel I should here apologize to Mr. McBrine and Public Relations and Development for what we see as an unjust criticism of their paper.

And to whoever the turkey was that criticized what we think is a wonderful institution (namely the Bruns), I hope that next time you have the decency and courage to confront us personally; or at least sign a name to that criticism.

Again my apologies, Mr. McBrine!

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We finally know how much CSL lost on the Roy Clark concert. Careful that the deficit does not come out of the students' pockets, Jim! CSL should function on its own. If it doesn't, may I suggest it be cleaned up and-or thrown out the window.

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"Gene" is not a filler for this column. He does exist, don't you, Gene?

sound-off

Sweden's Election: Different

By GERRY LASKEY

To Canadian observers the defeat of Sweden's Social Democratic government by a non-socialist coalition of Liberal, Centre and Conservative parties seemed to be a defeat for socialism. In fact, the extensive welfare state that was created by the Social Democrats since 1932 with and without coalition partners was not really an election issue.

The main issue that led to the defeat of the government was its plan to create a system of nuclear power plants. The main coalition party, the Centre Party, opposed the plan. Their Conservative partners, the second largest coalition party, approved it and the Liberals were unclear.

To think that the Coalition will set out to dismantle the welfare state is not to understand the political culture of Sweden where almost everyone approves of the system and the main ideological struggle is a question of how much? how soon? The Coalition

will simply not introduce major new social programs.

The only ideological issue, and that which comprised the second major election issue, was the question of the future of private enterprise. Sweden has already embarked on the path of "co-determination" or decision-making in consultation with workers. The debate on industrial democracy was over a Social Democrat proposal for a percentage of corporate profits to be given to the unions in the form of shares. The plan would be scheduled to give workers a 50 percent share in business in Sweden within 20 years.

This was not a question of nationalization or centralized bureaucracy, as many opposition attacks on increased socialism are, but over how far "co-determination" and workers' control of industry should go. The answer appears to be "no farther at present."

Of overall importance to the Socialist defeat was the fact that the Social Democrats have been in

power much like the failing Christian Democrats in Italy for over 44 years. The party has been experiencing a gradual decline since the late 1960s.

As Conservative leader Gosta Bohman said, "I think democracy and even the Social Democrats themselves will benefit from the change." To be sure a period of reflection is in order for Swedes to contemplate how much of a socialist society they want.

A Note for Israel

Dear Editor:

Some readers may care to know that I've written the following to the government of Israel:

"Your silence is tantamount to complicity and insults our six million Martyrs. I ask you again to put expediency aside and denounce the South African and Rhodesian fascists."

Maurice Spiro

Lack of organization?

Dear Editor:

My husband has been a student at UNB for one week now, and already I have seen many instances of lack of organization.

To begin with, Orientation Week. We were not sure which activities I would be permitted to attend, since I am not a student. My husband asked many people, with no answer, so he finally went to the head of the Orientation Committee. He still did not get a straight answer. He was told that the Committee had not allowed for married frosh - granted, there are not many of them, but there are always exceptions to the rule. It would have been nice to get a definite answer, especially from the head of the committee.

And then - the Frosh Ball. The Orientation Committee gave every frosh an invitation. But when we arrived (luckily we were early) there were only about twenty-five tables set up. It appears that most of the frosh were not expected to show up. They did, needless to say, and of course there was no place to sit. In fact, after a while, there was no place to dance either. A very poorly planned event.

Finally - the SRC dance on the same evening. We left the Frosh Ball early and went to the SUB, only to find out that I could not get in. We had specifically asked at the Information Booth about this affair, and were told that I could be signed in. It seems that in this case - the left hand does not know what the right hand is doing. How many more times is this going to happen? Surely we are not the only people this is happening to.

Are Frosh expected to know all the answers? It is not as if we did not ask questions. We tried our best to find out just what was going on.

The Student Handbook was an excellent, informative book. Why not add a page about these things. We know now that I can not be

signed to some SRC activities. Could this type of thing not be included in the Handbook? Or at least let the people in the Information Booth know what is going on. It seems to me that they are defeating their purpose by giving out incorrect information.

Is there anywhere on Campus we can go to get answers to our questions? It would be nice to know before my husband graduates in 1982.

Yours truly,
Kathi Shelley

He pans Victoria.....

By DAVE SIMMS

A Brunswickan inquiry to the Fredericton police this week led to comment from a desk sergeant about the behaviour of some of our residence students.

The officer said the department received several calls last Friday from neighbours of Victoria House, the new men's residence which was formerly the senior nurses' residence adjacent to the Victoria Public Hospital.

The men were having a good time no doubt and nobody will

criticize them for that. But the fact that there was enough noise to disturb those living around them gives credence to the complaint voiced by the officer. He said that students who complain about accommodation shortages should realize that it does nothing to overcome the problem when word gets around that students make bad neighbours.

Residence life requires good parties, but it would be advisable to keep the good times confined to those who live within Victoria House.

.....and he pats Victoria

By EDWARD BOWES

Victoria House, adjacent to the Victoria Public Hospital, was until recently a senior nurses' residence.

Fredericton City Police who patrol the area have been unaccustomed to such raucous sounds as emanated from the building last Friday evening.

A preliminary reconiter by one constable led to a virtual raid later on. Several squad cars were stationed around the building and four officers entered the front door led by a sergeant.

House Don Taj Akhtar and Proctor Chris Nagle came to the

fore and when the police realized that the party was under responsible control the situation came back to it's proper perspective.

Stereos were turned down and the festivity continued to its amicable conclusion.

The crux of the matter was that there were still patients in the old hospital at the time. Since then all patients have been transferred to the new Everett Chalmers Hospital.

The nearest neighbour to Victoria House now is RCMP Headquarters. It is hoped that present congenial relations will be maintained.