

EDITORIAL



Lest we forget...

November 11th, Remembrance Day, has been a national holiday for as long as most of us can remember. memories of veterans laying wreaths in public ceremonies are a vivid reminder of what "was".

We, however, have it easy. Today's students observe the holiday by catching up on our studies or spending the week-end away.

For the most part, we don't understand the full impact of what Remembrance Day really means. The deaths of Canadian soldiers in World War I and II. We can deal with that if only in a detached sort of way. Perhaps an uncle or grandfather tells old war stories.

Many are silent.

The Vietnam travesty, wars that caused major social unrest in our cloistered society are mere memories, unpleasant reminders for today's wary politician.

The tragedy is that millions died because of our ineptitudes. They and the veterans are the true victims of war because of our failure to resolve conflict in a non-violent manner.

Perhaps it sounds idealistic. On November 11th, however, during the 2 minute silence, think how different it could have been. If we can use those 2 minutes to reflect on ourselves and our own failures and weaknesses then we may be on the road to change.

Because in a war, everyone loses.

Remembrance Day, the veterans will never forget. The families of those lost in battle will never forget. We should never forget. And, we should ensure that history does not repeat itself.

- BRENDA PAUL

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Elsewhere in this week's paper is, or at least should be, a story on the faculty clubs banding together and endorsing student candidates in the upcoming election. This, I think, will have a very strong effect on the outcome of the election. If you're in forestry and your faculty club supports, say, Bug-Bear for president, it may not consciously sway your vote, but the fact that your faculty club endorses Bug-Bear will probably be in the back of your head and could affect how you listen to the candidates platforms. I can't say that I'm against the clubs, together or individually, endorsing certain candidates, but I hope that this precedent will not be abused as it could prove to be very influential.

Did you notice that John's running for prez yet again. Who would run for what has been the topic of discussion for many week's around here. Looking at the candidates for VP's, there are a few surprises, as well as a few disgraces, but one thing that I was certain of was that if John ran for anything, it would be for prez. He doesn't seem the type to settle for number two if there's a chance he can be in the "big chair".

Now a gripe to every student on or off campus who reads, or even looks at the Bruns. Did anyone out there notice that the Bruns has had a different logo each and every week since our first issue on September 13th. Do you care? If not, tell us, and I'll continue to play around with various logo designs. If you do want a standard(whoops, we're not supposed to use that word) logo, again, write in and say so. Next week, I'm going to make it easy for you. There will be a column of different logos for you to choose from. Check off the one(s) you like the best, or write at the bottom that you'd like to see the logo change each week. So easy, even a councillor could do it.

I hope everyone reading this will read Viewpoint this week as there is one excellent answer that definitely stands out from the rest in its honesty and thought. It's really a good answer. I'll leave you to guess which one.

Want free legal advice? Tom Evans, a Fredericton lawyer, is available every Wednesday night from 7 - 8pm in room 30 of the SUB(that's the yearbook office). Evans will be notarizing documents, taking affidavits(for waiter's licences, etc.), preliminary legal advice on criminal and civil matters, forms for small claims actions, and landlord - tenant disputes. It's on a first-come first-served basis. It's a good idea and I should think that many students will take advantage of this service. If you don't use it, it may not be there for when you really need it.

Doug Burgess is still VP Finance despite the motion put forward to have him impeached, as it was never reached on the agenda of last Monday's SU Council meeting. Hell be out of office in two week's and it strikes me as odd that a responsible council would spend an entire evening getting rid of Burgess when he'll be gone anyway after the election. He's not worth the time that would go into an impeachment debate, rather he'd bathe in the spotlight such an occasion would bring. From my dealings with Burgess, I found him to love attention and an impeachment would give him just that.

As I write this, Thursday 3:30pm, I've been informed that one of the VP candidates is withdrawing making the other candidate a VP by acclamation. An effect of this is that Larry Long has pulled out of the presidential race because he feels that with the acclamation of one "Bosnitch-follower", others will follow. Ashok Kuruganti is rumoured to be at least thinking about withdrawing, as well as one or two other candidates. If Kuruganti pulls out, then Mike Bennett will be acclaimed as VP Academic. Not that Bennett isn't competent, but students aren't being given a choice. If all these people pull out for the reason stated above, they're not going to stop it, they're going to ensure it. If they're afraid of a "party" of candidates being elected who are of the same group, why don't they stay in the race and fight such an occurrence? Are they wimps? Are they afraid of Bosnitch and his all-powerful clique? I guess so.