

UNB-NDP meet again

Editors Note: the following resolutions are quotes taken from last week's UNB-NDP meeting and are not necessarily the opinions of the Brunswickan staff.

1) "Whereas it has been documented that the RCMP has violated legal and democratic rights by illegal mail opening, wire-tapping, kidnapping, barn-burning and so on AND Whereas the main targets of RCMP illegal activities are unions, the Parti Quebecois, the New Democratic Party and other left-wing democratic Party and other left-wing democratic organisations AND whereas the Security Service of the RCMP is the main perpetrator of illegal and undemocratic activities."

Last week's UNB-NDP meeting featured reviews of important minutes, finances and key resolutions of last term's meetings as well as discussion and subsequent passing of resolutions concerning sexual orientation and RCMP activity in preparation for the upcoming New Brunswick NDF Convention. The two resolutions are as follows:

"Be it resolved that the New Democratic Party voice its opposition to RCMP "dirty tricks" and call for the prosecution of all RCMP criminals and furthermore, oppose any governmental legislation to legalize these illegal and undemocratic activities by an police force in Canada."

2) "Whereas a person's sexual orientation in most provinces, including New Brunswick, are grounds for discrimination; Be it resolved that the New Democratic Party include sexual orientation in the Human Rights Code and actively oppose any form of discrimination based on sexual orientation."

In debating the above resolution, mention was made of the fact that people may lose their jobs or fail to get hired because of their sexual orientation. Realizing the necessity and importance of the Human Rights Code to include sexual orientation within its jurisdiction, the UNB-NDP said the problem could only be properly and rightly eliminated by a complete change in social attitudes. In addition the UNB-NDP

said "the narrow mentality displayed by certain persons who arbitrarily removed UNB-NDP posters advertising their proposed discussions on the gay rights issue reinforced this view."

With regards to the proposed RCMP resolution, several of over one-hundred documented cases of illegal RCMP activity were cited by the UNB-NDP.

Further agenda of the meeting included discussion of the recently settled Fredericton Transit Strike. The NDP supported the transit workers and their demands and criticised the "Chamber of Commerce mentality" displayed by the city in advocating reductions in bus service because of budget deficits and thereby "denying the citizen's of Fredericton the right of proper public transportation."

It was also noted at the meeting that separate letters of endorsement have been sent supporting the unionisation of UNB professors the Inco strikers in Sudbury, and the Ontario Federation of Labour's call for the nationalisation of Inco.



Serving All Faiths

Mary Lou's comments

HOW ABOUT ALL THESE PEOPLE WHO GET ALL EXCITED ABOUT GOD AT SOME EVANGELICAL CRUSADE AND THEN SOON FORGET ALL ABOUT HIM? DOESN'T THIS PROVE "CONVERSIONS" ARE MERELY EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES?

As with everything else, thrills come in the beginning and quickly fade away unless you work at it. For example, romantic relationships usually start with a lot of excitement (you may not be able to eat, sleep or think about anything else). When that excitement passes away, a lot of people say "Well, I guess that wasn't really love", and they look for a new heart throb. It's the same with God. If you want a constant high, you will soon get disillusioned, but if you hang in there by talking to God and reading your Bible you will find that feelings come and go, but a solid relationship with God will continue to deepen and become more and more a part of your life. This doesn't mean that you will not have doubts, periods of depression, etc., anymore than it means that two people in love will never fight or occasionally hate each other. The thing to remember is that God never hates us, never changes his mind about our worth and never gives up on us. "For I the Lord change not." (Malachi 3-6)

It is we who reject that love. Jesus said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you. How often would I have gathered your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!" (Matt. 23-27)

DO I REALLY NEED TO LOOK TO GOD IN ORDER TO DO THE RIGHT THING?

"There is a way which seems right to a man but its end is the way to death." (Proverbs 14-12) We need to look to God not only to know what to do but also for the desire to do the right thing.

I WISH CHRISTIANS WOULD STOP TALKING ABOUT SIN. SURELY THAT'S NOT A TERM FOR THE 20th CENTURY?

You can give sin a lot of academic labels, but it's still just plain old fashioned self-centredness, unkindness or whatever. C.S. Lewis, a long time philosopher at Cambridge University in England, had this to say, "You can understand the nature of drunkenness when you are sober, not when you are drunk Good people know about both good and evil. Bad people do not know about either." The main thing is to realize that we don't need to suffer all the pangs of a guilty conscience. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

ISN'T LOVING ONE ANOTHER WHAT IT'S REALLY ALL ABOUT?

True, but the problem for us is the ability to love and the knowledge of how to love. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us how to love, but who can do it? "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you . . . if you love those who love you, what reward have you . . . Jesus tells us to love one another as he has loved us and he died for us. That's a hard act to follow! All we can say is "Help me do it your way!"

Noon Time Series—a great bargain

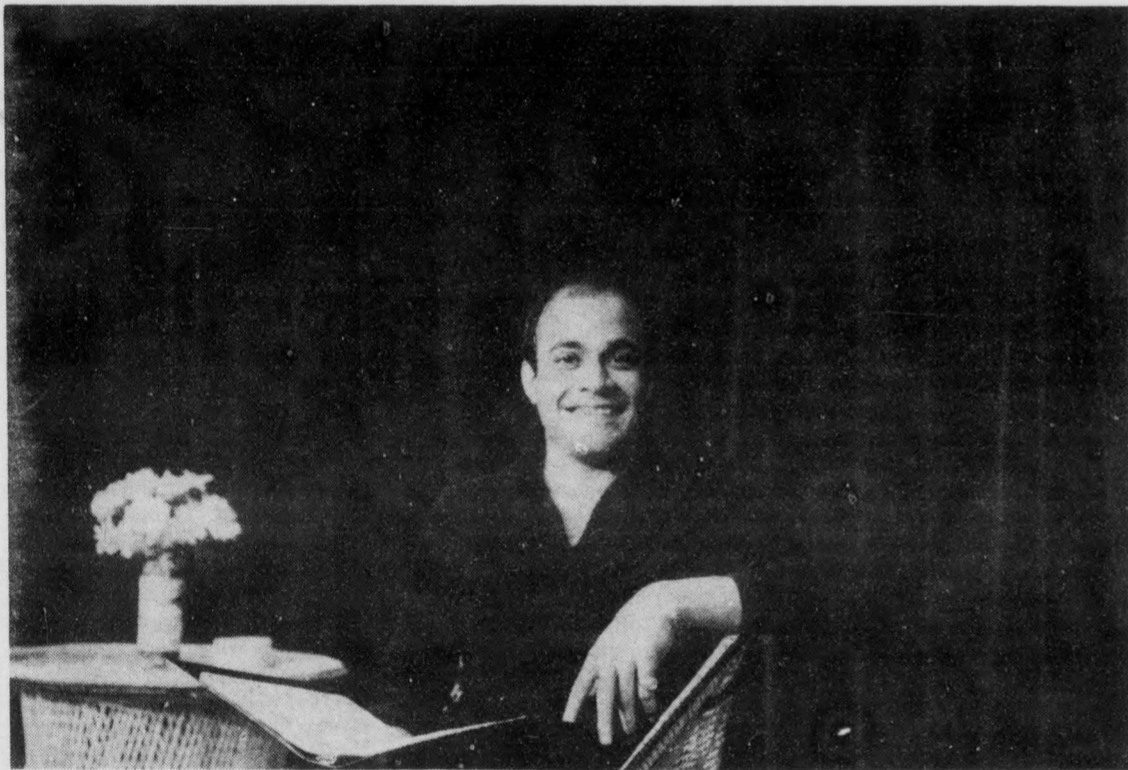


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By PAM SAUNDERS

"Quality, not quantity", is the philosophy of the Noon Time Reading and Recital Series, said series co-chairman Allen Selby. Maxim Muzumbar's performance last Wednesday was one of the many events in the series since its inception ten years ago. According to Selby, it was begun by interested members of the Teachers' College before its union with UNB who wished to make cultural events easily accessible to students.

"The series is a terrific break for students," said Selby. He explained that it provides for free student admission to events which would normally cost from \$8.00 to \$12.00 a ticket. The size of the series has deliberately been limited, he continued, in order to ensure a high level of perform-

ance. "That is why the noon time series has the reputation it has, and that is why people go to it," he stated.

The Creative Arts Committee of UNB provides generous financial support for the series, said Selby, with additional funding being received from the Province of New Brunswick's Cultural Development Branch. The involvement of the Faculty of Education in the series has continued, as it provides for the theater and certain expenses such as receptions.

Selby stressed that he was particularly interested in attracting first year students to the series, as they often do not realize that it exists until their third or fourth year. Attendance and student participation has been good, he stated, but it is mainly the third and fourth year students, as well as graduate students, who

take advantage of the events.

The Noon Time Series will present Tony van Bridge in GKC (The Wit and Wisdom of Gilbert Keith Chesterton February 21, followed by an Operatic Recital March 26. This will feature Heather Wilberforce, soprano, John Keane, tenor, and Walter Delahunt, pianist.

Plans are underway for next year's series, said Selby, but as yet are indefinite.



Big Mac Imposter

The McDonald's hamburger chain is not very happy about a Tel Aviv Israeli court to restrain Aviv hamburger stand named MacDavid's from using words that resemble McDonald's. It seems that the Israeli hamburger joint is doing a very good business selling Big Macs to Israelis and chuckling name, since it matches his name more perfectly than the name of

But Ronald McDonald is not the man who founded the laughing. He's suing McDonald's Corporation. (News-claims that MacDavid's is infringing).