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**Friday, March 7**

**DUO PACH** in the SUB ballroom, 12:30-2 pm.  
**REGIONAL MODEL PARLIAMENT** discusses marijuana, censorship and immigration and racism. Monseignor Boyd Family Center.

**COED WEEK**. Movie night. Marnie, Chalk Garden, Bus Riley's back in town. Head Hall, 8pm-2am.  
**AFRICA WEEK**. Informal cultural evening. Art center, Mem Hall, 8 pm.  
**ANIMAL DANCE**, sponsored by UNB Circle K club, with Fever Black. SUB ballroom, 9-12 pm.  
**MONTE CARLO** sponsored by the Forestry association in the Forestry building 8:30.

**Saturday, March 8**

**MARITIME YOUTH DRAMA FESTIVAL**. 50¢ for one play, \$1 for all plays. Sponsored by Kairos. Wilmot United Church, 2 pm and 7 pm.

**SIA election voided**

Executive elections of the Student's International Association have been declared void by present association president Will van den Hoonraad. The elections were held on February 27 at Memorial Hall.

"This regrettable decision was taken on the basis that no representative group of all Students' International Association members was present for this election procedure, and that, consequently, the basic aim of the Association itself was felt to be at stake," said Mr. van den Hoonraad.

New elections have been called for March 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building (Room 103).

**Parliament may legalize marijuana**

Legalization of marijuana will be at the top of the agenda for this year's regional model parliament.

The parliament meets at the Monseignor Boyd Family Center today, tomorrow and Sunday.

Other resolutions to be debated concern repeal of all censorship laws and immigration and racism.

The organizers expect at least 40 people for the parliament. It is co-educational and open to people between the ages of 15 and 21.

Registration fee of three dollars includes a banquet. Registration begins today at 6 p.m.

Interested persons may contact Terry Levesque or Gordon Willett, both arts 2.

**INTERNATIONAL NIGHT**. Free. At the Playhouse, 8:30.  
**ENGINEERING SPRING FORMAL**. Tickets from the EUS office. \$2.50 per couple. The Nite-Liters play in the SUB ballroom.  
**COED WEEK FORMAL**. \$2 per couple. Room 8 in the SUB. 9:30-12:30.

**Sunday, March 9**

**SIA ELECTIONS**. Council chamber in the SUB, 2:30.  
**SRC MEETING**. Council chamber, 7 pm.  
**COFFEEHOUSE** in the SUB ballroom with British recording star Justyn Rees. Songs of life and faith. Sponsored by the IVCF. 9 pm.

**Monday, March 10**

**DEMONSTRATION AT THE COMPUTER CENTER** to support computer complaints of overwork. All day.

**Tuesday, March 11**

**UNB HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP** organizational meeting for those interested in decent housing, adequate education, equal opportunity for minority groups and humane living conditions in New Brunswick and the rest of the world. Tilley Hall, room 5, 7 pm.

**Wednesday, March 12**

**SELECTION OF NEXT YEAR'S WINTER CARNIVAL COMMITTEE**. Applications in writing must be submitted to Earl Brewer, Chairman of Winter Carnival, SUB, Campus mail. Meeting is in the old student center conference room, 7:30.

**Saturday, March 15**

**ALAN BOROVYO**, counsel for the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, will speak on civil liberties. Clark Room, YMCA, 8:30.

**India: democracy and communism**

by mike macmillan brunswickan staff

"If we can eventually find our soul, this price (instability & confusion) is worth it," observed Prof. A.K. Datta, an economics professor at Loyola College Montreal.

Datta, a native of West Bengal, India was speaking on the future of democracy in India. He did point out in his introduction, however, "that he was venturing into an area that was not his specialty." His beliefs were based on his own personal observations of the state of affairs in his native province, which voted overwhelmingly in favour of the Communist party.

"The chief characteristic of Indian history is its stagnancy" stated Datta. He then listed the three major inhibitory factors to advancement as:

\*Lowest per capita income in the world.

\*Ruralistic society of 600,000 villages.

\*Authoritarian structure of society with decisions based more on dictates of the culture than on actual needs.

"Obedience rather than independence is the hallmark of India," he said.

India has the dubious distinction of having the highest illiteracy rate in the world. This reinforces the regionalism and sectionalism that makes India's powerful central government more an inhibitor than an instigator of progress.

The Indian political system

is based on the British Parliamentary System, with an independent judiciary. India has the machinery but not the technicians for a functional democracy. The central government possesses great powers, but the myriad of political Parties and non-Parties robs the federal government of the necessary stability for effective government. Non-Parties are independents, who freely change ideas.

"Through the course of her history, India has somehow lost her soul, her sense of national unity. There must be a polarization of political forces. Perhaps from the resulting confusion and instability, something worthwhile will emerge."

Several members of the audience, composed of half student, half staff, questioned Datta's pessimistic approach to India's future. Some suggested that there is little reason to believe that India will exist as a nation for another decade.

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