

POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES

With RICHARD HUTCHINS

In this week's perspectives, I would like to take a cynical look into Canada's future and predict the news for November, 19 2001 A.D.

In regional news today, King Richard Hatfield was present at a memorial service in St. John for K.C. Irving, one of the men responsible for his establishment of a monarchy in New Brunswick. He commented, saying, "without friends like him we would still be a feudal democracy" Hail King Richard!

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau today revealed a new job creation programme to aid Canada's 21 million unemployed. The programme calls for Canada's unemployed to subsidize their unemployment cheques with 2 week stints as transient workers in the huge agra-marine farms of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. The prime minister felt it was time the rich, affluent Maritime area should share its prosperity with Canada's less fortunate. Maritime coalition chairman John Bosnitch described the plan as typical, central Canadian fascism.

Back in Ottawa, Tory leader Timothy Lethbridge was shocked over reports of an attempted coup with the aid of Bosnitch and denied any affiliation with the "fanatic" from the east.

Canada's foreign policy review board today condemned the U.S. for its annexation of British Columbia and said trade sanctions would be applied. American ambassador Bubba Machismo said the Americans were only trying to protect Pacific coast Salmon from extinction. He said sanctions would only lead to Toronto's expulsion from the N.F.L.

In domestic news, diplomatic relations have been finally established with the republic of Quebec. Quebec President Rene Levesque agreed to let traffic pass from Ontario eastward for the first time in 15 years. The first kilowatts of power from James Bay were allowed to travel westward to the energy depleted province of Alberta, and an ambassador was sent to Ottawa to discuss future co-operation.

Today marks the fifteenth anniversary of the Great Stock Market Crash of 1986. Former financial mogul Harrison McCain remembers the years of prosperity when interest rates were 72 percent and inflation was 115 percent from 1983-86. He said "we could see it coming when sunflower seeds hit \$10 a packet." McCain is now master of ceremonies for the annual Potato Queen Pageant in Florenceville, New Brunswick.

Controversy is still raging over former prime minister Pierre Trudeau's recreational use of cocaine. The former P.M. admitted to a coke "bender" with former British P.M. Margaret Thatcher but explained he thought the coke was "snuff" and that Mrs. Thatcher tricked him into tearing off his clothes at an International soccer match in Wembley, England.

Finally in the news, the tiny Republic of Newfoundland announced its intentions to host the 2004 Olympics. Newfoundland president Brian Peckford said a stadium would be built in Gander and facilities in St. John's would be renovated. I.O.C. president Shimo Takahari said Newfoundland would be ideal for the Olympics.

To some making fun of politics is an unrealistic cynicism. I feel by allowing our minds to wander and hypothesize on the political process we become equals with our representatives in Ottawa. These men know as much about the future as we do since their primary goal is survival, not planning for the future.

Entertainment fund used

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The fund created by our entertainment fee has proven to be a good investment. Until last Monday's SRC meeting Karen White, chairman of the entertainment committee was the only member on the committee. Randy MacDonald and Brenda Purdy have now been officially placed on this committee.

Since the start of this year, the entertainment fund has been responsible for many events. This committee, according to White, helped organise the Terry Crawford Band, Valdy, Roger Caron and many other events. The committee is also important in helping the different clubs on campus. The Orientation Committee; the Nursing Society and the Engineering Society have all made use of the committee for getting a band for their events.

They are now planning to help the Business Society in getting a band. Plans are also moving quickly in organising bands for the Winter Carnival. Even this Friday and Saturday the committee has planned to have some bands playing at UNB.

The committee is starting to build on the progress they have made to provide more entertainment to the students. They are trying to coordinate a joint deal with the Social Club. Presently when a band plays on campus, the cafeteria of the SUB is used. It can only hold 500 people. They are hoping to use the new Social Club facilities for hosting bands because it will accommodate 600 people. This idea looks promising because with a larger number of ticket buyers it will permit lower ticket prices and better bands.

Many students may want to know about what happened to all the big name bands that were promised during the entertainment fee referen-

dum. The committee is now getting ready to have a band play at the Aitken Centre early next year. In order to be a good business deal, this is where they must host such an event. The committee cannot have big bands playing at the cafeteria or even the Social Club because they would have to charge an unrealistically high price.

The committee is obliged to have at least the same amount of money as it started out with. The committee started with approximately \$56,000. The committee has been careful about big name bands since they would generally ask for \$20,000 a performance.

The entertainment fund is very healthy financially. After a busy term of entertainment that cost \$10,000 they made it all back except for \$2,000.

The 592 people who voted yes last year at the referendum seem to have made a wise decision. A total of 988 students (18.6 per cent of the campus) voted.

Recruitment down this year

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Unless there is an upturn in the Canadian economy, it is projected that campus recruitment will be about 30 per cent of what it was last year. Each year, generally in the fall, firms visit our campus to interview students.

This year, due to our troubled economy, campus recruitment has declined. Many large firms that have visited the campus each year are not or else they are granting few interviews. N.B. Tel and N.B. Power last year at this time had already conducted their interviews. This year they are not coming to UNB unless there is a real improvement in the Canadian economy. International companies are also being affected; for example; General Motors is not recruiting at UNB and General Electric is recruiting for only a

few specific positions. Imperial Oil has also been affected. Last year they filled one hundred permanent and summer jobs. This year they have had five permanent and three summer positions to offer.

Students from all faculties are being affected. Those students that were in high demand last year are not experiencing the same level of demand this year. Those students who in past years have only been in moderate demand are getting very few interviews at all this year.

Last year, 182 firms spoke to 761 students in 2783 interviews. The result of these in-

terviews was that 174 graduates found permanent career positions and 387 students found summer jobs.

In the past, UNB has always done well in attracting firms compared to other Atlantic universities. Last year, with 182 firms visiting, UNB placed first with Acadia and Dalhousie placing second with 115 firms. This year the smaller the university is, the greater the fall in the number of firms conducting recruitment.

Graduating students seeing the present situation should start thinking about jobs now while a few companies are knocking at the door.

SUB is good for meetings

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The demand for SUB rooms for meetings has been great recently. Many clubs make use of these rooms as a place to have their meetings. Two organizations in particular use these rooms frequently. Each Monday night the UNB SRC hold a meeting and each Tues-

day night STU SRC hold a meeting.

It is very easy for any club to get a room for a meeting at the SUB. To get one, all you have to do is go to SUB Information and request a room, and if one is available at the time you want, you can use it. There is no charge for the use of these rooms for meetings.

Room 103 and room 26 are currently the rooms available

to clubs. Room 103 is the room to the right of the main SUB entrance that has the windows looking in from the hallway. Room 26 is located at the right of the food service counters at the SUB cafeteria. Within one or two weeks room 102 and room 203 should be available to student organizations. These rooms are not in use now because of the construction going on in the SUB.



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