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OPINION...

'March for Peace'

by MIKE MACKINNON
Senior Editorial Advisor

In 1958 students at UNB were calling for a plebiscite on a worldwide agreement on arms control. It is now 1985 and the arms race continues to spiral out of control. As in 1958, a group of UNB students are calling for significant arms control agreements that would work towards a freeze and the eventual elimination of nuclear weapons.

In this spirit, WORD, in conjunction with other groups in the city, will be sponsoring a March for Peace. The March will begin on the lawn between the SUB and the residences and will culminate at the steps of the Federal building at the corner of Queen and Regent. The march will begin at 1:30 pm on October 30.

We now possess the means for annihilating the entire human race. Because of the presence of over 50,000 nuclear weapons meant to ensure our security our very existence is threatened. Politicians

continue to delude themselves and the public into thinking we need to continually increase our nuclear arsenals to protect our way of life. This is NOT a view shared by everybody. Throughout the world more and more people are beginning to realize that what we need is a REDUCTION in the number of nuclear weapons, not an increase. No amount of nuclear weaponry is going to protect us as long as we continue to approach conflicts in the same manner.

What is the point of a march? Many of you may be wondering just what can be accomplished by marching. It won't get anybody to change their mind but it may get them thinking about the issue. For most of the year groups such as WORD use the educational approach to convince people we need disarmament. However, once a year we opt for a highly visible method to attract attention to this important issue. It is easy to ignore pamphlets and posters - you simply choose not to read them. Films are also easy to ignore - just don't go to

see them. A march is something else.

By marching you show that you are concerned about the issue. Others will see this. This is one method for making the issue highly visible and to show there is unity amongst those who choose to do something about nuclear weapons. This can be enough to convince others that they should give some thought to the issue and perhaps become involved themselves. This involvement can be as simple as reading about nuclear weapons and working through the electoral process to bring about change.

If you are concerned about the stigma attached to becoming involved forget about it. Many highly respected people work for disarmament and marches today are organized and peaceful. This in itself helps to win some respect for the issue and those who become actively involved.

I ask that you show your concern by joining the march this Wednesday (October 30th) at 1:30 in front of the SUB. It could be a decision you won't regret.

UNB measures up

By JEFF FRYER

Is UNB a great university? That's a question I came away asking myself after attending both the Convocation ceremonies over the weekend. It was a point that both University Chancellor Lady Aitken and honorary degree recipient Gerard Leforet stressed at the ceremony. Such statements about UNB, I have long since put down to provincial chauvinism - surely UNB cannot be regarded as a great university.

However, this year I came to UNB to receive my degree with a different perspective. For the past month I have been a student at the University of Washington in Seattle. By any standard - size, quality of faculty, research facilities, or even its football team, it is one of the great universities in the United States.

Due to its larger size, it offers programs UNB cannot. However, larger size also means larger classes - even at the upper and graduate levels. No matter how good the professor, I think I'd rather be in a class of 10 than 70.

UNB also stacks up surprisingly well in other areas - its intercollegiate program is more extensive and the intramural program is far superior. Facilities, buildings and libraries tend to be more accessible to students at UNB during evenings and weekends.

Among the student activities I came to know so well at UNB, CHSR-FM is far superior to the student station at Washington. Other student organizations are more extensive in Washington but, due to the larger student population, there are more op-

portunities here.

And, indeed, that is what I think a great university should provide - the opportunity for students to learn and participate - be it in academics, athletics, or social activities. There is no way to make a student take advantage of what a university has to offer but the opportunity should be there. By this criteria, UNB does indeed deserve to be regarded as a great university.

During my stay at UNB, I tried to take advantage of what UNB has to offer and would encourage others to do so as well. Finally, the University, Fredericton, and my friends have meant a great deal to me - I hope I have given something back to all in return. UNB and Fredericton are indeed a great place to go to school.

STU budget-alarming precedent

by Brenda Paul
Editor

An alarming precedent has been set across the hall at the office of the Aquinian. Their Student Union has slashed their budget while at the same time increasing the salary of

the Director of Student Affairs close to \$3,000. per annum.

It seems to me that a S.U. which considers a student newspaper below that of a student advisor virtually dictated to by the administration, is sadly in need of change.

UNB saw fit to abolish the position of a student advisor years ago. As it stands right now, a horrendous proportion of the STU S.U. budget is eroded by the position.

Give yourself some credit, Council. Do you really need the 'Director' to 'hold your hand'?