

EDITORIAL

Apathy and chaos: another student election

Another year, another election. . . What a waste of time! Last week's election demonstrated that student apathy at UNB has reached an all time high. Most students weren't even aware that there was an election. (Election! What election?)

Worse, the electoral proceedings are now under investigation. Following a formal complaint from Cathy Steele, the Student Union has appointed an impartial investigator to examine the organization and running of the election. Colin McKay, St. Thomas University's Student Union President, will be speaking to the Chief Returning Officer about his role in last Wednesday's debacle.

"Nothing new here", I hear you cry. Well, I suppose you're right. Student Union elections wouldn't be the same without the mudslinging that usually accompanies them. But what amazes me is the fact that such a cavalier attitude was adopted by the CRO -- particularly when so many people on and off campus are going to blow any slip-ups out of all proportion.

But at least Jane Arnold has had the guts to launch a full investigation. Hopefully her initiative will allay fears that the Student Union is guilty of "rigging" the elections. At worst, all the Student Union can be blamed for is hiring an incompetent CRO.

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Mugwump
Journal

By Bill Traer

It's a Friday morning and once again AIESEC is playing musical offices, who knows where they'll end up. Word has it they've got their eye on CHSR's new couch.

As I was wandering through Singer Hall the other day, I noticed this little room full of computers and no people around. They looked so lonesome. Perhaps, someday, greedy little business students might get their hands on them, but then again, maybe someone will sell them and buy Ross some new furniture to replace the chair stolen from his lounge.

The Olympic Torch will pass through Freddie Beach 2 days from now. Be there, it's an event not to be missed.

Bravo to Head Hall for their new student smoking lounge. I hope all those people standing around outside in sub zero weather realize just what their habit is doing to them. The rest of campus will hopefully follow soon.

Next week, the Social Club opens the new revised edition of the Woodshed. No more granolas, no more high school students. Just a nice place for a quick game of pool.

I heard a really nasty joke the other day. It went like this, eeny meeny miney moe, who will be the next Red Devil to go. This is not nice folks. The team may be having hard times, but that's no reason to pick on them.

Word of the Week: Prestadigitation: sleight of hand. See Mikhail Gorbachev, and how do you make 10,000 nuclear missiles disappear.

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