

# Outcome of American presidential election will have little impact on Canadians

When I was approached to write this week's editorial I required little contemplation as to what stand to be taken for such an issue. This week's editorial deals with effects the upcoming American election will have on Canada, and whether or not a change in direction will occur with a change in Presidents.

Firstly, there will not be a change in Presidents. Ronald Reagan seems to be in firm command (although less after the televised debates) and will most likely be re-elected. I think that in true reality, Canada's reaction, regardless of who will be President is bound to be traditional sub-ordination! We do not have an independent foreign policy, nor are we in a position to dictate our desires to an American president, regardless of who he may be.

During the Trudeau dynasty Canada took on what many American politicians felt an alienating policy. With the election of Brian Mulroney a new era of relations has dawned. As Mulroney stated: the Americans are our greatest allies; we must support and respect them in our relations and aid American investors in search of Canadian markets. What this all means is a continued laissez-faire approach from Canada's political elite regardless of the new or old American Messiah.

I am tired of Canadian politicians crawling on their knees to pay homage and lip service to American presidents. I firmly believe that there are irreconcilable differences in our desires as nations and that Ottawa must begin to deviate from American policy in the better interest of all Canadians. As I already pointed out neither Mondale nor Reagan will supply any new attempts at changing relations with Canada nor will they succumb to any new efforts by our government to affect American policy.

Key issues such as acid rain, trade relations, and N.A.T.O. policy will all continue to be central areas of concern, but none will, in my opinion, emerge in Canada's favour.

The outcome of the presidential election will have a greater effect on our private economic community than the Federal government. A strong American economy is necessary to continued economic recovery both in the U.S. and the rest of the world. Since stability is the pre-occupation of political elites in Canada and the U.S. then a Ronald Reagan landslide would enrich the prospects of a Conservative, free-enterprise majority in North America. Coupled with Mulroney's landslide the prospects for stable government look good.

I fear a conservative ideology such as Reagan's will mean a continued antagonistic American world outlook. On this plain Canadians will suffer. By not having a strong anti-American foreign policy voice in Ottawa, we will continue to subordinate ourselves to a military complex that could lead to a war we as Canadians do not want!

The prospects do not look good for Canadians, if we are incapable of acting independently of our neighbours.

As a final aside, we as Canadians, must realize that the American political complex is powerful but also fallible. The outcome of the upcoming election affects the whole world and thus must be looked more so as a global election than strictly American. The future of Canadians and the free world rests on the next man to be elected president of the U.S.. Can we trust the Americans? or is it a matter of trusting an institution that exists on power beyond our imagination?



By DAVID MAZEROLLE

At the last Board of Governors meeting, President Downey made a motion to expell John Bosnitch. Bosnitch made his statements in defense at the meeting and they went on the new business. At the last SRC meeting, Tim Norris, law rep, made motion to impeach John. It won't be voted on until next Monday. Of these two incidents John says of the first, "Typical", and of the second that "I've been stabbed in the back so many times, it's becoming a kind of routine. Norris is just terrified of the possibility of me running for re-election." It seems that John is a deer, hunting season has opened, and everyone's out to nail Bambi.

One of our student senators, a women who should be a voice for the students in university decisions, was quoted in *The Daily Gleaner's* "For the Record" column as saying, "Students don't have a right to be heard." Suzanne Currie has made one of the most ridiculous statements so far in the school year. Her job is specifically to make sure the students are heard by the administration, and if she feels she is on the senate by some grace of God, then she should resign immediately. The students don't need a representative who isn't willing to make it a right to be heard.

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The meetings of the Board of Trustees are still held behind closed doors, though we have heard word that they may be soon issuing press passes to members of the Brunswickan, CHSR, and the Aquinian. That's a start, but I still feel the trustees are afraid of facing John Bosnitch and Clayton Burns in their meetings. So I don't expect meetings to be open to the general public for quite some time.

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When there is going to be an event in the SUB cafeteria, the organizers should post signs when the cafeteria's food service will close. Many people are suddenly out in the cold when they find the kitchen closed, and should be warned in advance so they can schedule their dinnertime accordingly. Organizers?

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An open message to John Bosnitch: Mea culpa. Mea maxima culpa. I apologize. I made statements in Mugwumps past that claimed Mr. Bosnitch would never be able to make a proper accounting of Third Century Fund rebate money. In talking with the Comptroller of the university, Mr. John O'Brien, I have learned that no irregularities have been found. Mr. Bosnitch, I am sorry. You have indeed kept adequate records of who recieved 3CF rebates. A thousand pardons.

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The best wishes of the Brunswickan to Jeff Whipple, who separated his shoulder during the Media Bowl on Saturday. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Jeff.

Speaking of the Media Bowl, I would like to point out that a seriously outnumbered team of Brunies managed to defeat CHSR 21-14 in overtime. "We came, we saw, we kicked ass."

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The last note is a plea to Kim Norris, SUB Director, and the SUB Board of Trustees to please approve the purchase of new desks, curtains and drapes for the Bruns offices. We need 'em, bad