

SPECTRUM

Zoomer Views

CAMPUS Zoomers begin a new year

MASQUERADE! *New mature students at UNB are confused as imposters spout Freudian jargon.*

by Patti Post-Smith

On the evening of September 8 certain members of UNB faculty masqueraded as one another and thoroughly confused our new mature students. In preparing for this, the first event in our mature orientation, we had no idea that the faculty in attendance would turn out to be such fine actors. At one point, when a certain fellow by the name of Robin gave his home phone as the after hours emergency number for Counselling Services and told the students to call him if they were homesick, even those of us who thought we knew who was who and what was what began to thumb through our campus directories to see if we had the names and titles right. And no wonder! The "real" director of counselling services when asked what the office hours were answered, "Well, we come in the morning. I know it's morning because the sun is up... and when we get hungry we go to lunch and when we get tired... then I guess we go home." The third impostor named Lex spouted Freudian jargon and gave a five minute speech on the problems of confidentiality of files. This bit of nonsense, couched in six syllable words, earned him the most

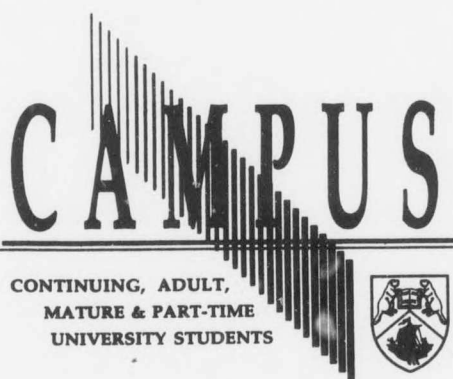
votes. Five panels of impostors later, and after the awarding of over twenty prizes to students for speaking the most languages, having the most children etc., the ballroom was full of laughter and new friends.

Those of you who were there will know what we mean. We had the pleasure of seeing a few more of you in the Drop-In-Center in the Blue Lounge and the barbecue. We also welcomed old friends at registration. We hope the daycare during Thursday and Friday made standing in line a little less hectic for some of you this year.

One more event to go. It isn't officially an orientation dance but it is an opportunity to connect once more with CAMPUS Zoomers. As you will see from the posters around campus and our ad in this issue of the Brunswickan, Continuing Adult, Mature and Part-time University Students along with the members of the Graduate Student Association are sponsoring a "Welcome to UNB Dance" tonight in the Ballroom.

Mature orientation is just one of

the activities that CAMPUS Zoomers sponsor to make the quality of your life at UNB the best it can be. Mature and part-time students



combined make up over one-third of the total student population but we don't always have enough members to sit on all the committee's and boards we are invited to join. That's where we need your help. We realize that mature students have less free time than traditional students but we also know that mature students usually are willing to fill that time with worthy activities like sitting on daycare committees, being student union representatives, writing this column once in a while, and generally helping out where they can.

Elections for the new executive of our organization are coming up soon. There are positions open that require a fair amount of time and then there are others that may require only an hour a week. You decide, but first won't you join us for lunch next Tuesday and/or Friday in the Old Arts Building, Victoria Room between 11:30 and 1:30 to see some of the Zoomers you have already met and to meet the Zoomers, like yourself, who are willing to give a little support to

mature students or receive it, whatever the case may be. (Sorry, the Old Arts Building is wheelchair inaccessible... now there's an issue for somebody!)

Our office (make that desk) is temporarily located in the Writing and Math Lab in the basement of the department of Extension just inside the Montgomery Gate. We will soon be hiring a part-time person to assist us with the smooth running of an office, meanwhile, if you have any questions about anything at all that is related to part-time and/or mature students here at

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UNB please call us at 453-3596 and leave a message. I promise someone will get back to you. You can also call us if you would like to order one of our super purple "Zoomer T-shirts" for \$15.00.

If you haven't as yet got your hands on The Beaverbook '92 - The Student Survival Guide please let us know because there is a sixteen page section entitled Adults Only which contain Zoomer tips and timetables designed by Zoomers to ease your transition from the "real" world to the world of UNB. By the way, welcome and congratulations for taking that first step. We know it's a Lulu that's why we're here... to catch you if you should start to tumble.

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