



## POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES

By R. HUTCHINS

(This week's Political Perspectives column was meant to be published two weeks ago. It was not however, due to pressing deadlines, hair pulling, and lack of staff. (Hint, hint. Oh, well. Hi-yo, Silver, away! The Lone Ed.)

All last week, I watched the C.B.C. with keen interest, hoping to receive some visionary insight from the Pope's historic visit. I was amazed at the pontiff's patience and stamina in the face of such an exhausting itinerary. It struck me as ironic that so much fanfare would accompany such a simple and patient man (especially considering some of the other figure-heads we aspire to see). Canadians definitely arose to the occasion with passion, tenderness and reverence, exhibiting a faith seldom seen in our day to day lives. Although I was impressed and at times touched by the Pope's sensativity to modern issues, I was also distraught by the media's use of him as a figure, an image to be idolized and commercially packaged.

Only in a society such as ours can a religious pilgrimage, designed to renew faith, strengthen church unity, moral values, and belief in God be used as a forum for issues too often neglected by our media. The messages carried by the pope were all important issues in modern society, yet ones neglected too often for the sake of placidity and conformity. 250,000 people will assemble to hear the pope speak of the evils of nuclear war and the perils of immorality yet very few will carry his message further than the stadium or church they have assembled in. Our own press would prefer to present the image of the Pope 12 hours a day for 12 days instead of carrying his much needed message all year long! The Pope is only a man, a representative of the church, although revered and symbolic his job is to present the word of God as a messenger of God, not an idol, or star, but a prophet and medium to the people. I think this intention is overlooked and not emphasized enough by the society he is trying to communicate with.

Although I am not a religious person, I see the value of the Pope's message and realize the importance of action in the face of an ominous future. We must perceive him as a medium for our unity, and continue to press for social justice and peace. I think this message moves beyond a question of faith in God, it moves to a belief in principals that should govern a civil society.

Now that the pope has left Canada and the fanfare subsided, will Canadians have a renewed energy and desire to deal with such prevailing issues that he touched upon, or do we need an image to show us the way, a figure to be used as an excuse for our own weakness? I think the Pope himself would be happy if we forgot his image long enough to remember his message.

### NOTE:

The views expressed within are my own and not necessarily those of the Brunswickan.

## CAREER LINE

By NATALIE BULL

I always found shopping with my mother extremely frustrating. No matter what outlandish get-up I pulled on, she never failed to keep her voice and expression absolutely neutral and recite the same old line: "It doesn't matter if I like it - you're the one who has to wear it." She was right, of course, to insist that I make my own decisions about something as individual as dress.

Shopping for a career entails similar concerns - personal taste, likes and dislikes, range of choice - but is certainly a much graver and more mind-boggling proposition than putting together a decent wardrobe. Often students are overwhelmed by the whirl of courses, faculties, degree programmes and occupations open to them, or feel locked into a career path that is becoming less and less attractive.

As a senior in the faculty of Arts, I know what agony choosing a faculty, then a major or honours programme can be, and have heard the eternal question, "What are you going to do when you grow up?" at least a hundred times. This column, back for its third year of publication in the *Brunswickan*, is sponsored by Counselling Services and aims at familiarizing UNB - STU students facing similar choices and dilemmas with the avenues of assistance that are offered.

The core of these services is the Career Center of Counselling Services in the Alumni Memorial Building on campus. Expanded three years ago on a grant from the Counselling Foundation of Canada, the expansion has proved its worth and has recently become the financial responsibility of UNB.

At Counselling Services Career Center, experienced personal and career counsellors are available for confidential assistance. In career Counselling, an expert does not tell you what work you should be doing or use a career test for a quick and sometimes irrelevant answer. Instead, advanced self-discovery procedures are used to help you see more clearly your orientations, options and priorities, laying the ground work for an informed decision.

Setting upon a career path may very well be one of the most challenging - and frightening - things we ever have to do. And although it is a decision no one can make for us, the aim of this column is to introduce and outline services, programmes and career information that can help untangle the choices.

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## AN OPEN LETTER TO STUDENTS FROM THE TRUSTEES OF THE SUB

"The students are running the SUB with the help of the administration. Operations are under the direction of a student board. This is set down in the constitution and everyone seems to be in agreement."

So said Gary Davis--a UNB graduate and Acting Director of the SUB Board when it was first constituted--in the December 3, 1968 edition of *The Brunswickan*.

Since student leaders first made known the need for a new student facility in 1962, the University has advocated student involvement. Students voted in 1964 to increase SRC fees by \$10 in order to pay for half the cost of construction. So in 1969 it seemed only fitting for the UNB Board of Governors to delegate the responsibility of running the building to a predominantly student board.

The University still believes in student management of the SUB even though the SUB Board has been dissolved for the present. Four students--three from UNB and one from St. Thomas--serve on the newly-appointed Board of Trustees. True, we are appointed by the University and not the Student Union executive, but we are students with proven records of involvement in student activities and student affairs: Larry Fox as Orientation Chairman; Suzanne Currie as a Student Representative to the Senate; Gordon Loane as a long-time broadcaster on CHSR; and Joel Leger as a former Chairman of the SUB Board.

Audio-Visual Services Director John Webster, who chairs the Trustees, and Intercollegiate Co-ordinator Jim Born, in particular, have also worked with students in a number of capacities.

And we are here to serve you now.

The Board of Trustees is not a permanent organization. We are here to get the affairs of the SUB running smoothly and in a business-like manner. These are our objectives:

- to appoint a permanent Director of the SUB by December 1, 1984;
- to finalize the leases with commercial tenants;
- to establish an annual budget for the operation of the building;
- to negotiate terms for the existence of the Campus Services Ltd. store;
- to determine staffing requirements of the SUB;
- to develop hiring procedures and staffing policies;
- to draft suitable job descriptions for the Director and Assistant Director of the SUB;
- to authorize immediately necessary building maintenance and renovations;
- to conduct a building inventory;
- to evaluate and standardize hours of operation and building security;
- to produce an events manual with procedures and policies for use of the building by student and off-campus groups.

We have already appointed UNB graduate Kim Norris as Interim Director of the SUB. As we do, he welcomes your suggestions and recommendations for the operation of the building. Please submit them in writing to:

Office of the Director  
Room 104-105  
Student Union Building

The UNB Board of Governors, who, in fact, owns and maintains the SUB, will be monitoring our activities. President James Downey has said publicly that the Board will be asked to review the question of appropriate longer-term arrangements for the administration of the SUB, after the Trustees have restored normal operations and there has been adequate opportunity for consultation with various interested student groups.

Yours sincerely,

John Webster, Chairman  
Jim Born  
Suzanne Currie  
Larry Fox  
Joel Leger  
Gordon Loane