

"To hell with democracy" for nuclear power

Dear Editor:

To hell with democracy! This is the attitude of the government of New Brunswick regarding the nuclear power plant.

Although hundreds of millions of dollars of the taxpayers' money will be spent on this project, this matter was never discussed on the floor of our provincial legislature but the decision was instead taken by a commission (N.B.E.P.C.) not responsible to the people.

Also, to make matters worse, the Provincial government has spearheaded a campaign headed by Frank Ryder (chairman of nuclear power program for N.B.E.P.C.) who invariably depicts the oppo-

nents of nuclear power as heretics or fanatics.

Mr. Ryder, in a recent public meeting held in Fredericton has proved to be an expert in non-answers. If only he showed as much vigor in answering questions as he does in ridiculing his opponents. The government, instead of seeking public opinion, uses public meetings to intimidate and ridicule those who do not agree with the government's plans. Now is this public participation? Is this democracy?

Frank Ryder is wrong, and he knows it. Nuclear opponents do have valid arguments (not only out-of-context statements as he says). For example, no long-term

solutions to the problem of storing nuclear wastes has yet been found. Yet even with this important problem still unresolved, Mr. Hatfield is ready to go ahead. Mr. Hatfield might have an infinite confidence in the power of scientists to resolve material

problems; I do not.

It is also folly to start the construction of a nuclear power plant before all the studies have been completed. The New Brunswick government is handling the Nuclear Power project in the same way the Quebec government

handled the James Bay project. And this nothing to be proud of.

Michel Goudreau

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French high school a farce?

Dear Editor:

I would like to use these pages to comment on the proposed new French high school which shall be built here in Fredericton. Hasn't the farce of trying to keep the poor downtrodden frenchman happy by giving him anything he wants, no matter what the cost, gone far enough?

We have seen the bill mounting as Pierre tries very hard to make Canadians (English) speak French so, he says, he can entice Quebec to remain a part of Canada. Bill 22, in

my mind shows very clearly that Quebec does not want bilingualism but a complete French Canada.

Even if the survival of Canada was dependent upon every Canadian being bilingual, building unilingual schools, especially for 250 students, seems ludicrous and to be working against this policy, or is the policy only to make the English bilingual so they can cope in a French Canada.

What we need are integrated schools so the children can learn to like and respect each other and become truly bilingual to establish

a Canadian culture. The assimilation of the French language and culture by integrated school systems, the main argument used against integrated schools, could not happen for this culture and language are dead.

Let us stop this nonsense before we see the end result as something for which we were not willing to pay. Let's stop this school and bilingualism.

Sincerely,

David W. Edwards

STU-UNB merger continued

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number, and if you receive any correspondence from the university you can bet that it looks just like everybody else's (except for the number, because that's your number, and you can't even give it away). Now isn't that neat! And there are so many of you. Why, I've heard that there can be as many as two or three hundred of you little buggers in the same classroom, and at the same time, too. And think of all the attention you must receive from you very own prof! Isn't that neat!! And I've heard that you hardly ever get to see Dr. Anderson, and that if you do happen to see him you are under no

obligation, moral or otherwise, to say "good morning" because you can be sure that he doesn't know you from Adam. Isn't that Neat!!! And speaking of morals, I heard that it is strictly taboo to teach theology or other so-called religious courses at UNB. In an era of moral decay that's really neat!!!! I can hardly wait to say that I go to UNB, we poor St. Thomas students are missing so many neat things! I'll beat you that's why we drink so much....
Now, what do you think???

Mark Giberson

Hark campus drivers

As many of you may recall, the weather during the week of September 29 - October 5 was desirable only to hearty ducks willing to withstand the cold. Understandably, then it was neither least appreciated by those wisest of God's creatures - the pedestrian

Those of you drivers who learned to drive outside of this province, particularly those from Quebec, might not be aware that a yellow diagonally striped marking across the road is not merely decoration, but indicates that a driver is

required to yield to pedestrians. During the above mentioned week, it was my fate to be caught unprepared for a sudden down-pour. Upon arriving at the crosswalk between STU and UNB, I was compelled to stand on the sidewalk for a prolonged period of time and to watch all you smug, dry drivers speed by me mercilessly. It was not the altruism of a Good Samaritan that enabled me to eventually continue my unobtrusive pursuit, but the mere subsiding of traffic.
Helen Visbach

Open letter to students concerning

possible nominating convention

With rumours of election adrift, speculation runs rampant. In Fredericton, one of the more influential constituencies, the Fredericton South constituency, will soon be holding its nominating convention.

Affiliates of political parties, proponents of specific candidates,

and those concerned about our democratic process would be well advised to register themselves as voting delegates to their various conventions. It is only through impartiality to party guidance that an honest representation may be obtained.

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