

Issue 7 **editorial**  
BY MARK MORGAN

The upcoming Referendum in Quebec is an examination into the ambiguity of Canada and Canada's depredate momentum. The Referendum is not meant to be orchestrated into Quebec vs. Canada, but that is what many feel.

On October 30, peoples of Quebec will be given the power, the right to choose administering their own affairs the way they see fit or the way Ottawa sees fit. During the last federal election, Canadians including Quebecois, delivered a clear and decisive message to Ottawa, that change is inevitable and needed. The Liberal landslide and the Bloc Quebecois becoming the Official Opposition Party was a direct result of the Progressive Conservatives' mismanagement of Canada's internal affairs.

The mistake Ottawa has made in the past and continues to do, is not giving the provinces enough credit to manage inside their own borders.

Quebec is such a province that wants to govern its own affairs much more than they are currently allowed. The Parti Quebecois' and the Bloc Quebecois' mandate is to achieve these ends and their only rectification is to form some sort of sovereignty, alone, or with the rest of Canada.

Quebec under the current arrangement is not losing its Francophone identity. Individuals who scream "...the French Language is in jeopardy!" and blames Canada riles a response out of me.

The French language in Canada currently, especially in Quebec, strong Federal ridings and New Brunswick, is preserved through the arts, sciences and education, but unfortunately the financial language of the world is English. The world is not as big as it used to be. Technology makes people on opposite sides of the Earth literally a click of the mouse away. From downtown Tokyo to uptown Berlin, the business world communicates in English. However many international business persons choose to be unilingual, but generally French is not one of the three (English, Japanese and German) Financial languages. Morgan's Rule # 16 is "If you can't talk business, you can't do business." That is what is happening to Quebec's francophone financial identity.

If the Yes side wins, the biggest losers will be Francophones outside of Quebec. The Metis and the Acadiens will be without a powerful lobby in the House of Parliament to represent their interests as Francophones. However should the No forces prevail the debate over Quebec will not simply "go away" but will remain until Ottawa decentralises a bit and gives the provinces more power.

Regardless of the outcome on October 30 th, there will still be a Canada although possibly, but hopefully not, smaller.

*The Mugwump Journal*

I think that maybe it's time that UNB got some new souvenirs made. It's not that the current ones aren't popular, heck there's so much UNB embossed fabric around that it almost seems like a uniform. But to be honest with you it's kinda boring - caps, binders, t-shirts, bumper stickers, jackets, sweatshirts, glasses,.... Sorry, just dozed off there. It's time to take a more populist approach, a different tack (where tack is the operative word) so that people coming to campus have something a little more exciting to choose from when they hit the bookstore. I've made a little list. You may not like some of the suggestions, you may loathe them all, but at least they're different.

So first up - Anne Murray salt 'n' pepper shakers. You know, something tasteful in red and black with a picture of one of UNB's most famous graduates embossed on the sides. Oh yes, when you turn them upside down they play "Snowbird." When a shaker's almost empty it plays a couple of bars of "You Needed Me" just to make you feel responsible for emptying it out.

What next? A desktop ornament maybe? How about an Old Arts Building snow shaker? You don't see the use? Well what about a subliminal snow shaker - you know one with the flakes shaped like dollar signs so that the kind, generous and giving Alumni will become especially giving after shaking it up - if you can find some way to subtly carve the 1-800-GIVE-US-IT number onto the shaker it would be great.

All this and we haven't even got to sports souvenirs yet. Amid all the Dazzling (pre-game warm-up) Dunks and Soccer Saturday (in Fredericton) videos and gold plated 50-50 tickets, I see places for a couple of extra products. Just like the NFL and MLB I think that the AUAA has a place for throwback jerseys. You know, the kind of shirts that would take you back to the olden days: when pro's who retired were replaced, when the team you had in October lasted you all the way through March, when Mark Savoie was a freshman, when they were Red Devils.

Shirts take you so far back, but to really get the atmosphere of a Reds hockey game, you need to hear it. And I'm proud to announce that through the (imaginary) partnership of Audio-Visual services and K-Tel, UNB Athletics brings you the "Take Me Out to the Good Old Hockey Rink", a collection of rousing choruses sung by the Jones House Male Voice Choir. From the classics of "Five Hole", through the rousing "Who's Your Father Referee?" not to mention the techno remix of "S'all your fault." how can you go wrong?

So there you have it, UNB souvenirs, the next generation - I hope.

*Neil Duxbury*

# Blood n' Thunder

## More Grads displeased with class 96 project

Dear Editor:

As UNB graduates of 1996, we are writing to express our displeasure with the grad project decided upon by a relatively small number of our fellow graduates. Rather than contribute our money towards a superfluous sign to adorn the university gates, we prefer to demonstrate our student pride by making a more practical contribution to UNB life.

We plan to donate a small cash gift to one of two causes, either to purchase new books for the library system or to enhance the system of recycling on campus. Any grads who are interested in making a similar contribution are encouraged to e-mail us at L790 @ unb.ca for more information.

Sincerely,  
Luke Peterson  
Steve Mason  
Jennifer Flanagan  
Andrew Dunphy  
Ellen Thorne

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Pittsburgh 12

Dear Bruns:

Last week's headline regarding the Student Union's finances needs some clarification, if only because it is completely wrong and misleading. Your reporter has very selectively chosen which line items to consider, since no factor is allowed for line items which are under budget or for areas of additional revenue.

Frankly, for your paper to base a budget result by looking at expenditures, not at revenue, would be like your sports section reporting the score of a football game as "Pittsburgh 12"

Since your sports section would never give students such misleading information, I hope the news section will get all the facts next time, to meet the usual high quality of *Brunswickan* Journalism.

Yours in Blood and Thunder,  
Kelly Lamrock  
Student Union President

## Editorial negative: What's wrong with wanting money?

Dear Editor,

I wanted to comment about your editorial last week. You seem to have a negative view of alumni fundraising, which you are entitled to, but I don't understand why you have this view. You write about Homecoming as an opportunity for the administration "to add to their Venture Campaign coffers," and you refer to the fact that the administration will "salivate with anticipation at alumni's return each year, with empty hands extended like a bellhop itching for a tip." The question I want to ask you is: What's wrong with that and why make it negative?

In today's world of government cuts to education, Canadian universities, must start looking for new sources of funding in order to provide students with the best education possible. Money has to come from somewhere and the alternatives to government funding are as follows: private sector support, increases in tuition, and alumni support. I would wager a guess that you, along with most students, do not wish to pay \$10,000 per year or more in tuition, so that eliminates the second source of revenue.

The Venture Campaign, like other major fundraising campaigns in universities across the country, is a campaign that is focusing towards the two remaining sources of revenue mentioned above. Corporations and businesses large and small are targeted, as are alumni because experience shows that many of them are willing to support the University.

As far as "school spirit" is concerned, I don't think you will find that the alumni who come to reunion are hit up for money at the door as soon as they come in. The goal of any alumni event is not fundraising but "friend-raising" and this is accomplished through the common ground of school spirit. We don't have a football team, but there are other sports out there.

If you attended Oktoberfest and the various events that were part of Homecoming, you saw more than administration reaching out for money to the few wealthy alumni. The focus of the event was school spirit, and I think in most cases it was achieved.

Before you criticize alumni fundraising, consider the alternatives and take a look at what goes on at the event. Perhaps, find out how some of the alumni feel about it. Also consider the benefits to our education of the money raised from alumni. As you said, talk to the "experienced, long in tooth" alumni and see how they feel. Then you will have a better informed opinion of Homecoming and alumni fundraising.

Yours Sincerely,  
Paul R.J. Lenarczyk  
BA'94, (LLB'98?)

## If I'm Paul Martin, you're Lucien Bouchard

I am writing in response to two letters I read in *The Bruns* on October 20 th. I would like to respond to the letter directed at me from Chris Rogers of the IS. Mr. Rogers how long have you lived in Quebec or have you? Where do you get all your foolish ideas and ridiculous stats from?

I would like to say that I appreciate the complement of being compared to politicians like Paul Martin — after reading your letter with its condescending and patronising tone, I would say that you sound a lot like Lucien Bouchard.

I am happy to see, we both agree on the fact that Quebecers (including me) have the right to vote OUI in the referendum. Canadian tax payers feel the same way, they are the ones paying for this referendum. I agree that we have a right to vote NO. You mention how the IS defends Quebec's right to choose in opposition to the anti-Quebec racism of certain political parties; I applaud this

because as a Quebecer I experience this racism.

The Yes side's agenda includes: discrimination against anglophones in Quebec, racism against non-whites such as natives whom you claim to defend, and finally sexism against women who are currently viewed as dysfunctional baby machines. I feel that you should be more aware of the problems non-francophones face in and out of Quebec. We are branded as separatist who want to break up the country while we are outside of Quebec and regarded as basically dirt within our beautiful province. I have experienced being spit on for wearing a shirt with the word CANADA written on it, my parents were told at a restaurant that they did not serve English people, friends have been beaten up because they were English and celebrating Fete Nationale, my niece, whose mother is francophone and father is anglophone was made to feel ashamed by her classmates because of her English last name. She wanted to take on her mother's maiden name to avoid conflict at school. When I say I am worried about Quebec separating, I am putting politics aside and emphasizing how fed up I am about how people who are non-francophone are treated in Quebec. We could all get along as a bilingual province but the leaders of Quebec want control over people's rights and fully intend to make sure that non-francophones have little.

No matter how many times Carrier and Rogers repeat how oppressed Quebec is, I cannot get up an ounce of sympathy when there are so many other groups with bigger problems — Quebecers should consider themselves lucky... I do.

By the way Mr. Rogers it is:

Mrs. Sheralee Stanley

## Fuss-Budget and more

We the Students

Much has been spent in past years to operate the Student Union and its appendages although the effect of its success seems limited. It seems to run on the hearts of the students without any blood of its own. There is a runted version of the political dream that moves us through and within the valleys of honesty, leaving us in question and bewilderment. How could we possibly trust those that are almost too welcoming of critical questions?

The representation of [our] money is an issue that, in part, defines the governing bodies' credibility and integrity. Questions on this sore-spot are definitely not plentiful within us, and our immature faith in representation is enough to say that the SU needs to make it's business more our business; even drop some of the senseless expenditures that it deems important because of tradition.

Within the budget the coming year a five thousand dollar allowance was made for, that was titled, the "leader-banquet." This is an all-expenses paid evening of awards and food for those that volunteer and deserve to be part of the higher standard.

Money is such a paradoxical thing, we hold on to it and throw it, cautionless, into an organised student budget to be