

Forest Engineering Notebook

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The general meeting of F.E.S.A. was quite successful, and the first year students made an impressive showing. Keep it up first year! The following things were discussed at the general meeting:

- F.E.S.A. softball tournament on Oct. 1st in Nashwaaksis
 - Engineering softball tournament during Engineering Week
 - caps, hats, beer mugs, and shirts to be ordered
 - organization of Engineering Week Committee
- The F.E.S.A. class representatives that volunteered are:
- 1st Hugh Phillips, Candace Cherry
 - 2nd Roland Roy, Leonard Apediele
 - +RD Mike Plume, Sheila Pollock
 - 4th Tim Cheeseman, Brian Bessy
 - 5th Sameer Prasad, Greg Fraser

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Club Members Up

The College Hill Social Club is off to a financially successful year thanks to membership sales for 1983-84 topping 2,900.

Because of extensive renovations last year, there is still \$180,000 owing to the bank. With bar sales \$70,000 for September however, Manager Rick Cuthbertson hopes to start putting a dent in the loan after meeting operating costs including salaries for the 58 staff, all of whom are students.

Future improvements at the Club could include; additional bar space, however, this is tentative.

Following complaints of drastic increases in beer and liquor prices (up 30 cents for beer and even more for liquor), the club adjusted its prices, which now stand at \$1.55 for beer and \$1.80 for liquor (still a substantial increase from last year but adhering to M.L.C.C. increases).

The Social Club is a non-profit organization owned by the CHSC card-carrying members. This year, the board of directors consists of 5 students: Jim Haley, chairman; Rick Cove, secretary; Andre Faust, Joel Leger, Mark Leger, Mark Estill, and John O'Brien, UNB Comptroller-an-ex-officio-non-voting member.

Any profits, Cuthbertson notes, are pumped back into the Student Body through scholarships to both STU and UNB students. In addition, in the past 2 years, the CHSC has donated \$14,000 to various UNB organizations, they purchased a computer terminal for STU and 2 years ago, some equipment for CHSR was funded by the Social Club.

October 20th, the first general meeting for all members will be held. The time and place of the meeting will be announced shortly in the Brunswickan.



Political Perspectives

Although most Canadians seem to have a cynical disregard for the political institutions in Ottawa, the concept of an upcoming election has awakened both major political party machines for an interesting platform debate.

The Liberal party although discriminated by Pierre Trudeau's corrosive effect on their percentage of the popular vote, are looking for a new leader to emerge and champion the cause against Brian Mulroney. The Conservatives on the other hand, would have to slip substantially and totally fall apart to not win a majority of seats and votes.

If Canadians did elect Brian Mulroney and a right-to-center Conservative government, they would be following an interesting trend in many western democracies.

As in the United States and Britain, a Conservative trend has led to a renewed confidence in the private sector economy and an economic policy bent on reducing the recent era of huge government deficit.

Brian Mulroney has presented himself to the Canadian public as a champion of big business and a man willing to take on strong rhetoric and economic policy to turn the tide of Trudeau's stagnant and inefficient government.

I fear Canadians will, as a response to the Liberal parties bumbings, supply Mulroney with a huge majority and thus a mandate to reign freely over the country. The ideal form of government is not one built on huge majorities but a minority style which is much more accountable and ultimately efficient. We have witnessed what the Liberals have been able to do with a strong majority government and how they have operated oblivious to the will of Canadians and run the economy into a tailspin.

The Conservatives under Mulroney propose do it a way with many cost-inefficient Crown Corporations such as Petro-Can and Canadair. They also propose a stronger fiscal policy to curb government spending and renew economic confidence.

Until this point in time, Mulroney has remained vague and silent on most platform policies. There is no doubt the Liberals will force his hand on most focal points and set the battlegrounds for voters to decide upon. The problem the Liberal party faces is one of image. Which do Canadians hate more - Pierre Trudeau or the Liberal party? I feel due to the patronage system evident in Canadian politics, the two are the same. Trudeau is the head of a party that has grown fat and stagnant and as such the power mandarin who will have a strong effect on who his successor will be.

The only foot the Liberals have to stand on is the Conservative party's history of inter-party feuding. Quite obviously, the left-wing of the Conservatives have been told to remain complacent until the election is won. If the Liberals can force Mulroney to come clean on certain issues and move further to the right, they may again cause dissension in the ranks. The Conservative party machine, if able to swing the Quebec vote, should win a massive majority in parliament and destroy much of the Liberal power base nationally. This would dictate voter preference for a change, but one I feel more representative of an anti-Trudeau vote that a pro-Mulroney tide.

The bottom line to this column is that voters should look beyond the leaders of the two major parties to the policies they stand for. By doing this, we will force the parties to be more accountable and representative of the national interest and less media-image dominated.

Canada has suffered long enough through an era of bad government and image dominated leadership, we now are on the threshold of a new political battle, one we should make sure is won by the best, most representative party ☆