

Seal Hunt Defence

By ROBERT COOKE

The annual Newfoundland seal hunt has generated a great deal of controversy over the clubbing of seal pups.

Unfortunately when discussing this issue, it is usually dealt with in an emotional manner and certain facts are seldom mentioned.

When dealing with the issue of the seal hunt, we not only have to be concerned with the humane aspects but the economic and cultural ones also.

The annual Newfoundland seal hunt has in the past generated a great deal of controversy over the clubbing of the cute, brown-eyed, furry seal pups.

This "cute" image is the one shown by animal groups such as Green Peace, to help create

an emotional reaction to the hunt.

The realistic facts of the hunt are never mentioned.

The seal hunt plays a large part in the income and way of life of both Newfoundlanders and Inuit.

The seal hunt means food and jobs to people who already have high levels of unemployment.

The seal hunt also is part of their culture and with the Inuit specifically, it is a tradition that goes back for thousands of years. The harassment given to Inuit seal hunters is another blow to an already threatened culture.

There is a real inconsistency with people over this issue. People object to the hunt but have no objections about eating or wearing leather.

One of the biggest supporters of banning the sale of

seal skins in Europe is France. This is a country full of inconsistency. On one hand it objects to the seal hunt and on the other hand it supports the force feeding of geese. Thus to enlarge their livers so that they can be butchered and used for

slaughterhouses."

There are ecological reasons for the seal hunt also.

Benjamin Limard, a professor of veterinary medicine at the University of Montreal said, "there are factors that favor the hunt. With the in-

growth will also increase the number of parasitic seal worms passed onto fish when they eat seal wastes

The fishing industry spent some fifty million dollars in 1984 to remove worms from catches by hand or machine, down grading the quality of the fish. Fish being one of Canada's largest exports.

The humanity of the seal hunt is something that has to be dealt with but it is not the only aspect.

The seal hunt affects not only animal rights but human rights also.

Before reaching any conclusions about the seal hunt, all the aspects have to be taken into consideration.

That way, all groups concerned will have the satisfaction of knowing that the issue of the seal hunt has been given the consideration it deserves.

"The clubbing of seal pups, when properly done, is probably more humane than what happens inside most slaughterhouses."

pate d'foie gras.

Then there is the idea that the clubbing of seal pups is inhumane. The Royal Commission on Sealing clarifies this.

"The clubbing of seal pups, when properly done, is probably more humane than what happens inside most

creased population growth the herds will become over populated and infected with parasites."

These parasites affect the fishing industry.

The president of the Fisheries Council of Canada said that the uncontrolled herd

Beat the heat

By CHRIS NAKASH
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Have you ever stopped to wonder how Bermudians can stand the heat of their tropical habitat all year long? Well, we now have a good idea. They go to Canada! Debbie DeSilva and John Stephens are two students who are currently enrolled in Nursing and Business Administration respectively at the University of New Brunswick. What makes them unique is that they both live in Bermuda.

Ever since Grade 12, DeSilva knew that she wanted to be a nurse, and had heard that UNB had one of the best nursing programs in the Maritimes. The fact that the nursing program here was accredited by the Bermuda Nurs-

ing Council meant that she could work in a hospital in Bermuda after graduation. However, DeSilva claims that the education was not the only reason she came to UNB, "It's not only the classes, but coming to a different country. You learn a whole new way of living from your own."

John Stephens, whose mother is originally from Manitoba, learned about UNB from family and friends. What he learned about the university helped him decide that this was the institution of higher education for him.

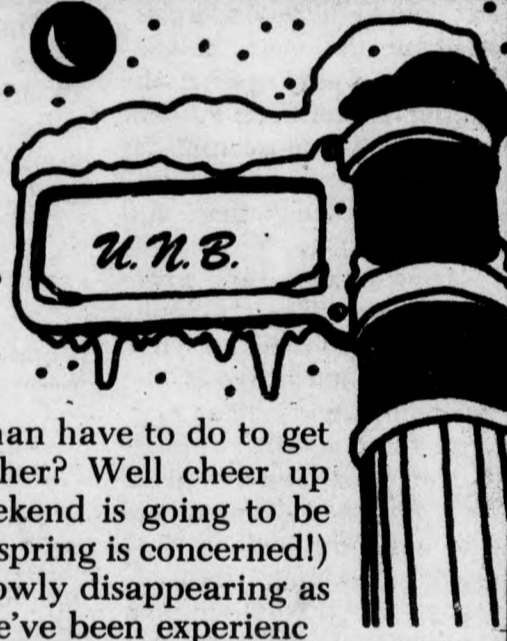
DeSilva and Stephens are respective residents of Lady Dunn Hall and Neill House. They enjoy attending inter residence socials and similar activities. Stephens also attends productions at the Theatre New Brunswick regularly and has developed some strong relationships with Frederictonians.

As sports enthusiasts, Stephens and DeSilva have attempted winter sports such as skiing and skating, and

reportedly "loved it".

When asked about the education she was receiving at UNB, DeSilva reported that she would recommend it to anybody.

Weekend
Weather
with
Wicked
Wanda



What does a woman have to do to get springtime to visit her? Well cheer up U.N.B.'ers, this weekend is going to be promising (as far as spring is concerned!) The snow will be slowly disappearing as this cold weather we've been experiencing slowly converts back to seasonal temperatures by Saturday. Because of the promised sunshine all weekend, it's going to be great for spring skiing! Dig out the shades, shorts and t-shirts and hit the slopes!

Wicked Wanda

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