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Soviet student media boring

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Welcome to the world of boredom, frustration and hope.

The Brunswickan recently received correspondence through the 2nd secretary of Press and Information office of the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa. Apparently, the "Tru" newspaper located on Tartu University, Estonia, U.S.S.R., wishes to develop an International exchange between our two student newspapers. Enclosed were several articles translated from Russian to English.

At first, I must admit, I was excited with the prospect of cooperating with such a noble

fered at UNB this fall. This

course teaches students about

the edibility, industrial and

mechanical uses, and methods

read some of them.

My excitement soon turned to frustration and then to boredom as I read through the stilted, translated copies. Perhaps the energy and honest beauty of student opinion was lost in translation but, even so, that is still no excuse for articles like: "Library - The Home of Thoughts.." and speaking of glaring translation errors, here is a beauty:

'But when the books were on their shelves, the library became our working place with its roughly 5 million volumes (plus 8 million in a future spacious out-house)!" l don't wish to diminish the

new openness policy in the U.S.S.R., but, on the other hand, I am a little disappointed copies "...no longer satisfy ..'

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Yes, boring stories are a world wide phenomenon. Not that all the articles submitted were bad. On the contrary, one in particular entitled "Our Newspaper" was really quite excellent.

Written by Varje Sootak, the editor of TRU, it frankly discusses many of the problems facing TRU in attempting to meet the needs of both the faculty and the student. They have many of the same problems we do.

l was impressed by the genuine honesty with which Sootak outlined the problems and strengths of the paper, at one point boldly stating that the paper's circulation of 3000

enterprise. That was before I with how boring and politically the 11,000 people on cam-

Sootak best describes the enlightened atmosphere in journalism within Russia with this statement:

"It has become particularly interesting in the past few

years when the drive for openness has given us the chance to write frankly about our difficulties, to criticize things more boldly, and publish different, at times even contradictory opinions."

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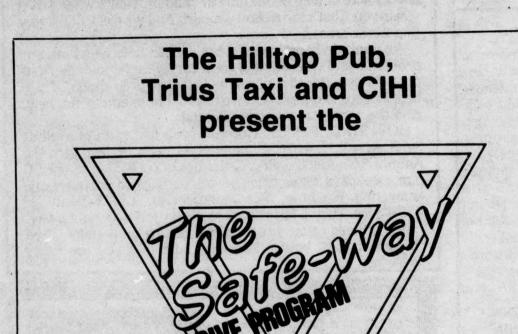
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