

## Let us begin...before it's too late

Dear Editor:

The latest spate of full length films to hit the television screen deal with a nuclear attack on an unsuspecting community. Recently one of this genre, "The Day After", was aired and it contributed to an awareness in some people that they had previously lacked. That is the value of the film. It is, in effect, a warning. This is not the first warning we've had.

In 1965, the BBC commissioned a film to be made on the same topic. The completed work was so horrific and detailed that the BBC refused to air it, stating that the general public would not be able to cope with the "reality" of a nuclear attack. This film has been shown at the Edmund Casey Hall at STU three times in the past year...it is horrific, devastating... you are numbed by it. It too is a warning.

The warnings have come to us for over a generation now. We have been told repeatedly that we must recognize the dangers inherent in the nuclear arms situation. There have been those in positions which should lend credence to their warnings; the scientists who created the atomic bomb, past and present members of the Pentagon, senators and congressmen of both parties in the U.S.

and past presidents of the U.S. This is what some of these people had to say:

The head of the scientific team which created the bomb, J. Robert Oppenheimer stated "I am become death, the destroyer of worlds." an often quoted remark. Another scientist on the project Robert Wilson became physically ill upon hearing the news of the casualties at Hiroshima. Yet another scientist, George Kistiakowsky a Russian emigre, said that he believed the last thing seen by the last man on earth would be the incredible light of the bomb. Enrico Fermi and Isador Rabi advised the Truman administration against the building of a hydrogen bomb; their main objection an ethical one, "It is necessarily an evil thing considered in any light." Rabi stated that due to scientist's efforts to make nuclear weapons more effective the result "is that nations are now lined up like people before the ovens of Auschwitz while we are trying to make the ovens more efficient." (Harper's, Dec. 1983)

President Jimmy Carter tried to revive negotiations on a comprehensive nuclear-test ban in 1977.

Twenty-seven years ago, U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower wrote a letter to Richard L. Simon, of Simon

and Schuster, giving his views on the implications of a major arms race... an excerpt was recently published in the Globe and Mail:

"We are rapidly getting to the point that no war can be won. War implies a contest; when you get to the point that contest is no longer involved and the outlook comes close to destruction of the enemy and suicide for ourselves - an outlook that neither side can ignore - then arguments as to the exact amount of available strength as compared to

somebody else's are no longer the vital issues.

When we get to the point, as we one day will, that both sides know that in any outbreak of general hostilities, regardless of the element of surprise, destruction will be both reciprocal and complete, possibly we will have enough sense to meet at the conference table with the understanding that the era of armaments has ended and the human race must conform its actions to this truth or die..."

When are we going to heed this and other warnings? While it is difficult to confront the issue, to deny or minimize the danger is not going to make it "go away". George Kennan, a former American Ambassador to Moscow said, "A beginning (for peace) has to be made somewhere. The alternatives are too terrifying."

Let us begin...to listen to the warnings; to learn from them; and to act, today...not the day after.

Kaye MacPhee

## Election promises fall by wayside

Dear Editor:

I was dismayed on Monday to find the Student Union President, John Bosnitch had once again delayed the business of the Students' Representative Council (SRC) by cancelling this week's meeting.

I chanced to see his election platform soon after hearing of the cancellation and noticed he is already bending, if not breaking, his all too recent campaign promises.

Most importantly, he has blocked the passage of the 1983-84 budget for yet another week. Item 4 of his campaign platform promises to rebuild the Student Union budget process. If he would stop standing in the way, perhaps the SRC could pass one first. Comptroller Darren Evans was hoping to pass all but four items of the budget on Monday. The four items are to go to committee Friday (today) for further review. I ask Mr. Bosnitch how he can accuse his comptroller of not doing his work, and then blocking passage of a legitimately constructed budget.

As if the budget delay were not enough, the business of amending the constitution has also been delayed. Mr. Bosnitch promised a new constitution in Item 10 of his platform. He might have made things more simple if he would begin by making council

proceedings legal under the old constitution before bringing in the sorely needed new one. At present, the constitution requires representatives-at-large to sit on council. Last year, it was decided to abolish the position, and there were no such seats available at the November 9 election. Unfortunately, council never quite got around to amending the section in question, so theoretically, the council is illegal. Notice of motion has been given repeatedly, yet Mr. Bosnitch, constitutional expert that he is, deemed it unnecessary to have council legalize itself by officially abolishing the rep-at-large seats.

A further item the council might have considered Monday night was the matter of the proposed reduction of hours of cafeteria operation, which the SUB Board has already approved. During question period of the SRC meeting of November 14, Mr. Bosnitch indicated he would bring the matter up at the next meeting. Most councillors showed up Monday, giving the president a perfect opportunity to begin making UNB a "Campus for the Students". Obviously, in Mr. Bosnitch's eyes, the students can wait, because he cancelled the meeting.

Mr. Bosnitch, as a member of the Student Union and as a councillor, I

ask you to call a meeting of the SRC between now and the end of your term of office so we may pass the budget and rebuild the system, legalize council and implement a new constitution, and give the students their campus. I find it distressing that you have so soon justified my voting for one of your opponents in the recent election.

Sincerely  
Chris Chapman

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Dear Editor:

On behalf of the UNB Business Society, we would like to take this opportunity to heartily congratulate AIESEC on their commendable Business Luncheon. The Luncheon, held at the Wandlyn on Tuesday, November 22, was attended by students, professors and members of the business community.

The guest speaker, Mr. Paul Dawson, Minister of Commerce and Development, delivered an interesting insight on business opportunities of the future.

The Luncheon proved to be an overall success and once again CONGRATS ON A JOB WELL DONE!

UNB Business Society

## Brooks gives thanks

Dear Editor:

The Red 'n Black is over, at least on stage, for another year.

As director of this year's show, I would like to acknowledge and thank all those who really made this year's show come off.

Not enough credit can be given to this year's executive. Their skill and the amount of work they did were invaluable.

The incredible talent of the performers ensured a good time for all in attendance, and all the back stage and administrative

volunteers deserve equal praise.

A final thanks to all who came to this year's show. It's your applause that keeps us going.

Stephen Brooks

P.S.: Unfortunately, some people who saw the show and some who were in the show feel there were inadequacies in this year's direction. My deepest apologies to these people; for although any credit belongs to everyone involved, any blame is entirely mine.