

The growing pains of CAMPUS

GOALS! The continuing saga of the UNB Zoomers.

by Patti-Post Smyth

Some thought she was a goner, but Pat came back...from walking pneumonia and probably the boogie woogie blues...but my brush with a little pain cannot compare with the growing pains that CAMPUS has been suffering in the last little while.

Some relief is in the offing, however. You will be relieved to know that at least one election is over. (although this one did not take up so much prime-time television.) The relatively small number of Zoomers that got out to vote last Friday have elected the following people as executive officers for the year: President: Yours Truly, Vice-President: Rick Slezack, Treasurer: Kim Goodine, Secretary: Cheryl Jensen, Director at Large: Paul Roper, Brenda Hay and Paul Matheson have agreed to fulfill their second term as Directors at Large. We still need at least one more Director at Large and several appointees to sit on various committees. We would like to thank Lex Ross, Director of Long Distance Learning, for the fine job he did as Returning Officer. Now all we have to do is find an agreeable time to everyone to hold some executive meeting. Not as easy as it sounds sometimes.

While the voting was going on Friday we began our annual meeting. I use the word "began" because by one-thirty we had lost our quorum and had no choice but to

table nine of the proposed amendments to the constitution (CAMPUS not Canada)...Had it not been for some good advice from Marilyn Noble, Tony Tremblay and Stephanie Slaunwhite, and Lex Ross we might be there still. Thanks folks for giving up your lunches to support us. Anyway, if you'd like to rejoin or drop in for the first time to witness the continuing saga of the UNB Zoomers we will try again on Friday, November 6 at 12:30. (We have to give at least two weeks notice of a meeting. This is the notice!) In case you would like to be in on the discussion, and we would really welcome you input, the following is a brief description of some of issues we have before us:

1. Directors at Large should be granted full voting rights and be subject to the same responsibilities as other members of the executive
2. The Vice-President's position should be expanded to include duties normally handled by a Publicity Manager.
3. Students, while not members of the executive, shall be specially appointed by the executive to represent CAMPUS on various committees.
4. Honoraria for executive members shall be considered.
5. If honoraria is decided upon then executive members shall be subject to a performance review twice in each term.
6. An impeachment clause be added for failure to attend meeting, abusive behaviour toward any other execu-

tive member, and/or misappropriation of funds.

7. Quorum shall consist of two-thirds of elected members.
8. Amendments to take effect immediately upon their passage.
9. Duties of Officers shall be expanded to include giving direction to any employed office staff. The secretary is to supply copies of the last minutes to each member at every meeting.
10. A change in the scheduling of the fiscal year.
11. The name CAMPUS shall also remain but members may be referred to as Zoomers.
12. Signing authority and the relationship of those members to each other will be discussed.
13. That a system be put in place to allow members unable to attend on campus to be eligible to vote on issues and elections by proxy.
14. When, if ever, should the President have a vote?

There you have it. These and many more exciting issues are still to come your way. Don't forget, we don't always work through lunch, especially on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11:30 to 1:30 in the Victoria Room, Third Floor, Old Arts Building.

Oh, no. I feel a quote coming on: "You'll find in no park or city/A monument to a committee." - Victoria Pasternak. (No, but I bet you can find a Zoomer in every class.)

The Wimmin's Room Spoil your ballot

OPINION! The Accord is the result of a power struggle between two white male elites.

by Rita Hurley

The referendum debate is slogging to a close in this its fifth and final week. I cannot let it pass without using this opportunity to make an analogy between the position of the citizens of this country in this event and those of us feminists who lean toward a radical position.

The Charlottetown Accord is the result of a long term power struggle between two predominantly white male elites. One is composed of power brokers in Quebec and the other is composed of movers and shakers on the Federal scene, including the ten Premiers and one lone representative of Canada's native population.

Now I am no expert but what these power blocs have agreed to seems to be a deal dividing up the arrangements for power-sharing between them and them. The citizens of this country did not choose the issues that were negotiated nor were we consulted on any alternative solutions. Doesn't it strike you as odd that now we are being asked if it meets with our approval?

Now thinkers have shown that when government is effected by an elite, the larger the group being ruled, the more restricted are the choices offered to them. The maximum limit of minimal choice is to be allowed to offer your opinion in one word or less. Indeed, the document upon which you will offer your opinion has been in existence for less than three weeks. The debate about it has focused on forecasts of the future that, whether the vote is 'yes' or 'no', predict the end of the constitutional debate, national bankruptcy, personal bankruptcy and moral bankruptcy.

So where does that leave us, the citizens, on Monday? Clearly, our action of voting in the referendum is a tool to be manipulated by those with a vested interest in the outcome of this deal. There has been no guarantee of any action that will be taken by anyone given any numerical outcome of the vote. The battle lines of the meanings of various outcomes are already being drawn. Face it. Your 'yes' vote means whatever they want it to mean. Your 'no' vote means whatever they want it to mean. The only possibility of making a point to these charlatans is to refuse to participate in their charade.

This is the essence of the radical position. When a group is trapped in an arrangement in which they are powerless, it sometimes appears that their only hope is to withdraw and build, to the extent possible, a culture around alternative values. This can occur in a violent explosion of resistance called a revolution, or in a quiet dignified struggle as was that set as an example for us by Mohandas Gandhi.

Therefore I urge you, if you feel it important to fulfill your commitment to the democratic process, spoil your ballot. If you have better things to do son Oct. 26, do them. Trust me, you will not be missed.

The Black Triangle: "Basic Instinct" — continued from page 9

flick and you will draw the same numbers.

Of course you wouldn't bring in an honest "porn flick" to our upright institution. At least you wouldn't advertise it for the general population. This semi-disguised stuff is what the entertainment arm of the SU uses to get the same titillation without getting the brass in an uproar.

These councillors don't think about, or don't care, whether any act they bring in promotes hatred toward an already oppressed group—minorities are, after all, in the minority. There is something particular to this campus (or maybe it's this decade and UNB is just a sample) that celebrates its bigotries. The UNB SU has an on-going record of racial and sexual abuse ignorance—and I'm beginning to believe attacks. An example is last year's comic fiasco, where the comedian offered a choice of acts, one clean the other racial the Union rep chose the racial!

As well there was the attempted reprogramming of CHSR to provide the majority of airtime to the majority of students (that is white, of course, and would not leave enough airtime for the "other-than" students to have a voice) and pressure on the Bruns to ditch the Spectrum section because it made the paper too "minority oriented". Last years budget cuts were all made against cultural and mixed groups cash was re-allocated to "pubs" and to the councillors themselves for some amazingly expensive conference trips (Yuppie Tourist Package deals).

This year they've started off with demure silence while international students battle a racist business faculty, and with "Basic Instinct". Thanks for all the support folks. Now there will be some fresh imprinting in the minds of heterosexuals, and closeted homosexuals, that tells them lesbians are twisted and dangerous, and it's alright to hurt them. Well, I might as well start trying to re-educate some of them, now. 'll only have to do it later:

- 1) Lesbians do not hate men.
- 2) Lesbians do not have solely sex centred relationships, or get off just as easily (or better) when a man is also involved.
- 3) Because a lesbian fits the male idea of beautiful does not automatically mean she is bi-sexual.
- 4) Lesbians are no more violent than straight women during break-ups—and studies show a much higher percentage of men are violent at these times than women.
- 5) Being in the closet does not necessarily make you psychotic nor is it a symptom of psychosis.
- 6) Ice picks are penis symbols, since (most) lesbians do not wish to be men, and a "man hating" lesbian less so, perhaps they should have had her butcher her victims with a cookie cutter.
- 7) Rape is wrong. Date rape is still rape. Women don't get off on being raped by their

dates.

8) Writers don't play head games with the people around them just to get story ideas. (I couldn't resist that one)

Just a note: GALA is going strong, and meets regularly. You can get info on them by calling the gay line (it's in the phone book). And I have a classified ad. a gay, or gay-positive roommate is wanted for a new mini-home in Lincoln. There is a regular drive to campus. You have to like cats. phone 446-6969

GALA upcoming events
The following events have been organised for your immense pleasure. In addition to the regular drop-in centre every two weeks visiting speakers, films and games are being planned. Any additional zany ideas are, as ever, extremely welcome. Please submit these in person at the meetings or by mail to: GALA, UNB Help Centre, SUB. Opinions

as to how we might raise the level of awareness of gays, lesbians and bisexuals on campus amongst the general community are also welcome.

Friday, 23 - Drop in Centre, 7pm onwards. Usual location.

saturday 24 - BBQ at 2pm. Venue as advertised at the drop-in centre on Friday.
Monday 26 - Film: Propsero's Books, at the Ecole Ste. Anne at 8pm. Peter Greenaway's latest sensory overload extravaganza features a few frankly gay moments with some outrageously gay performers/characters.

Friday 30 - Meeting and committee elections. Followed by, would you believe, Gay Monopoly!

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