

Letters to the Editor, continued . . .

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Is Bud Bird another Archie Bunker?

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment on a statement made recently by the Honourable Bud Bird in Boston, the land of the coveted American dollar.

I take the liberty to quote the Honourable Bud Bird in order to refresh the public's memory: "The greatest threat to the future of the North American salmon is posed by illegal and excessive salmon fishing by Indians."

This statement by the Honourable Bud Bird is viewed by native North Americans, such as myself, as a juvenile and feeble attempt to acquire political points and more tourist dollars.

The statement is akin to the onourable Bud Bird making the statement about buffalo in the early nineteenth century: "the greatest threat to the future of the North American buffalo is posed by the illegal and excessive buffalo hunting by Indians."

The point is, that statements such as these are foolish and

dangerous . . . foolish because the native Indian of North America has been here since the Great Spirit created him, and he has never encountered the problem of salmon depletion, buffalo depletion or the depletion of any wildlife. This is a problem today not due to mismanagement, as the Honourable Bud Bird says, but due to greed. While the Indian alone "managed" the salmon, there were no such problems. It is not the Indian who is busy courting the American "sports" like Ted Williams, it is not the Indian who goes out to rape the ocean of all fish, it is not the Indian who runs the giant fish-factory ships and, finally, the Indian is not a poacher as he has the right to fish.

The Honourable Bud Bird's statement is dangerous because it fans racist sentiments. The Honourable Bud Bird should be reminded that he represents the views of the New Brunswick Government and its people. This includes Indians in New Brunswick

unless the Honourable Bud Bird does not consider Indians as people. What purpose does the statement serve for New Brunswick? All it does is inflame emotions and perpetuate stereotypes. I would suggest the Premier seriously reconsider the Honourable Bud Bird's cabinet position.

In these hard economic times (for some) it is easy and convenient to put the Native population in the role of a scapegoat. It is in times such as these when people look to their elected government for answers—responsible action and positive results.

It appears that this government has chosen to try to keep the fishermen happy while at the same time answer to powerful and noisy special interest groups. Then there are those coveted American tourist dollars which must be kept flowing into New Brunswick. The Honourable Bud Bird does not want to offend these groups, so picks out the group with the least

political clout—the Indians. He, in fact accept this statement. If this makes them the heavies. In this is the case then they just may be way the public does not think of the mental calibre that the Honourable Bud Bird has attempted to put them in, and if this is so, of the government.

Since I first read his statement I then feelings, attitudes and have been debating whether the conflicts will remain unchanged, Honourable Bud Bird is a racist or much to the detriment of all the he is an Archie Bunker who does people of New Brunswick.

not see the racism in such a statement. I also wonder whether the people in New Brunswick will

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Maliseet Nation

Catch a clue

Dear Madam:

If the Task Force on Energy Conservation on the UNB Campus tells us that turning off washroom lights is going to save the university a significant amount of energy (and money), well, more power to them—I'll turn them off! But when I walk into the Harriet Irving on a Sunday evening and see all six glass doors wide open and the thermostat in the Lord Thomson Reading Room registering 74 degrees F (21 degrees C), it makes me think that someone isn't doing his/her part. Furthermore, when I go to the Lady Reaverbrook Gymnasium for a swim or to play paddleball and see three vacated showers going full,

blast and another half dozen dripping a litre or two of hot water per minute, I can't help but feel that there is an incredible amount of waste happening and that some (possibly) educated people still don't have a clue about energy conservation.

The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission makes forecasts of future energy demands based on past and present consumption (i.e. trends). No wonder we have a dirty little nuclear power plant being built at Point Lepreau when people refuse to conserve.

Sincerely,
Brian Ha
Forestry

Mystery person challenged

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to the letters by Mister Greg Foxe, with regards to the actions of the UNB Campus Police. As a past Chief of C.P.'s, I have a number of comments to direct to Mr. Foxe.

To begin with, I have been on this campus for five years now, and a C.P. for the last four of them. It has been a very long time since a C.P. worked at Jones house, and I cannot recall ever having worked there myself. They have to the best of my knowledge, done a fine job by themselves, and never needed our help. This is indeed commendable, to have a house membership that is disciplined enough to police their own pub. On that note I find it difficult to comprehend when, and where these alleged occasions of "Jones house members saving C.P.'s asses" took place.

Secondly, it is glaringly obvious that Mr. Foxe has no idea of how difficult the job of a C.P.'s. In a typical pub there are usually about 250-300 people in attendance. Due to the strained budgets of several residences, and clubs on

campus, this means the can only afford two to four C.P.'s on duty. Hopefully even you Mr. Foxe can figure out that ratio of C.P.'s to the people they are attempting to control. Since you happen to be more familiar with Jones house, I will try to inform you on the difference of running a pub in Jones house, and being a C.P. A C.P. has to be familiar with more than one building on campus with various layouts and problems peculiar to each. At Jones house they have a maximum of three doors to watch. Once the pub is in full swing, I would doubt whether they have more than 350 people to contend with. If anything were to go wrong they have the entire house membership to call upon. On the other hand, when there is a major function at the Aitken Centre, the C.P.'s have to guard up to eleven different entrances and exits, in addition to trying to keep the peace with well over a thousand people in various stages of drunkenness. In addition to that there has never been any incident to my knowledge, where a Jones house member has had to, or even offered to help a C.P. in trouble. This is due, in my opinion, to the

competence of the C.P.'s on duty. I doubt whether any regular group of students from Jones house, or any other place on campus, could do as well. If you have any doubt about my statements, Mr. Foxe, I suggest you consult the Director of the Aitken Centre, Dean of Students, Dean of Men's Residences or Steve Berube.

Finally, Mr. Foxe, in your last letter, after rambling on in a feeble, and very rude attempt to insult Dave Young, you accuse him of being "devoid of intelligent thought." I suggest you yourself are guilty of the very accusation you charge Mr. Young. Regardless of what Mr. Young said, he at least had the courtesy and conscience to sign his own name. I truly feel sorry for a person who is as paranoid as you apparently are Mr. Foxe. I really have no idea what you are so afraid of. Might I suggest if you have anything to say in the future, have the intestinal fortitude to identify yourself. Any coward can mindlessly criticize people in a position of responsibility, without signing his own name.

Yours truly,
Ian MacMillan

Showdown results

Residence Sports Reps.,
Campus Mail

House. Both received trophies from Oland representative, Bruce

Dar Rep:

Elliot at the Red Devil's Saturday game against Mt. A.

Again we have finished our Oland-Schooner Showdown at our home games. This year saw two houses not have their reps show up for competition (MacKenzie and L.B.R.). But, generally speaking, everything came off with few problems.

On behalf of the Red Devils, thanks for your participation. We hope that your House enjoyed participating in the Showdown. We look forward to seeing you again next season.

This year's winners were goalie Joe Butts from Jones House and shooter Jim McDonough of Bridges

Sincerely,
Donald MacAdam,
Hockey Coach



Upcoming Canada World Youth exchange

Canada World Youth selecting participants for its up-coming exchange programs with developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America and representation is needed from New Brunswick . . .

CWY is an international youth exchange program funded in part by the Canadian International Development Agency and in its 8th consecutive year. Its aim is to promote an understanding and appreciation of development and intercultural communication, and to stimulate a deeper awareness of the role and place of young

people in the world to-day.

Any healthy young Canadian between the ages of 17 and 20, working, looking for a job or studying can apply. S/he is ready to learn about development through volunteer work projects within communities in Canada as well as overseas.

After a month-long orientation camp, CWY groups, made up usually of 14 Canadian and exchange country participants, along with a Canadian and exchange country group leader, integrate themselves into a

community in Canada through volunteer work in one of the following areas: agriculture, co-ops, environment, social services, small businesses, recreation or community groups. In the exchange country participants work on other projects.

The CWY exchange program lasts a little over seven months: the first half in Canada, the second half overseas. There are two starting dates: program A starts in July, with the application deadline March 15; program B starts in September, with the deadline

April 1.

All costs for food, lodging and transportation during the program are covered by CANADA WORLD YOUTH. Participants also receive some pocket money.

Applications are available at

Canada Manpower Centres, schools and colleges, or contact the CWY regional office at: CANADA WORLD YOUTH 1652 Barrington Street Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2A2

