

## Mugwump Journal

By EDISON STEWART

It's been a long, long time since I've had a shock like that. So here it is folks: we elected to Senate a guy who says he can sell vacuum cleaners well; President Roy Neale, as winner, hands out roses and bouquets to all assembled after the election; and Comptroller Fud Steeves just got in by 36 - count 'em - 36 votes.

And I still don't believe it.

There are a multitude of factors in an election like this one; too many to list. I wouldn't know where to begin.

But I figured you might be interested in a few election-night happenings that usually go unnoticed.

\*First, the Brunswickan staff was, for the most part, convinced that Neale and Fisher would win. We were so sure, in fact, that an editorial was written early Wednesday afternoon which we referred to Comptroller Fisher. Needless to say the reference had to be replaced on Wednesday night.

\*Rick Fisher was actually working on the polls Wednesday. When no one showed up to represent the faculty at the SUB poll, Rick plunged right in there to do his duty. (A good idea for the future might be to write into the constitution some provision which would make this sort of practise illegal.)

\*A lot of polls were having trouble with staff. Apparently a lot of faculty weren't showing up to take their positions, and I'm told students were a little negligent as well. The powers that be might like to correct this situation as well.

\*Many people on The Brunswickan staff thought that writing an editorial endorsing some of the candidates would do a lot of harm. I'm glad to see they were proven wrong too. I still did a column, but the results seem to me to have disregarded my recommendations. So there's going to be a good deal of thought in this office about how powerful the paper actually is. Perhaps not as powerful as we would like it to be.

\*A lot of posters were ripped down - either that or ripped in two and left hanging - and it seems to me there must be a few children yet hanging around these halls of wisdom.

And that's all I've got to say.

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The Board of Governors also met Wednesday. About the biggest thing that happened there was the approval of \$35,000 in scholarships. \$25,000 will go to entrance scholarships, with the rest going to undergrads. Just in case you're interested, I'm told that we'll know right around the first of March on the fee increase. So if the boys are planning one, you should know by then.

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A few people in McKenzie House should be interested in this one: Page 15 of the annual report of the Bank of Montreal shows a color photo of five smiling faces - two of which are females from the campus bank - standing in front of the Old Arts Building. Here's the caption:

'The Bank of Montreal has branches on or near 17 campuses across Canada and with thousands of students to serve, we run into some novel problems. But a most unusual situation arose when the students of the Mackenzie House residence at the University of New Brunswick decided to create an extra recreation room.

Weathered barn boards were the favored decor, but the cost was beyond the budget until someone told them about a farmer who had a barn he wanted demolished. If they did the work, they could have the boards. The deal was arranged and the barn was soon levelled. One problem though. They tore down the wrong barn. The Bank of Montreal campus branch came to the rescue with a loan so the students could compensate a rather disgruntled owner.'

How do you like them apples?



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## Where do meek and mild stand ?

By MAURICE GAUTHIER

Well, it's that time of year again. Welcome the new and cheer out the old! Ta-ra-ta-ra-ta-ra!

Was it only two days ago that we played a role in that biannual ceremony of elevating those among us who sensed their leadership qualities pushing them upward and onward toward greater accomplishments for their fellow students? Certainly, those of us too timid and meek to take on the challenges offered by an SRC seat owe much to those noble-minded princes (and princesses). Ring in the news!

There still remains, however, one nagging doubt. I mean, after the "pats on the back" and the celebrating have pressed, and after the campaign posters in Tilley and the SUB have either fallen off the walls or been removed, where do we, the "meek and mild" stand? What exactly will those votes of confidence given to winning candidates mean to us? "Conscientious and responsible", "interested in student affairs" - was that it? "I have attended UNB for two years, have been active in seventeen clubs while maintaining a first division average and am generally considered to be an all-round great guy!" - isn't that what the posters said?

The question remains that after subsidizing (it's our money) a dozen or so hopefuls in their efforts to advertize what ideal SRC members they would be, what do we get? Granted, we realize how

important it is for those newly-elected to acquire prestigious job references and to have the satisfaction of strolling about the campus knowing that they are the chosen ones. But then what? Will SRC meetings continue to be plagued with absenteeism, or in the case of those in attendance, chronic disconcert? Will the executive still be able to count on the faculty representatives and those at large to perpetuate their policy of "rubber stamping" most proposals (especially those sending senior members to conferences in Toronto, etc...)?

Next week, this space will probably be filled with a letter from some indignant and equally obscure councillor justifying his position by listing the multitude of facilities that I would be without if it wasn't for my SRC. He will probably conclude by suggesting that the problem with this place lies in the high density of apathetic individuals like myself. Believe me, I really appreciate my ID card getting me into football and hockey games, the SUB, not to forget that cross-section of clubs and student organizations which candidates seem so fond of patronizing. However, these outlets exist under the auspices of what should more appropriately be called the "Student's Council" - S.C. (i.e. the president, comptroller, and friends). Forget the "Representative" bit, it's a myth! As far as my personal apathetic sentiments are concerned, it's my life. I do feel, however, that this attitude of mine

disqualifies me from serving on student governing bodies, a situation which does not seem to apply to a large number of councillors who are content to "do their thing" at election time only. From what we have witnessed in past years on this campus, it does not seem unreasonable to expect the newly-elected councillors to fade into oblivion during the next few months while paying lip-service to the very issues they were so concerned about at election time. Eventually, after having put their time in at SRC meetings, some will rise again to take on a more responsible and prestigious job in the bureaucracy, perhaps as governor or even as senator, all this, of course, in the "interest" of the student body.

Anyway we, the "meek and mild" of this university, wish to congratulate all those recently elected "reps" on their newly acquired "job references" and are looking forward to several more months of non-representation!

**IMPORTANT  
STAFF  
MEETING  
to deal with the  
constitution to  
be held Sunday  
Room 35 SUB**