

Will student apathy victimize elections again?

When looking at the results of Viewpoint this week we, once again, became painfully aware of the apathy on this campus. Upcoming very soon are the Student Representative Council and Student Senator elections. We can just imagine the ho-hums that are crossing the faces of many people, and all we can do is shake our heads. Students sitting on both bodies have so much to contribute in the way of the future of this university and the present issues which affect us all.

You complain about housing, lack of accomodations, parking on campus, perhaps have thoughts of SUB expansion, student aid, and well, it is useless to carry on the list forever. Right now "we" and we do mean "we" are getting heavily involved in the Atlantic Area Union of Students through our representatives and the present campaign, as seen on page one, is student aid. They (meaning student representatives from all Universities in New Brunswick as well as the other Atlantic provinces) have been meeting with their respective governments trying to get, for example, the ceiling on student loans before being eligible for a bursary lowered, having correctly filled out loan applications ALL processed by September 1st, not to mention setting up an on-going committee to provide input on issues involving students, in the government (ie. Landlord-Tenant Act).

It is not possible to discuss, even the bare important issues these involved students take part in. You may not see the results visibly but they are there and it really hurts to hear students say they "don't give a shit" about the SRC or, for that matter, Senate or Board of Governors Elections. It seems you give "a shit" about some of the issues they face, but

it is a shame many do not care about the people trying to do something about these issues, in your favour.

And it makes us even madder to see people sit back and complain about the terrible jobs others are doing and yet will not get up and either submit some input or more ambitiously get involved by running for positions.

In the first fall election a number of SRC seats were filled by acclamation and one of those included AN EXECUTIVE, the vice president, Gary E. Stairs. As well some were not contested causing a by-election and well, that's water under another bridge.

Please do not let this happen again. There are plenty of seats open and just because you have never gotten involved before does not mean you will not get elected or couldn't do the job. Let's get rid of this ugly mess of apathy and prove we care about what happens to UNB. That may sound corny, but each election seems to have fewer people running every time. We fought for representation on our Senate and Board and now have a hard time finding enough students to run. You should consider your right to take part and your right to vote (that's another issue) as seriously as your right to provincial and federal franchise. If you absolutely cannot run, please, at least, vote. It doesn't take that much time from your schedule.

Just to remind you, the following positions are up for grabs February 12th (nominations close January 29th): SRC: President, Comptroller, one rep-at-large, one engineering rep, one grad rep, one education rep, one business, one phys. ed., one law, one Science rep, and two Arts reps. For Senate: three students (out of a total of six reps) to be elected at large. And the

graduating class must elect a President, Vice President, Secretary-treasurer and Valedictorian. Information concerning the SRC elections may be obtained at the SRC office in the SUB or from

returning officer Danny Sargent and for the Senate elections the person to see is Dugald Blue, University Secretary.

Please don't just sit on your butt.

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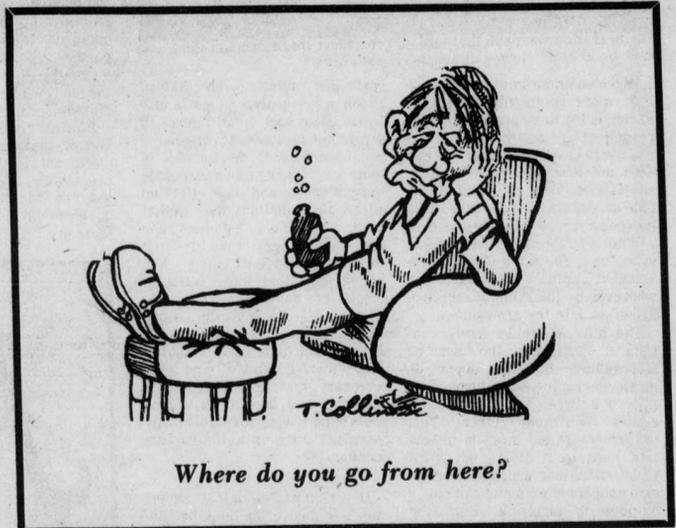
Who says the Yearbook is dead? Nobody who has seen the 1974 edition... and if that "don't sell the 1975 book nothing will", except maybe the hardworking group putting it out.

Every year the issue of whether we can sell enough yearbooks not to go in the red comes up. And speaking of student apathy, if this does occur, we will definitely give up this campus as hopeless. A yearbook may not necessarily appeal to you now, but years from now, when you are trying to remember you lab partner or the

guy on the street you know was the drunk in the social club.

Sure, you say, the old cliches, but think again bud, or budess, yearbooks are for remembering and we definitely feel that this edition arriving on campus just recently proves the quality of the book just keeps getting better and better.

BUY A YEARBOOK... Available for \$8 in the SRC office in the SUB. You can see last year's book is certainly worth the money, actually worth much more, an excellent job. We are looking for another great effort.



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