

Inside Track by Allan Patrick

ELECTION PRIMER

Last year at this time (SRC elections) I made the Editorial page of the Brunswickan with my predictions on the outcome of the Presidential race - the fight for the biggest office in our union. As it turned out, my "rating system" for the candidates turned out to be fairly accurate. Not one to rest on my laurels, I am going to give it another stab this year, and try to tell you in advance WHO your next president will be. Well, here goes.

Paul Martin - Paul is a 3rd year Psyc student who surprised me by running; I've known him this year, but knew nothing of any aspirations of this sort. He is president of the German Society this year, so knows the basics of SRC politics, and was involved in student affairs at Mount A before coming here. Nonetheless, freshness can make the difference, and only two years ago a new man came into the picture and became our president - Jim Smith. Overall intelligent and determined, rates 5.

Steve Berube - Steve had got to be the favourite in this election. A veteran of the SRC (Business Rep), a Student Senator last year, and presently a student member of the Board of Governors, he has a list of other credits that complete a picture of experience and political maturity hard to beat. I served on the SRC and Senate with Steve, and know his judgement and discretion to be undeniably sound. My choice for president, rates 9.

Mark McIntyre-Kelly, I must admit that this is the surprise of the year. Mark has been on this campus for at least 5 years (he is in BED 5) and for the life of me, I cannot bring to mind one time that he has been in any position of authority in a student group. I also severely doubt his reasons for running, as someone with so little experience can hardly know what he is getting into. Watch for his campaign platform, I certainly will. Summary-questionable at most; rates 2.

CO-ED OR CO-OP?

At the Student Leadership Conference last Sunday, one of the major areas of concern was that centering around the possibility of a Co-ed residence on campus next year. (See Viewpoint, page 8) It now seems all too possible that in an attempt to attract more people into the residences next year, the Administration will authorize the switch of one of our residences, or a few floors of one of them, to go Co-ed. This will take either the form of having a few floors of men in McLeod, a few floors of McLeod integrated with both sexes, or integrating Maggie Jean. I would hope for one of the former, as the 60-plus number of vacancies in the women's residences would indicate that now may be the time to close Maggie. We might as well face it; after the report on the budget projections from the Joint Residence Committee, drastic changes have to be made if the residences are to be self supporting in five years. Added to the savings in closing the Maggie (which I would truly mourn as a necessary evil) would be the added savings of having one less outlet for Saga to operate. Talk to Frank Gilette if you don't think that matters.

Although it is not under serious consideration by the Administration, I think that the possibility of a Co-op residence is a real one. At the Leadership Conference Kevin Orpen, representing the N.B. Residence Co-operative, described in great detail the mechanics of Co-op living, and I for one was impressed. In the Co-ops (there are presently two on Aberdeen St., and one on Union St.) groups of students share the chores of cooking and cleaning while saving considerable amounts of money over the student in residence. It costs about \$1050. per university year to live in the Co-ops, and this includes a monthly allowance for food. According to Kevin, everyone eats well; they make a point of cooking well as they have to eat it. Makes sense.

One thing must be pointed out, though. It takes a certain kind of person with a minimum level of responsibility to have an effective Co-op. There must be an implicit understanding among the members that responsibility and chores MUST be shared equally, or the whole system will collapse. Consequently, those now in the few Co-ops are there because they are among the few people who CAN make it work. Kevin states that members in the Co-op usually stay two years or more. Whether or not this would work on a larger scale here on campus is only going to be found out by trying. In my opinion, a Co-ed residence will provide little advantage or attraction over the present residences, and certainly no cost advantage. A Co-op however, with greatly reduced costs (and given tight administration) would be a viable alternative to the residences as they now exist. McLeod, after all was MADE as a Co-op in the first place, and would be my choice for an experiment in Co-op living. Trying it on a few floors wouldn't be a great risk, and wouldn't involve major renovations. I hope that the Administration doesn't let this idea die without some serious consideration.

UNB open chess championships

The 4th Annual UNB Winter Open promises to be a very exciting event as four of New Brunswick's top players have indicated their intentions of playing.

Tom-Duckie Gibson has won the last two UNB tournaments without suffering a defeat and is looking for a hat trick.

Phil Brunet, the provinces highest ranked player and former Quebec Champion, is expected to provide top class competition. Rumors have it that Phil is wearing his hunting gear and expects to do some off-season duck hunting.

Also planning to play is Wallemas Freisen who has recently been terrorizing New Brunswick, having won the last three provincial tourneys he has played in.

Rounding off this top notch competition is Fred McKim who has just won the Saint John City and District championship with a perfect score and hopes to continue his winning ways this weekend. Known to some of us as the 'Garbage Man' Fred has informed me that he intends to start playing a cleaner brand of chess.

Rumours have it that Joe Patzer might come along and beat the shit out of all four of them.

The tournament is open to players of all strengths and is being run in two sections.



Section A is for the stronger or more experienced player and starts at 8:00 p.m. Fri (tonight). There will be three rounds on Saturday and two on Sunday. Everyone will play all six games whether win or lose. Entry fee for students in Sec A is \$4.00. Players in this section must be members of the Chess Federation of Canada. CFC memberships are available at the tournament \$11.00. Those joining for the first time will not be required to pay the entry fee of \$4.00.

Section B is for the less experienced player or beginner; and will start at 7:30 p.m. Fri Play

will continue on Sat finishing up around 5:00 p.m. Entry fee for this section is \$2.00 for students.

Registration for both sections starts tonight at 6:00 p.m. in Room 103 of the SUB.

If you don't feel up to form why not drop in as a spectator. As a warm up for the tournament we will give a chess problem to solve. Chess Problem White to play and mate in two moves.

Solution to problem 1. Q-N8 check R x Q 2. N-B7 checkmate

Traps are a form of torture

By JOHN HAMILTON

Approximately 13 million animals are trapped in North America every year, and most of them die a slow, painful death in the jaws of a steel leg-hold trap. This nightmare of death, born and fed on society's vanity continues even when synthetic furs can identically and economically be substituted for the real thing.

Among animals trapped in Canada are beavers, squirrels, foxes, muskrats, lynx, and racoons. For the money their deaths bring to trappers, is the intensity of their pain and suffering worth it?

The steel trap has been outlawed in six European countries but is still in common use in Canada. It is a well-hidden type of trap and once the animal is encased, he can struggle for days and weeks before dying. The trap cuts the flesh and often breaks the bone of the unlucky animal, who may be exposed to immeasurable thirst, hunger, freezing temperatures and exhaustion, on top of the agonizing pain inflicted by the trap.

In their struggle for freedom, many animals tear their own flesh, gnaw off their paw, or break their

teeth against the hard, cold metal of the trap.

Sometimes mothers discover their young ones caught in such a trap. They usually chew off the leg or paw involved and enable their offspring to escape. In trapping terms this is called a "wring off".

Some trappers, wishing to prevent this type of escape, set their traps on or near the water. The unfortunate animal now must struggle for life in freezing water, and eventually drowns. However, some animals like beaver, can be submerged for 20 minutes before death.

The traps are intended only for fur-bearing animals, but many others, such as ducks, owls, porcupines, birds, and family pets, commonly wander into them. To the trapper these animals are called trash and must be destroyed and discarded because they are of no economical use.

According to an article by Desiree Desender in "The Spoke" a Canadian survey of 2 traplines over a five-year period showed that for 561 animals trapped whose fur was purchased, there were 1350 additional animals tortured in the steel jaw trap.

As well, several unsuspecting humans have been maimed or

killed by the hidden traps. Notably, in 1969 there was a 5-year old Ontario girl who died in the teeth of a trap.

Trappers, like hunters, justify their pastime in many ways. One trapper is quoted as saying "I trap for the enjoyment of being out in nature as much as catching anything. It gives me a sense of serenity and getting away from it all". Trapping for him is "a leisure thing, a labor of love". The object of his affection is a tough little hombree, he says, who will sometimes try to bite while caught in a trap.

While the public is somewhat informed on the gruesome and needless deaths that millions of innocent animals suffer, there is still a long way to go. The loss of these free creatures, useless to the fur trade but vital to our already floundering ecological system, continues to grow.

Albert Schweitzer believed in reverence for all life, and, quoted by Aida Flemming, once said, "While so much ill-treatment of animals goes on, we all share the guilt." The voiceless free creatures of the earth must be protected and it takes a strong person to defend the defenceless.

Exhibition: material welcome

Once again this year, the UNB Camera Club will be holding its Annual Exhibition at Memorial Hall. This event will be held from March 6 to 16.

For the exhibition, slides and prints are welcome from all members of the University community. Prizes will be awarded in several categories. There is an entry fee of 50 cents per slide or print entered (all prints must be 5 x 7 or larger and mounted). All entries must bear a title,

name and telephone number and be submitted at Memorial Hall together with the entry fee in an envelope. The deadline for entries is February 22.

For further information we

encourage you to come to the next Camera Club meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 8 in SUB room 201 at 7:30 or drop a note in campus mail addressed to the Camera Club.

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