

Inside Track

by Allan Patrick

CANADAIR "CHALLENGES" THE PACK

As anyone in the aviation industry will tell you, it's a hard business to be in these days. Designing a new plane will run into the millions, and flight testing by the government is a process that can take YEARS. And with the general economic recession, the aircraft manufacturers are even harder pressed to come up with new designs. So it may seem surprising that the hottest new design to come along in years has come out of a CANADIAN company - yes Canadair.

For those of you that think only of Cessna, Beechcraft, Piper and other American companies as manufacturers of light aircraft, you may have to change your views. For example, deHaviland Aircraft of Canada makes virtually ALL light aircraft for the north [ever heard of the Otter?] and Canadian Aviation Electronics [CAE] makes flight simulators for nearly all the airlines. Canadair, the centre of this article, has been cranking out airplanes, from cargo planes to jet fighters, with a frequency that seems surprising for a company with a "research and design" budget small in comparison with its American counterparts. Earlier this year, Canadair released designs for its newest aircraft - the Canadair Challenger, a business jet with a wide body, a wing of new design, and a host of other innovations. The Canadian government was quick to notice the promise of the jet and has been promoting it worldwide.

This is not just another business jet, and it seems that Canadair's design is years ahead of its time. A few figures that may explain what I mean: the Challenger besides being much larger inside than any existing business jet, can fly faster than a 747 [575 mph] farther than the rest with a full load and reserves [4,500 miles] and burn from 20 - 54 percent less fuel than other business jets of comparable size. If these figures sound impressive to you, you are not alone. The plane is not into production yet, in fact it is not even into flight testing yet, and Canadair last month reported advance orders of over A QUARTER BILLION DOLLARS worth of Challengers!

It seems that Canadair has really hit the jackpot, and as a Canadian, I hope for the best for Canadair and the Challenger. It may once again prove that it takes the small guy to show the big guy what it's all about.

VIEWPOINT IN REVIEW

With the exception of two weeks around Red 'n Black, Judy Kavanagh and I have been canvassing the campus from week to week, getting the responses to pertinent issues that we group under the weekly heading of Viewpoint. [see opposite page]. As usual, this week we deal with an issue very relevant to the UNB student.

No seriously, Judy and I have both come to be a little disillusioned about Viewpoint. When it comes to a decision on whether to continue the Viewpoint, the response has always been an unconditional yes, both from the execs here at the Bruns and the students we talk to. Yet why when we go to poll the students' opinions each week, do we get so many of them who simply refuse to respond?

We would like to think that we could ask important questions each week [like the one last week on Sadat's trip] but in practise this doesn't work. We get responses like "aw, come on, ask me one of those dumb questions!" Well, maybe we have been ignoring the entertainment value of Viewpoint. Perhaps it is more important to entertain than to inform, at least where the limited realm of Viewpoint is concerned.

Nevertheless, Judy and I feel that Viewpoint is important enough for us to continue it next term. We want to thank all those who have allowed us to include them in it this term, and all the pictures will hopefully be combined into a "collage" for a front cover at the end of the year. In closing, I personally want to thank Judy for all her work, and her talent with the pics each week.

A CHRISTMAS WISH

It may not seem the place, but I wish to take this space in my column to wish the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years to all those at the Bruns. This has been the first year that I have actually worked for the paper, and I must say that the execs here are real people, and not only are terrific to work for, they also do a great part of the work themselves. The staff is as usual small this year, but due to the determination of the execs and staff, a good paper is put out each week. Most shortcomings of the paper are realized by us and granted the extra persons and time, we could make the paper better still. I feel that the Bruns is welcomed each Friday, and want to thank the bunch at room 35 for giving me the chance to be a part of the Bruns, and showing me the confidence they have. So once again, all the best for the holiday season to the exec and staff, and I look forward to next terms' Bruns.

How to write a column

By ANDREW STEEVES

Another week another Engineer's column. And the old question crops up: what is there to write about this week?

A good question.

A very good question. With Engineering Week over (and milked for every story possible) and Christmas still a month away your favorite columnist finds himself at a loss for ideas. Its a dry time and at times like these a desperate columnist will resurrect all those half baked ideas which have cluttered his mind like so many dust mice in a feverish bid to make his deadline. For example: the Zen of Engineering (i.e. the assignment is good for you) or the uglification of UNB (i.e. a column on UNB's architecture) or How to Write an Engineer's column.

How to write an Engineers Column. Many people have never wondered how this column is written and to unsatisfy your lack of curiosity I will explain how it is done.

A good Engineer's column should have lots of facts about the various facilities, sporting teams, and prominent personalities. In other words a good Engineer columnist should work 10-20 hours a week on his column, cultivating his sources, conducting interviews and following up leads. On the other hand, we average

Engineering Columnists spend a couple hours a week scratching our heads and wishing that students would hand in more story ideas.

A good Engineer's column should be witty, informative, and full of familiar and learned quotations. This column is a half-amusing, rumour-mongering effort full of inequalities written by a writer who can't even remember the words from 'White Christmas'.

So now you all know what you have been missing. Why not do us both a favour and drop me a line about your class hockey or basketball team, class Christmas party, faculty association, upcoming special lecture or notable exploits by 'prominent personalities'? The improvement in results will be obvious to us all and this column won't become a forum for half-baked ideas.

A few sports scores were turned into Room 306 this week and it looks like it was a bad week for Engineering teams. In hockey CE3 tied BBA 3 with a 4-4 score. After the Civils had led 4-0 in the early going. I guess we'll have to call the team the Civil 3 Leafs. In another game CE4 lost a close game to the always tough Law 2 team. Apparently a few of the boys were

at home watching the Grey Cup during that one. In ball hockey the Civil Stars lost another one this time to Education. The Stars are improving with every game and optimism is running rampant on the bench. As Dave Wilson puts it 'Look out once we start winning'. If the team doesn't start winning coach Steeves may be summarily fired and wouldn't that be a shame.

The SRC meeting at Head Hall drew an underwhelming response. One person, Laurie Corbett, took in the proceedings which is not the attendance council had hoped for. Anyhow if any students have a beef or request they wish to bring before the SRC contact either Don Davis, Tim Colwell, or Andy Steeves and they'll be more than willing to help you out.

Attention to all the graduates who had read this far. The Graduate Student Association will be holding a Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 7, 1977 at 9 p.m. at Keddy's Motor Inn. I'm sure Dan Johnson and company would appreciate a good Engineering turnout.

India Association bash

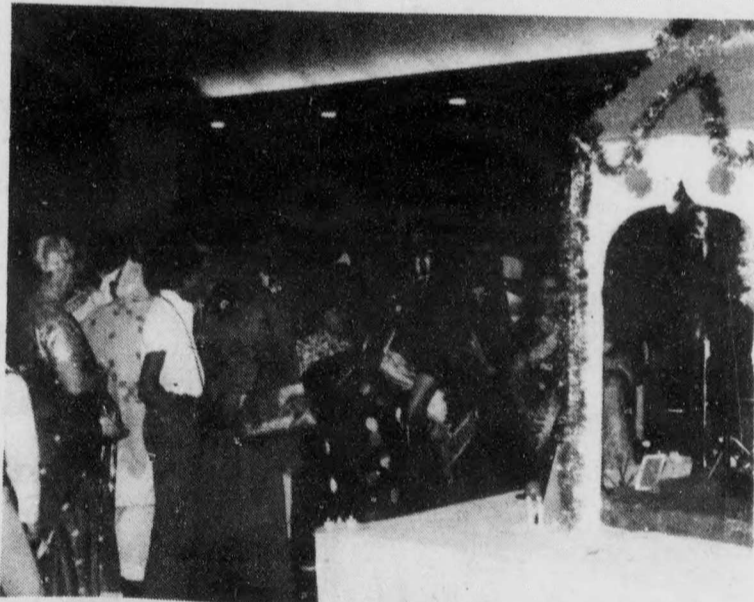
By BHARAT B. PANT

India Association celebrated Dipawali Function with its members and guests on Saturday, Nov. 12 in the SUB ballroom.

Dipawali is a festival of light and happiness and this year's celebration was a success. Dr. John Anderson, UNB President was the chief guest and the main attraction of the evening was the temple.

The temple housed goddess Lakshmi who is the goddess of wealth in Hindu mythology. In India people worship Lakshmi on the day of Dipawali.

The other attractions were the dinner in which several Indian delicacies were served; and Indian dances where all the people including the chief guest took part.



CLC condemned in N.S.

Inspired to a large degree by events in Cape Breton, the Metro Coalition of Support for the Unemployed emerged from a public meeting on 8 August 1977 in Halifax. Over 100 trade unionists, students, unemployed, and other sympathizers attended and heard a fighting speech by Fe. president Gerald Yetman. Yetman defended civil disobedience and condemned the C.L.C. leadership for not devoting more energy to a national campaign against unemployment. (Since that meeting the C.L.C. has initiated a national campaign against unemployment.)

Other speakers included representatives from the National Union of Students (which was instrumental in promoting the meeting), and labour leaders from the Halifax-Dartmouth Trades and Labour Council, the Halifax Building

Trades Council and the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour. J.K. Bell invoked the spirit of the On-to-Ottawa trek and his own participation in the Ontario unemployment movement of the 1930s, while calling for a committee to fight unemployment representing "all progressive elements" in the community.

The meeting almost unanimously endorsed the Coalition of Support, establishing a Committee of the Unemployed, and called on all progressive groups to join the Coalition and help plan further actions. Perhaps most significant was the Nova Scotia labour leadership's willingness to initiate a campaign against unemployment and to call for the active support of students and progressive groups.

Since the August meeting, the Committee of the Unemployed,

the Operating Engineers, the Nova Scotia Labour Support and Research Center, the Voice of Women, and In Struggle have joined the Coalition.

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