

more letters.....

Outstanding craftsmanship

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Human rights groups needed now

Editor:

Two weeks ago CUSO sponsored a Human Rights Conference at which there was lengthy and spirited discussion about many subjects, including the advantages and disadvantages of a bill of rights, the need for education about basic freedoms, and the right of the individual to the kind of education he wants. (As for free universities, I defended the academic system, but I know how repressive it can be.

We discussed the many minorities whose lack of equal opportunity is not generally recognized - for example, the prejudice against women which hinders such things as acceptance in medical schools. Some freedoms are repressed by economic necessity, so priorities must be considered wisely. Decent housing is a human right; are students to be regarded as human?

We all agreed that certainly there are many more people on campus who want to continue discussing these and related problems. The UNB Human Rights group needs to be formed again.

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Carnival budget of \$28,000? Surely it was not a result of mismanagement that total expenditures were \$22,000.

I am sure that each member of the Winter Carnival committee who has worked so hard, and contributed so much read last week's article with great disappointment even though it was written with an air of omnipotence developed as a result of direct quotes which were spouted forth from a stormy mind.

"It is unfortunate that the

meeting of the SRC was not under complete control and that this type of motion was allowed to be railroaded", I've been told during numerous apologetic meetings with SRC executive and fact finding committee.

However, some people have seen it fit to cast aspersions on the Carnival committee. For them I apologize to my committee members.

Earl Brewer Winter
Carnival Chairman

Federal forces attacked Ojukwu

Editor:

In his recent "Brief History of the Nigerian Crisis" (Brunswickan, March 7), in a sheer attempt to deceive the public, said that, "On July 7, Ojukwu's forces attacked the Federal forces."

When, on May 30, 1967, Biafra declared herself independent, Nigeria boasted on that same day that she would "crush the rebellion" in

48 hours; and her Radio and Television carried the song, "Yammiri Yamutu Yakari" which means "All Ibos dead, finished"

And on July 6 (not July 7 as Ben claimed) she attacked Biafra which fought back and is still fighting back in self defence.

Sebastian Ekenobi
engineering 3

PASSAGE OF SUMMER, by Elizabeth Brewster. Toronto: Ryerson, 1969, 129 pp., \$4.95.

Elizabeth Brewster, a New Brunswick and a graduate of this University, has at last gathered all of her best poems together in this collection, *Passage of Summer*. The result is very impressive indeed, and I unhesitatingly recommend the book to anyone who enjoys good poetry.

The contents are grouped under twelve thematic headings: "Past as Present;" "Dream Landscape;" "On Considering Objects;" "Portraits;" "Lillooet;" "Narratives;" "Songs and Sonnets;" "Elegies;" "Explorations;" "Devotions;" "Pilgrims;" and "Poems for All Seasons." All told, there are 132 poems; among them one discovers a wide and interesting range of poetic approaches and personal attitudes.

My own feeling is that Miss Brewster is most successful in her "dream" poems. These most often evoke blurred, long-lost distances of time and place in a compelling way; at times they shuttle slowly between fantasy and half-remembered reality - their essence is a controlled wistfulness, their imaginative, crafted honesty.

But Elizabeth Brewster also

writes revealingly of people, and nowhere better than in "lillooet," her wryly affectionate and lively chronicle of the life and concerns of a New Brunswick village. In other poems she describes her ancestors and family, friends, acquaintances, and public men. Here, as elsewhere in the volume, the reader is attracted to the lines because of the poet's perceptive observation and wise choice of relevant and ordered detail.

Two emotions, or moods, which pervade the collection are nostalgia and self-sufficient but regretful loneliness, and perhaps the following excerpt from "Great-Aunt Rebecca" contains both:

For me also, the visiting child, she made that world more real
Than the present could be.

I too
Wished to be a pioneer.
To walk on snowshoes
through remote pastures,
To live away from settlements
an independent life
With a few loved people
only; to be like Aunt Rebecca,
Soft as silk and tough as
that thin wire.

They use for snaring rabbits.
Also, Miss Brewster is strongly attracted to the beauty of the countryside, and many of her compositions are themselves quite beautiful in their reflections of the seasons. But, in spite of its title, one comes away from this book with a renewed awareness of Canada's winter distances; snow, cold, isolation, are recurring images throughout:

The wind travels where we cannot travel,
Touches those we cannot touch;
For few and lonely are the sentinel cities of the North

And rivers and woods lie between.
Far, few, and lonely . . .

In conclusion, I would have to say that Elizabeth Brewster's poetry is never exciting; but it is outstanding for its varied themes and shifting tones. These poems, in their own intimate and quiet way, contain an abiding appeal.

Dal board accepts students

OTTAWA(CUP) - Two Dalhousie students and the student council business manager may be appointed to the school's board of governors before the end of the year.

The names of student president-elect Bruce Gillis, would sit with the board for the duration of his one-year term of office; Graham would sit for three years. The board meetings are closed to the public.

Dalhousie is the fifth university where students have been offered seats on the board, and the fourth to have accepted them. Carleton students have one representative on their board; Ryerson has two. Alberta has two non-voting reps on the board, who will be offered voting privileges next year; the Calgary student council turned down two board seats pending an opening of board meetings to the public.

LOST

Lost one pair of gold-rim glasses in first floor washroom of SUB. Phone John at 454-3544. Desperately needed.

VIEWPOINT

david macneil

Do you read the brunswickan ?

Match each person with the answer you think he would give. People who come to the Brunswickan office within 24 hours with eight correct matches of names and quotes will win a Brunswickan current affairs surprise.



James Barnett



Lord Beaverbrook



Emerson Wilby



Dave Cox



John Turner



Norman Strax



John Diefenbaker



Colin Mackay

1. "I would, but I can't get on campus to get it."
2. "No, all it does is doublewrite and doublethink."
3. "Is that a newspaper? I'll buy it."
4. "Doesn't Tom Murphy work for that paper?"
5. "Investigate it."
6. "No. It's too radical."
7. "You can't take my picture."
8. "I think it's quite a nice demonstration."