

Forestry News

By GIZZ

Hey keen foresters, back for another year! We in the Forestry Association executive do hope you had a very productive forestry oriented summer job and that third and fourth year summer reports are well underway.

We also welcome our new first-year foresters (hang in there guys, you'll get some forestry courses soon enough) and second year foresters (Dr. Powell just loves to weed out second-year students). Third-year can look forward to its hardest yet, with the likes of photo, soils, wood tech etc. Fourth year returned from fall camp at Grand Lake on Wednesday, so certainly there will be a couple of good stories there. Fifth-year is going to finish off C.F.B. Gagetown this year, so watch out all you C.F.S. and C.F.B. boys!

Our first social activity of the year is tonight out at the hammerfest site, and everyone is welcome. Come out and see the new corral and fire pit. The Forestry "Big Buddier" corn boil starts at 6:00 p.m., so drop in to the second floor of the old forestry and geology building for directions and pop tickets.

Our first Forestry Association general meeting is on Monday, September 20 at 7:00 in Room 309 of the old forestry and geology building. Make sure all you keeners come out. Topics on the agenda will include: membership sales, the woodsmen teams, up-coming pubs, forestry week, various road trips and much more. See ya.

Dave Clark explains challenge for politicians

The greatest challenge that politicians face during the next few years is to reverse the growing alienation of citizens from their governments. Certainly, the current economic slump has heightened dissatisfaction, but I believe that the problem runs much deeper, and that it won't be cured simply by economic recovery. People seem no longer to trust governments to work on their behalf. Although they have become larger and more "expert", bureaucracies are perceived by many people to be inflexible, insensitive, even indifferent and self-serving.

I do not believe, however, that "civil service bashing" is an honest or effective answer to the problem. It is unfair to individual public servants, most of whom conscientiously perform the tasks assigned to them. And when politicians do the bashing, it is a cop-out. The elected representatives themselves are the ones who must provide or encourage popular input into government and monitor the out-put. Regardless of Party, whether government or opposition, they must first understand the needs and outlook of their con-

stituents, and be aware how government affects the lives of ordinary people. Only then can they hope to keep the system responsive.

Students are a particularly vulnerable group when it comes to alienation from the political system. Despite their large numbers, they don't seem to enjoy great influence. At home, they are seldom a cohesive enough group to make a strong impression. At university, they probably do not know the local members and candidates. By the time they establish contacts and gain political experience, they are not students any more. The

end result is that they are less effective in influencing government policy than other interest groups.

Yet, students' problems are very real, and that is why I have been making a special effort since my nomination to meet students and understand their concerns. Naturally, I hope to receive active support from some of them during the next election campaign, but I welcome the views of all students. More importantly, if elected I am determined to keep the dialogue going afterwards. This is a special responsibility of the M.L.A. for Fredericton South.

An unadvertised course will be offered at Saint Thomas University this fall for all interested UNB and STU students.

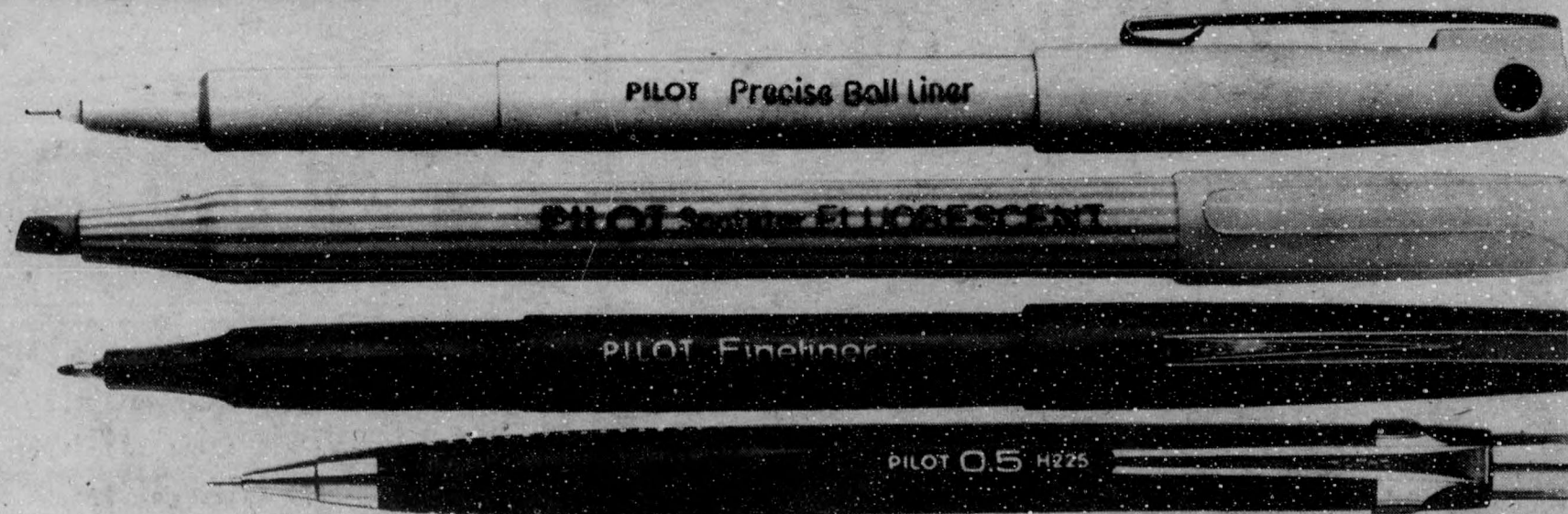
Nuclear War: Moral, Political, and Strategic Matters will be offered as Pals. 360. It will be taught by a visiting professor, Gene Keyes.

This course surveys the world's most urgent danger -- limited or utter thermonuclear devastation -- plus efforts at prevention. It

reviews the origin and use of saturation bombing and atomic weapons; the evolution of various strategic doctrines; the Cuban Missile Crisis and other near-misses;

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