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Editorial & Mugwump

EDITORIAL

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Of pumpkins and politics

The election is over, and despite the efforts of the student unions of UNB and STU, education was not a significant campaign issue. Helicopters and NAFTA made all the headlines, justified by their perceived impact on the country's economy. But will the expected cancellation of multi-billion dollar defense contracts leave more money for social programs as some have hoped? What will happen if NAFTA can't be renegotiated? It's hard to say. They are questions which will only be answered in the upcoming years.

Educational issues, which could conceivably affect the future of Canada in equally significant ways, have barely been touched since the verdict was pronounced, and will likely be ignored further until some number cruncher decides the economy can only be saved by collecting more interest on students' education money, or by eliminating the breaks students currently receive. It would be nice to think that conditions would improve—federal loan program bursaries might increase for once perhaps—but in reality we all understand this to be highly unlikely.

Despite the fact that students' concerns were not numbered among the major concerns of the 'voting public' as a whole when they cast their ballots on Monday, it is reassuring to know that students are nonetheless willing to become involved in the concerns of the public.

This Halloween, as students and community members alike gather to watch Harrison House's annual Pumpkin Sacrifice, they should be aware that the tradition is more than drama and pagan pageantry. Harrison residents involved in the sacrifice have been collecting donations for UNICEF throughout the residence community to provide support for the less fortunate.

The house tradition, begun in 1973, has certainly evolved significantly from its origins as a friendly prank, and after the rhetoric of the latest political campaigning, it's refreshing to see someone actually doing something to help every once and a while.

Not that Harrison House is alone in its magnanimity, numerous other residences and faculty associations contribute and have

contributed to the city's food bank, crisis centers, and other charitable organizations (witness the creation of the SU's Volunteer Bureau over the summer).

As well, this past weekend, the Neville Norsemen revived an old tradition aimed at supporting Fredericton's citizens. Over 60 residents of the house pushed a bed from Saint John to Fredericton, a 13-hour trek, to raise over \$ 3,000 for Fredericton's Transition House for battered women.

The Norsemen, in teams of four, pushed the bed for tandem 1 km stints to complete the 110 km journey. Several of our riding's political hopefuls journeyed through campus during the campaign to make rounds and shake hands, but I have yet to see one of them commit to spend a night in such uncomfortable conditions as these students for the sake of their victimized constituents. (Nor is it likely that our new federal representative will spend much time with students on campus now that we have turned out at the polls).

For many in the university, little solace can be found in the higher political machinations of this country we call home, but we can find gratification in knowing that at least someone recognizes the efforts of students and their significance as contributing members of society. The workers and residents of Transition House, and the needy who benefit from your support of UNICEF, may not know the specifics of your status at UNB, but are nonetheless appreciative for your generosity.

The sacrificial Pumpkin displayed at tomorrow's Harrison House gathering will bear the likeness of the Roman god Janus—deity of endings and beginnings— which represents "academic harvest and the uncertainty of what lies ahead," [see page 1 for the whole story]. Hopefully, it will also signify a commitment to charitable practices which UNB's alumni will introduce into whatever sphere they enter after their time at this university is completed. This is a spirit that even the thought of celebrating Halloween on the 30th can't dampen.

MUGWUMP

Power to the People

"Well, the New Democratic Party has eclipsed the Progressive Conservatives. Wait, this just in...yes, Hell has now officially frozen over."

- This Hour has 22 Minutes

The big news is, of course, that the party that made 9 years seem like 90 is finally out of power. Not only are they out of power, they are reduced to "a shadow of their former self," as the CBC commentator who looks like Christopher Lloyd (Taxi, Back to the Future) said. Just think: only Jean Charest and Elsie Wayne survived. Makes you wonder, doesn't it? Now that Elsie is basically the Tory rep for all points West and East of the province of Quebec (Charest being the Quebec Tory rep), I must wonder if the people of Saint John would care to reconsider. Can you imagine feeling responsible for electing 50% of the Tories in the House? Talk about a burden on your conscience. This election was really weird. Not only did the PC's get less seats than the NDP, they only beat the Natural Law party by 2 seats!! Okay, those are the same 2 seats that they beat the Rhinos, Marxist-Leninists, COR, Green, and Christian Heritage party by. And speaking of fringe parties, Doreen Fraser received less votes than the Natural Law Party, or the Canada Party; this lack of

support for a candidate who predicted she would defeat Bud Bird. I can't wait for Kim to ask Elsie to step down so she can run in Saint John and win a seat. Hey, it could happen. The really strange thing will be everyone asking New Brunswick political commentators to tell the country what's likely to happen now that the Opposition has been completely devastated and wiped out by a resurgent Liberal party elected by a wave of popular hatred and disgust for a phenomenally unpopular Tory (Mulroney, I mean).

Here on campus, we have political upheaval of our own, though not exactly on the same order of magnitude. It seems the Prez up at the STU Student Union resigned. Ooooh, big surprise. That makes it what, three? four? years in a row now. It is so bad the VP-Internal should be renamed either 2nd Term President or VP Internal—A Heartbeat Away from the Presidency. What's really funny about this resignation thing is that the Bruns knew about it before the Aquinian (STU's paper...you're excused for never having heard of it). What's funny is that a Student Union Newsletter knows less about the internal affairs of the Student Union than the democratically elected and editorially autonomous paper of another university. The other thing is that Jamie Price, VP Finance at STU, is dead last in the order of succession. At STU, the VP-Fun assumes power before Jamie gets a shot. I don't know about you, but for some reason I find that funny.