

Zoomer Views

And speaking of Christmas...

by Patricia Post - Smyth

Hello Zoomers! Did you miss me last week? (You don't have to answer that.) Allan, our esteemed editor and I have come to an agreement that bi-weekly columns from me/us will do very nicely, thank you. I'm not yet clear if that's because I can't stir up enough controversy - but Lord knows I've tried - or maybe it is because I always tear into his corner at the last possible minute like the "wild woman" that I profess to be, and shove tea (not tear) stained copy into his hand, pausing only long enough to deliver some profound statement concerning CAMPUS, UNB, and the world in general, and disappear before any of the staff really know what has hit them. So, perhaps out of compassion for me or the Bruns staff, this column will appear every other week. Sorry fans.

Well, this week, I am pleased to announce, we have an office to which I can "disappear." That's right, UNB CAMPUS ZOOMERS have found a new home (at least until the bulldozers arrive.) Thanks to the efforts of Ann Bonnell of the VP Administration office, we have re-located from the Writing and Study Skills Lab in the "Extension and Summer Services - Wu Education Center",

and are now residing in Room 21, Annex B (you know, where Security used to be.) Judging from the amount of people who have stuck their heads around the door and asked where Security is, this is a well known location.

This office lacks the ambiance of the nouveau riche that we basked in while up at Wu but we have our very own door and even a window. Now for a lounge. This place will seat five or six but what about the hundreds of part-time and mature students who might like to relax between classes in the company of their peers. Alas, a Zoomer's work is never done. I wonder how the SUB-expansion committee is getting on these days? Anyone out there interested in sitting on that committee and/or several others?

Even though we are delighted with our new location we will miss all our friends and supporters at the Department of Extension. Especially Tony Tremblay who was particularly patient with me when I would come charging into the Lab, hit the answering machine, slam desk drawers, chatter away to my son and chase our ferret out of Tony's garbage can, all while he is trying to reason with some struggling writer that it really would be a worthwhile investment to purchase *Form and Format*. Also, our

gratitude goes out to Marilyn Noble, Lex Ross, Cathy Underhill, Jeanette Robinson, Susan Beattie, John Morris and "the Pams." They all, in one way or another, have kept me afloat during the times when CAMPUS and I were listing. I am honoured to have this award...oh sorry, I got carried away.

So now that I/we have "it all together", we're going to have a party to celebrate. Please won't you join the new Continuing Adult Mature and Part-time Students Executive (and maybe even some Graduate Students Association Executive and members) on December 4 from 7:00 to ? at the Grad House on Churchill Row for an informal gathering. We'll supply your first drink, you bring the rest. Remember, CAMPUS is for ALL part-time students whether 18 or 78, one course or three, and any other student who is twenty-one or older and has taken at least a two year break from formal schooling before returning to UNB. (Significant others welcome!)

And speaking of Christmas, we are still taking names up until 4:00 today of students with children who would like to have their names included in the Student Wimmin's Committee project who, in conjunction with other clubs, associations and residences are trying to lighten

a little of the financial pressure we students with children are so keenly aware of this time of year. Please leave your name and number on the CAMPUS machine and a member of the committee will contact you...but do it now.

"Funny you should mention that damned answering machine."

"What? Me? Funny?"

"No, not you nor your answering machine."

Who said that? It must have been a pre-recorded message. Anyway, as of January 4, the Zoomer office will have a real live human being who will be employed for ten hours a week as a secretary. Interviews were conducted this week and judging from the well qualified and personable people who applied someone terrific will soon be on the other end of the phone. I can hardly wait. Office hours will be posted at that time. Meanwhile, I'm trying to keep fairly regular hours this term. I'm attempting to be in the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and this week, except for getting my picture taken Friday morning I've done fairly well. If you happen to be in the area, please drop in. I'm the "cool" dark-haired woman hopping up and down outside trying to stay warm while smoking a cigarette.

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