

Bruns bombs by supporting Varty?

Dear Sir:

I have noted in your latest issue (16 Nov.) that the expected "cries of bias" from the editorial comments in the previous issue (9 Nov) have not materialized.

In view of this fact I must add some of these "cries" but hope that they will be taken in the constructive way in which they are presented.

First and foremost as a former student of the University I must say I was a bit bewildered by

your editorial on the student nominees for SRC president (9 Nov) in which you strongly endorsed Mr. Varty for this position.

Perhaps as an occasional user of the University I am "out of touch" with current journalistic practices but I was always of the impression that an influential newspaper should avoid at all cost the obvious underlining of a particular candidate for election. To do any less borders on the highly controversial political control of

the media when it becomes obvious that partnerships have developed.

Disregarding what seems to me to be a seemingly obvious flaw in proper journalism and unbiased reporting of facts one must question the effect of this article. It is now obvious that Mr Varty did not win the election. However, in the words of the experimenter, it was his loss the true will of the voters or was it a result of experimenter bias introduced by

the Bruns. Perhaps journalistic bias. What if he had won? Would his win be because of his talents, which are readily apparent to anyone that knows him, or again because of media bias. It must be said that regardless of the true feelings of the newspaper staff or their well intentioned comments that the newspaper should project the "illusion of neutrality." To do any less during an election does neither the candidates nor the newspaper any good.

Having been part of the demonstrations and boycotts of the late 60's for university reform, I can say that strong newspaper leadership from the Bruns staff has been excellent and paramount importance in obtaining the present state of democracy at UNB. I would hate to see a deviation from this tradition of impartial and honest leadership that would result in a loss of impact on the part of the Bruns. When and if this happens, the University community including the professors, staff, students and former students loses far more than it will gain in any one SRC president.

Respectfully yours:

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Getting back to Mr. Meyers review, I'd like to say that I'll be dammed if I'm going to turn on my radio and hear Nick Lowe and The Knack thrashing about in the swampwaters of mainstream schlock and call it new wave.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Everett

PS: WL Meyers reviews are really quite good. He writes with such an informal flow it makes you think you're right there talking about the album with him over coffee. He does tend to overemphasize the "technical" side. I mean phrases like 'choppy bass lines', 'flashy guitar work' and 'speeding bass line-who needs them?'

Sexism is not funny

To the Editor:

Stop telling women to change their behaviour in order to prevent rape. Women may be safer for the moment inside residences (or closets) but after leaving university we are still at great risk in our homes. Over half of the rapes in a Toronto study occurred in private dwellings (Lewis and Clark, 1977). It is not women's behaviour but MEN'S behaviour which must be changed.

If you want to do something about rape on campus, stop encouraging us all to view women as passive victims, as objects for the use and pleasure of every man (rapist) who feels the need to boost his ego by dominating and degrading others. Cut the Godiva crap. Put some films and discussions on sex role pressure and the right of everyone to say "no" into first year orientation. Campaign against the dehumanizing attitudes of Joe College looking for a

score while ignoring the woman's protests. Get more material on the effects of socialization into the social sciences. Let men build their frail egos on their work, their creativity, and their productivity, not on the bodies of women.

If we must resort to extreme measures to prevent rape then let us seriously consider the use of curfews and follow Golda Meir's advice to keep the men off the streets at night.

Nora Briant.

"As-folt" not "Ash-phalt"

Dear Editor:

Have you heard the word "ash-phalt" before? If not, just enter Head-hall walk on C-floor - near the C.E. office and you will be clobbered by the echoes of the word. The Webster Dictionary contrary to some elegant profs, assigns the following pronunciation to the word: 'as-folt and not 'ash-folt. For some saying asphalt might not be proper, but saying "ashphalt" is not either.

Let us stick to the rules and hope that rehabilitation is still possible.

Yves Boucher
For. Eng. 3

Sportsline section is sexist

To the Editor:

With regard to the sportsline section of the November 23 issue of the Bruns, there are a few points I would like to raise. In this column it is assumed that only men attend University and only men are sports writers. Women are only presented as being part of a list of reasons to attend University. Quote: "There are only four reasons for attending University. These are: Girls, drugs, violence and career prospects."

Why then do we find that approximately half the population of university students are women? Why do women come to University? To find BOYS?

The women are said to be attending university for one reason and that is to be good looking in order to please men. The author states: "...can you imagine an all night bus trip with one of the female varsity teams? ...Those are good looking women." To define

women varsity teams in terms of looks is denying their capabilities as athletes and as people.

I think this sportsline column is very derogatory to women. You may say that sexism in that article was done in humour, but sexism, just as racism, is never funny when one is at the receiving end.

Carmen Poulin

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What we want to say now is just this: Many of you will be either going home or travelling for the holidays, and we hope you all have a truly wonderful Christmas vacation - restful and enjoyable - and that, if you are driving, please do drive carefully.

We look forward to seeing you again in the New Year, which we sincerely hope will be one of achievement and happiness for you and yours.

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