



Supplement this

If you haven't noticed the green, yellow and purple vomit of SU campaign posters littering the walls and trash bins of this fair university, obviously you're blind, or just plain old fashioned apathetic. I prefer to believe in the latter. But there's hope for you and your apathy.

This year *The Brunswickan*, being the veritable cornucopia of knowledge it is, has decided to wean itself from the usual pre-vote preamble of candidates saying "Vote for me. I'm the right person for the job." For myself it just makes me plain sick. Usually it's fine, and all but *The Brunswickan* believes that students should be able to make their own decisions this year.

In order to help the students make an informed decision, our News Department worked diligently and beyond the call of duty to put together a 20 page election supplement. The supplement works this way: we asked all the candidates running for SU Executive positions and those running for the University Board of Governors, a series of one on one interviews. During these interviews we asked a series of questions compiled by the staff. We felt that *The Bruns* staff for the most part represents the typical student. There were no time limits, and there were no "right" answers.

From the interviews in our election supplement you will be able to view for yourselves who the career politicians are, who the inexperienced people are and hopefully, who you'll vote for. It was our intention to capture the frame of mind and the uniqueness of each candidate. After all Morgan's rule #46 is "Insight is the quickest predictor of foresight." I know the supplement looks text heavy for one reason—because it is. It's our hope that we can provide you with as much information on the candidates' platforms as possible. You can then take that information, and decide where each candidate stands on social issues, political issues and student issues, then vote to your conscience.

I was quite impressed by the caliber of answers each candidate gave, their candor and their dedication towards the all ambiguous word called *change*.

In total, there are roughly 60 people running for approximately 31 Council seats, which is quite amazing considering the fact most SU elections it's just Candidate X vs Yes vs No. The more candidates running the more likely that there will be a higher voter turnout. In the past, of the roughly 7000 student able to vote, about 1000 did. So it tells me that an overwhelming majority didn't care or didn't support past candidates. It's not surprising considering past choices.

It's sort of ironic that there will probably be more candidates than voters. Jokes aside, this year the students will decide. It's like this: would-be returning SU execs have put their fate in the hands of the electorate. If the electorate feels that they have done a good job, then they will no doubt endorse the candidates return. But the advantage of this year's elections are that there are a lot of fresh faces, with virgin SU political mindsets. As a sidenote of interest, it is possible that the next executive could be all female. Every executive position has a female running. Did you know that the Union has only been represented by a woman President twice in all its its of its approximately 80 years as Student Representative Council and the present Student Union Council?

To begin your informed decision making process, turn to the supplement and read. This Friday the advanced polls are open and the real voting begins on April Fools Day and continues the next day. Be here next week for the results but in the mean time, vote damn it.

The Mugwump Journal

As I'm sure you're well aware, April Fools day (next Monday) marks the first of two days of Student Union elections. Now while there may be many jokes leaping into both of our minds, lets put these to a side for now. If you look down the ballot, you will see students interested in maintaining (if not improving) the standard of campus life for you. If they're going to do the job right, then it's a big sacrifice as there's a lot of hours to be put in for the kind of money which it isn't even worth attempting to calculate per hour. A pittance would be a good word for it. I think it's great that they're running - I only wish I could vote for one of them: it's this small problem which results from my graduate student status.

While I can't vote, I'm proud to have been involved in something which I hope will sway your vote, maybe even sway you to vote. I'm speaking of the 20 page election special which you will find nestling between pages 12 and 13 of this paper. Yes it's long. Yes there's a lot of text. But if you want to maintain your standard of student life, you need to try to find out which candidate will do it for you - which of them have new ideas, which recycle old. Which is where the supplement comes into play. You have the whole weekend, all that lazy time, watching cartoons or the NBA or listening to music when you can just skim through it looking for what matters to you.

Of course if what matters to you when you vote is the photograph of the candidate, or if you're just going to tick the first box you find, then please be gentle with the supplement, a few of us put a lot of care into it - and that's not considering the ideas contained inside. But, at least if you do that, you will have voted; you can say you had a part in shaping campus. An almost completely ignorant part in shaping campus, but at least you made a little effort.

Those of you who don't vote - too busy? I don't buy that, these people run the campus while you're busy, spend a little time to make sure they're the most competent possible. Then there are those of you who just don't care. Too busy worrying about where your next beer is coming from and whether Friends is a re-run this week? Well what if you lost Loonie Movies? Do you care about them? What about the Cellar? Your departmental society? Your newspaper? So come on. Consider again. Are you sure you don't have 5 minutes to vote? After all Saint Thomas had over 30% voter turnout a couple of weeks ago - not good by real world standards, but stunning for campus politics - and you wouldn't want those Tommies to be better at anything, would you?

Neil Duxbury

Blood n' Thunder



Sublets are more benefit than your cute face

Dear Students

Last Sunday, I was in the Nursing building putting up signs for sublet this summer. As I walked through the building I noticed that two bulletin boards had all the signs and posters ripped off them, including sublet posters, except some (election) posters representing one person.

Mr. Clark, candidate for President, I hope you can tell the students why our sublet posters were ripped down in the Nursing building. Is it so your presidency poster could be placed so that everyone could see it? I must say that there was one really nice and concerned girl there who witnessed what I saw and, she helped me put back all the other posters. These posters are of more benefit to any student than your cute face.

The SU elections are close around the corner and I would challenge every student to get out and vote. It is very important that everyone takes two minutes of their time to express their opinions on the people who manage close to \$700 000 worth of all students' money.

I urge all candidates in this election to inform the students on how they will do what is in the best interest for us. But I wish for every student to know that this year the budget was cut dramatically. Clubs and societies, who are a small 10% of the budget were cut approximately 12%. But the Student Union Awards banquet was not cut by one cent.

Honoraria was cut this year. Most students who have put time and effort into that Union were deprived of what they were entitled to as suggested by their predecessors.

Students look closely at all the candidates. It is time for a change. The union needs new blood. Please come out and vote. Please show your care. You can all make a difference. It takes two minutes. If you don't vote some individuals will become victorious and this (present situation) mess will never be resolved.

From a graduating student who does care
Nahie Bassett

It would be nice to live in a perfect world but...

Luke Vallee

In response to your letter in last week's *Brunswickan* to Geoff Peters, I have two things to say to you. Come out of your fantasy world and educate yourself.

This "unique" attitude possessed by Peters and his kind as you put it, is not what I would personally call unique. A more appropriate name would perhaps be a realistic attitude. Although it would be nice to live in this perfect world which you seem to believe can exist, it is simply not feasible. I do not believe that Peters is saying that all forests should be cut,

thus making it impossible for its inhabitants to live. What Peters and myself are saying (from my article in last month's *Brun*) is that in order to sustain our lifestyle, that you and your fellow "concerned" citizens must think a little more realistically. Although you state that you believe the forest and the lives of its inhabitants are more important than your own, I bet that you do not hesitate to grab a Kleenex when you blow your nose, use paper to write your "concerns" (wouldn't it be ironic if your paper was produced from fiber harvested from the Christmas Mountains), or even sitting in a nice wooden chair.

I am also rather concerned with one of the points brought out in your letter. You have stated that we will have to sit and wait for 500 years for our forests to grow back. I am rather curious as to where this figure comes from. The "old growth" forest which is present in the Christmas Mountains is at most 80 years old. Presently in NB, there is a sustainable harvest level set and forest management plans which are reviewed every five years, thus ensuring that we are never in fact "without forest."

Conway Elkins

You had your chance to speak out

Dear Editor

As Grad Class President, I am writing in response to the letter from Jodi Andrew, Ellen Thorne, Shelly Schurman, Stephen Mason, and Luke Peterson which appeared in the March 22 issue of *The Brunswickan*. The Class of '96 project re-vote was held on December 3, 1995. The project re-vote indicated that the students in attendance were particularly interested in adding more lighting to our campus.

This concept was then presented to and approved by UNB Associate Vice-President (Campus Services and Planning), Michael Ryan. As part of the ongoing lighting plan at our university, UNB Physical Plant has prioritized sites on campus which need to be better lit. The area between the SUB, Harrison House and Bridges House is, indeed, one of the areas that Physical Plant and many students identified as poorly lit, especially during spring, summer and fall when there is no snow to reflect other light. As a result the "Benchmark for Safety" project was launched.

A campus safety project does not have to be unattractive. Yes, the "Benchmark for Safety" project will not only increase the lighting around certain residence buildings, but it will also beautify our campus. The response to this project by the majority of the students who have been contacted during the current fundraising campaign has been overwhelmingly positive.

"Benchmark for Safety" is a Grad Class project supported by our university administration, thus ensuring that all money contributed towards this project is properly accounted for. Contributions to this project are made voluntarily by graduating students and charitable donation receipts are issued. It is common

knowledge that many more areas on campus need to be better lit; however, it can only be done one step at a time.

Sincerely
Daina Debly

No harm done selling a little bit of weed

Blood n' Thunder

Well, another "drug incident" occurred at STU. So, I have to fulfill my obligation to temper the usual prohibitionist crap with an alternative view. For those of you who missed it, our city's finest did their moral duty of saving our poor defenseless Harrington residents from the MARIJUANA MENACE (insert echo here). Allegedly, these four guys, who pay several thousand dollars to go to university, sold weed to bring in a little extra cash. Not much harm done; they were selling pot to consenting adults, not acid to school kids.

Now the police department comes in, spending who-knows-how-many hundreds (thousands?) of dollars to plant a narc in residence and these guys lose a big part of their future. Last time I was at a residence function (way back in the day) the last thing I worried about were people smoking weed. Getting puked on or assaulted by drunk people, maybe. But are there undercover assault-prevention police on campus? No, my tax dollars are going down the big sewer called drug prohibition. Protect me from the "menace" of weed? I say "thanks, but no thanks".

Mike Aube

Give your employees some credit Beaver

To whom it may concern

This is a letter regarding the recent incident where Beaver Foods elite forced the cafeteria workers to display degrading and insensitive signs on their cash registers.

Not only do these tell the staff that Beaver thinks their own work force is incompetent, but it also tells us that they do not trust their workers. I for one, and countless other students, staff and faculty, would agree that the employees of Beaver deserve a lot more credit than they are being given by their employer. These hard and dedicated workers are, without a doubt, some of the most friendly, kind, honest and humorous people on campus, and because of this, they deserve to be treated better by the students, but most importantly by their employer, a one Beaver Foods. One must keep in mind that if it was not for them, Beaver would probably go broke.

Having said all this, these signs should be removed from the registers from all around the campus for two simple reasons - to show the employees that they

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