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By MIKE MACKINNON

Election day for all of New Brunswick is only four days away. Then, after that, there is the SRC elections for UNB students. Although on different scales, these two elections have much in common. The factor that first comes to mind is the unwillingness to vote. One often hears the comment: "I can't be bothered" or "what difference does my vote make" or, "I don't like any of the candidates."

The above mentioned excuses are really just that, excuses. We have a right to vote and should exercise that right. It is saddening to hear a year or two after an election (or a month or two, in the case of student politics) people complaining about the government. Invariably these complainers are the same people who refused to vote.

If you want to express your opinions on the ideas of the government or even of the opposition, then vote.

There may be no snow on the ground yet but already plans are being made for this year's Winter Carnival. If you are interested in helping out, the first General Meeting is being held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 13 in room 305A, Tilley Hall.

The first of the great Bruns/CSL movies is soon to start. Starting October 17 (Sunday) the *Brunswickan*, in conjunction with the CSL will be showing movies in Tilley 103. The first three movies planned are "An American Werewolf in London," "Hallowe'en II", and "M*A*S*H". Keep your eyes open for Sunday Sinema posters.

It is good to see the sidewalk in front of Tilley and Carleton Halls become a reality. The path, usually a mud-bath, was not the prettiest sight in the world. Hopefully there will not be other muddy paths created by the students' zealotry to get to class by short cuts. (I'm one of those students.)

Our news editor, Timothy Lethbridge, has asked me to write that he is looking for an assistant News Editor. I guess the work load has become too much for the old boy.

In response to Killer Kowalski's threat of last Friday afternoon, if you and any of the other illiterate beasts of CHSR think that you can "pound us into the ground" then you are more than welcome to try. Our spleens are yours for the crushing if you think that you can accomplish such a task. After all our record stands, undefeated. Perhaps your overly vocal attempts at threatening us were really just poorly disguised bravado. Keep up the good effort though. Who knows, perhaps some day you will really convince yourself that you can beat us.

One final point of interest concerns the SRC meeting of October 4th. Motion 3 states: "Be it resolved that a ceiling of \$1,000 be imposed for any position by the SRC, subject to the amendment of the Honoraria Report. The Honoraria Report has the same force as a regulation and therefore in order to change the report it would require a notice of motion of one week before voting. The motion would have to pass with a two-thirds majority."

Now comes the interesting twist. The motion is useless unless a councillor puts forward a motion to alter the Honoraria Report. No such motion was put forth at the last SRC meeting so the earliest possible date for this motion to be made is the next SRC meeting, October 18th, just two days before the elections. Of course this means that the vote on the motion will not be until the next meeting, October 25th.

As you can see Motion 3, in all its uselessness, will do a very effective job. Although we do not really stand to gain anything, most of us are unaware of this. Could this be just some for of politicking.

soundoff

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"Pork barrel" politics

besides assisting students in financing their education.

This letter is in response to the column appearing in the October 1st issue of *The Brunswickan* entitled "P.C. Attacks Young."

At one point in the article, Mr. Clark speaking on the Youth Business Opportunities Project proposed as part of the New Brunswick Liberal Party Platform, states "There is of course a danger that this would become just a pork barrel for Young Liberals no pun intended."

The New Brunswick Young Liberal Association takes strong exception with his suggestion that this program would be used for anything

In November of 1980, a young Liberal meeting passed a resolution arising that all student summer jobs be processed through the Civil Service Commission rather than being handed out by ministers, like N.B. Coal Legal contracts. That reservation was taken to the Legislature by LeRoy Washburn, MLA for Oromocto and opposition youth critic, and was defeated by Mr. Clark's party.

We suggest that before Mr. Clark further speculate on the inventions of a liberal government, he remove himself from his own pork barrel and look around.

The New Brunswick Young Liberal Association is dedicated to the eradication of the cynicism which permeates the political process and is a legacy of the Hatfield years. Unfounded and unjust allegations regardless of the credibility of the source, makes our job just that much harder. Just because we intend to be in power after October 12th does not mean that we intend to use that power they say Mr. Clark has.

Anne Daigle
on behalf of the
Executive of the
N.B.Y.L.A.

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African Students to meet

Dear African Student,

I am writing this letter to you to inform you that we shall be meeting on Sunday, October 10, 1982 at 2:00 p.m. This meeting shall take place in Room 103 of the SUB. I am assuming that most of the old students at UNB and St. Thomas campuses have already received my letter and in case you have not, it could still be on the way to your

Department or your last known address. The delay could be caused by the fact that students do not seem to stay in one house as I hear from rumour mongers that you keep on shifting from one house to another. You probably have good reasons for doing so.

As for new students I could not be able to write to you individually because, although I have met you occasionally around the campus, I have not been able to compile a list of

your addresses as I hear most of you are housed by friends only temporarily. Very soon I shall be able to write to you when I know your address. I

therefore take this opportunity to request you to attend this meeting and hear some interesting things about African Students Union.

Simon Kahari
A.S.U. Secretary

Prisoner desires friends

Sir:

I am writing this letter to you hoping you will print the below

More prison notes

To the Editor:

I would be very grateful to you, if you are able to help me with my biggest problem. I'm

in a Calif. state prison right now and don't get out for a couple of years yet. Since I was locked up six months ago, I've

lost all contact with the outside world and I need correspondents very badly. I would appreciate it deeply if

ad request in your newspaper for me as I am presently incarcerated in an Ohio Correctional Institution but trying very hard to maintain contact

with society and would very much appreciate any consideration shown me.

Man would very much like to correspond with sincere intelligent caring people who are willing to share their time and interests with one who is less fortunate than themselves. My hobbies are sports, music, reading, writing poetry, jogging, oil painting and photography. I will answer all who write me.

Thank you very much for listening.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Thank you very much.