

Comments



Mugwump Journal

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Well, as everybody knows - or at least should know - our SRC elections are next week. In the running for president are incumbent Roy Neale and Peter Galoska. Rick Fisher and Fud Steeves are the two candidates for Comptroller. (Rick Fisher, by the way, is not to be confused with Chris Fisher, the outgoing Comptroller.) Fisher and Galoska are on what they call a "ticket". All that means is that they've consolidated their platforms, and that they stand for the same things.

In evaluating these candidates, my first move was this: I threw away any concept of a "ticket", and viewed the election as one with four possible outcomes.

With that in mind, I set out to interview the candidates, and I also solicited written submission from them - those are contained in Forum this week.

First, for President.

Roy Neale, as incumbent, naturally has seen the ins and outs of office. He has the experience and has started a great many programs for the students of this university. Frankly, in my estimation Neale has been the best President this place has seen in three years.

Peter Galoska, on the other hand, is inexperienced and has few ideas for improvement - as a matter of fact, many of his ideas coincide with Neale's. He is, however, enthusiastic, a quality which I doubt Neale has near enough of. Galoska has humility and a sense of duty. (If elected, he intends to lower the President's weekly salary to \$60 from \$75). On the more or less "fictitious ticket" that he and Fisher are on, he looks like a good candidate. I believe he is.

Neale has some ideas which could prove dangerous, however he would, for example, like to harness the media on this campus to a greater extent than they already are. He has great plans for centralizing most everything - so while there might be an aura of well-planned bureaucracy, everything, in fact, will go through the President's office.

Galoska opposes this, naturally enough, because he wants to create more student participation. And I agree with him. Merely creating offices that have little authority and will always be under the President's thumb is definitely not the best way to encourage students to get out and do something.

But while Galoska seems to shine in this area, he lets down in others. He has few new proposals - so few that they're not worth mentioning. His ideas would easily win an election under other, more normal circumstances. Neale, however, has the experience and has chosen to run again. He has the contacts which would take Galoska (as it did Neale) months to develop. And finally, Neale has started programs which, I feel, should be up to him to finish.

For these reasons, I prefer Neale. His strong and overbearing personality can be kept in check by a good executive, as we shall soon see.

For Comptroller

Rick Fisher and Fud Steeves will probably make one of the more interesting races for Comptroller than we've seen in a long time. For the first time, Fisher has proven himself reasonably capable of controlling his outspoken tendencies, and thus become a viable candidate for the office. Fisher still has a long way to go, however, in proving himself to be someone other than the ogre he is made out to be.

Fud Steeves, on the other hand, has got Fisher beaten - in the personality department anyway. I find it much easier to get along well with Fud than I do with Rick - "much" is perhaps too strong a word, but Steeves does have a friendlier personality.

Steeves has spent the last year "tutoring" under present comptroller Chris Fisher. As much as is possible in a year, Steeves knows the office of Comptroller. Fisher, though, has become progressively involved in student affairs. He has been on council several times, the Administrative Board (which handles finance) and active in other clubs and organizations. (Not the least of these, by the way has been The Brunswickan.)

Fisher wasn't on the council for these past few months - instead he's been out developing a multitude of contacts in both the administration and the student body. He does, I believe, have more than adequate knowledge for the job.

Of the two, I prefer Fisher.

Part of my reasoning behind all this is as follows: Both Neale and Fisher have stated they don't particularly want to work with one another. But while they may not want to work together, perhaps it would be best for all concerned. Neale's personality, which would seek to infiltrate matters which are none of his concern, would be countered by Fisher's strongly guarded individualism.

I think it would prove to be a very interesting and worthwhile combination.

I think you'll agree with me when I say that Winter Carnival came off fairly well this year. The parade Saturday morning went over well, with all the cityfolks out watching us make fools of ourselves.

I saw Lighthouse (at STU's winter carnival) on Sunday night. I can say without reservation that I haven't seen a good show like that in a long time. And while time didn't allow me to see Jason, I hope I can see them when they re-appear next week.

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To show the farcical nature of including this shortened version of an article on an international competition, just cast your eyes over the rest of the sports section. For example, right next to the article about the Foresters is a half page (please note) article about the UNB Red Raiders and they didn't even come out on top! Also note it was only inter-collegiate games and not anything spectacular.

It also seems to me that the UNB Woodsman's teams have been one of the few UNB inter-collegiate teams that have been winning consistently this year. This is the second international competition that they have won so far this year.

Credit due to those who deserve it, I say. Referring to the letter from Mike Shee; he mentioned that the Bruns felt it was only worth their while to include a few lines about the win here in October. To be correct; the only reason that the competition was mentioned at all was because a forester heard that the Faculty had been told by the Bruns, 'If you want an article about the competition, you write one and submit it yourself.' Nice isn't it? I should know, I wrote the article in October.

Catherine Harper
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Dear Sir:

Once again it's election time for the SRC; time for the students to choose some representatives for themselves. It seems to be accepted that incumbent Roy Neale will hold office for another year (after a year's publicity I guess his campaigning is done . . .

enough people will recognize his name)

For the second time 'round I guess I fail to see the light because I can't vote for Neale . . . anyone who has been associated with UNB posing as a student as long as he has and has not managed to get his "B.A." yet NOTE: (isn't this the 6th year)-and the future doesn't promise graduation, I can't consider my representative not to mention leader of the Students' Representatives.

Is he representative of you?
--Presented respectfully from inside the SRC chambers.

Dear Sir:

I just read your coverage of Professor Rae's address (Bruns, Jan. 26) entitled "New Perspectives on Western Canada." I have lived in that part of the country for most of my life and I can tell you I certainly did gain some new perspectives. Any influence that "British superiority" may have exerted on cultural assimilation in the West must be considered secondary to the autonomy and initiative required of any immigrant expecting to survive in that part of Canada.

Second, when German, Scottish, Ukrainian, Polish and French children are raised side by side the exchange of values is a relatively painless process. This factor rather than a previous generation's need for social acceptance should be identified as the principle source of cultural assimilation in the West.

And finally, the Crown's significance as a symbol of unity under which ethnic groups can achieve equality seems to be exaggerated: to most western Canadians, specially those of my generation, this is a non-issue. In short, Professor Rae's analysis of the situation does not in my estimation reflect conditions as they presently exist. Perhaps he has been into John Diefenbaker's campaign speeches.

Sincerely yours,

"A Western Canadian"

Dear Sir:

I would like to comment on the fine artistic ceiling, walls, doors, carpets, etc. anyone who attended the Gunhill Road concert Thursday night, had ample opportunity to study. While you pleasantly stood on your feet in the corridor for forty minutes past the stated starting time on the tickets. Along the same lines, the Jason Pub which was billed to start at 8:15 and last until 12:59 according to the advance promotion had trouble reaching the starting stages until 9:15, the audience was 'thrilled' during that hour by the equipment testing crew. Could it be that members of the musicians union are so musically inclined that they have trouble keeping track of time?

I would like to say that both shows were well worth the waiting, but that is not what I am bitching about, its the fact that if something is scheduled for a specific time why can't it start on time? If the doors are only going to be opened at that time why are we not told in advance? If the fault lies with the entertainers, possibly a penalty clause can be put in their contract for late arrival to encourage them to be on time. If the fault lies in the organization here let us hope that they soon learn that keeping people waiting an hour past the anticipated starting time does not encourage people to attend sloppily run events. Once the show starts you forget about the wait, but it still does not excuse it, let's have things get off on the time posted. (Or is time to become a vague quantity around here with posters announcing starting times as somewhere between 8-10).

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