

upcomin'

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

Reunion Weekend '82 at St. Thomas University. Reception for special guest, J.E.P. Butler to be held at 8:30 p.m. Reunion continues until Sunday. Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, regular Friday Night meeting, Room 26 SUB at 7:30 p.m. with Prof. Jack Passmore speaking on "Materialism". Everyone welcome.

UNB Film Society presents: Woody Allen's "Sleeper" at 8:00 p.m. in the Tilley Hall auditorium. Admission with season pass or \$2 at the door.

Scottish Country Dancing: Beginners' Class at 7:30 p.m. in Marshall d'Avray Hall, Room 143. The experienced dancers join the group at 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Alcoholics Anonymous: meeting in Room 102, Administration Building, St. Thomas University.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

OCSA Film: "Sword and the Justice" in Tilley Hall, Room 102 at 2 p.m. Admission \$1.75 for members, \$2.50 for non-members.

The Mods Club/ 10 p.m. Saturday in Cafeteria, SUB. See classifieds, Frosh can come too. . . .

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Alumni Ball: 9 p.m. Part of Reunion '82, STU.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Reception for Exhibition of Work by the Art Teachers of school district 26 and for Graduation at RMC, a mini-exhibition of oil paintings by Molly Lamb Bobak, Art Centre, Memorial Hall from 2-4 p.m.

Old Timers' Hockey Game at noon. Part of Reunion '82 at STU.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Preschool Hearing, Vision, Blood Pressure and Development Screening Clinics: MacLaggan Hall, UNB, Room 4. Children aged two and a half to six years are eligible. A complete screening will entail 2 appointments on separate days. Phone 453-4642 for appointments.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

Social dance lessons: Skyline Acres Recreation Centre at 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Agapé Fellowship presents: "Nite Song" - The film that dramatizes how God can use young people who are yielded to him; in order to share with others, the only real source of life. . . . Jesus Christ. Head Hall, C-13, Dineen Auditorium, at 7:30 p.m. Admission free.

Soundoff continues A student apologizes

Dear Editor:

This letter is an apology to two people, I do not know. This is the only way I know of reaching them.

On Tuesday morning of this week, I came into the University for classes around 8:30 a.m. As I made the turn into the area of the Science buildings, I was blinded by the sun which shines down this turn. By the time I recovered, I had just missed hitting a student who was walking across this turn. I think I missed her by about a foot and it was quite probably an awful scare. The girl was wearing a red Kway pullover and I imagine she remembers me quite well. Whoever you are, I am sorry. I was going too fast under the conditions and I should have looked into the turn before I made it.

I parked my car in front of the biology building and sat there cursing myself. While in this happy state of mind a lady came up who had watched this happen. She gave me the dressing down that I deserved for my sloppy driving. I see now that it was well deserved but at the time I was rather rude and insolent with this lady. Again I apologize, I do

not generally make it a habit to be both rude and insolent to people who are making a valid point.

I can only hope that both ladies read this letter and accept the apology. I can only promise to be more careful in the future.

Respectfully,

Melbourne J. Schriver

Cartoon offensive

Dear Editor

Engineering Rep Bosnitch, last week, submitted an article in the Bruns. Beside his submission was an offensive cartoon which was clearly slanted against the author. It would appear to me that there are some biased persons on the Bruns staff which are trying to twist the electorate in a certain

direction. I believe this to be an unfair use of the media. Let the Representatives speak for themselves. It reminds me of the recent provincial elections and the mud-slinging which occurred. Mr. Bosnitch is owed an apology!

Sincerely

David F. Ryder

CLASSIFIEDS CONTINUED

MODS Club Dance Saturday, Oct. 16 at 10:00 in the SUB cafeteria. Entry is free regardless of age, with music from the fifties and sixties combined with some reggae and new music from Europe.

Social Dancing: Skyline Acres Recreation Center. Thursday, at 8 p.m. Singles welcome. Learn the Foxtrot, Jive, Waltz, and Cha-cha. For more information call 472-5827 after 6.

The last refuge?

As I'm a bit of a heathen, Mr. Betts' article ("Is religion the last refuge of Barbarism?") sort of caught my eye. Perhaps I am not exactly the most qualified authority in the world (to comment on it): I'm not even a "Student of Philosophy" (to be said, or read, with the appropriate air of dignity) - I'm studying Forest Engineering. Still, I'd like to make a few, hopefully cogent, points.

First, it's interesting to note Mr. Betts' stand that reliance on the "firmament of reason" leads to agnosticism. Both Alfred North Whitehead and Bertrand Russel were great believers in logic (a tool of reason) and it seems like the former was sort of a deist (he believed that God was not quite as omnipotent as His press releases might lead one to believe) and the latter was an atheist. Just for the sake of anyone not too familiar with these guys, they were British mathematician-philosophers during the early part of this century. In a last-ditch effort to salvage the credibility of mathematics, (which had its absoluteness threatened by the advent of non-Euclidean geometries), they produced the *Principia Mathematica* in which they basically showed that all of mathematics could indeed be derived logically without fear of internal inconsistencies. Of course Kurt Godel ended up proving them wrong with his famous proof, much to the delight of anti-Aristotelians everywhere.

This must all seem out of context, but hang in there and maybe it'll make sense. I guess it was Socrates who got reason started with his use of the dialectic. Although Mr. Betts says that he's not concerned with answering all those questions of life, the universe and everything with the help of reason, that's exactly what it was set up for. Socrates was looking for Truth, and science is using reason for basically the same thing (though perhaps on a smaller level) today. We know that reason is far from the best mode of thought in existence, so I'm

puzzled by Mr. Betts' dedication to it. To each his own, I suppose.

I'm also disappointed with his assertion that only three answers to the "Is there a God?" question exist (fatalistic "God determines our future" approach, the chaotic "we're a 'cosmic fluke' " atheist approach and the "What does it matter anyway?" agnostic approach). Surely there are as many answers to this question as there are answerers, and these are not all variations on the three described above. An example might be the Taoist concept of a universal "way" which gives rise to all things but which doesn't pass judgements.

Enough complaining: I enjoyed Mr. Betts' article and I applaud him for saying that we are our own saviors. I could not agree with him more. We create our own reality - what we choose to believe and to do here and now is our individual truth and this is the only truth which can exist for us. Reality being dynamic, these truths are in constant change. Nothing wrong with that.

It should, however, be noted that if one happens to hold a set of beliefs which is essentially the basic doctrine of, say, Christianity, well, then obviously that set of beliefs is true for that individual. Whitehead called this "barbarism"? This seems like a good place to remind anyone who cares that there is no rational basis (something that Whitehead would have needed) with which to choose one internally consistent philosophy over another.

I don't imagine that there are too many of you who are going to accept a gospel according to a Forest-Engineer-cum-manic-depressive eclectic, but I think that if you take a little time to study the idea, you might find that the freedom that it brings is kind of nice. The only barbarism that I've seen is in attempts to limit this freedom, to limit our thoughts.

Barry Parkinson

Together at last

Dear Editor

(Nudge nudge wink wink)

I'm so glad to hear Timothy and John have "got together."

Signed
Relieved in SUB