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Think When You Vote

Today is the day for making a lot of decisions, theoretically speaking 19. If you are a responsible student of this campus, you will be a voter and there are no less than 19 spaces which you must fill out on 'n' number ballots. The view seems to be "Let's get it all over at once" and so it must be decided who you want to fill 10 SRC positions, 5 AAA positions, 3 class executive positions and the government in Model Parliament. This requires a lot of thinking and a fair amount of finger exercise. Needless to say not many people feel up to it and this undoubtedly accounts for the small percentage of the student body who actually do vote (about 55 per cent last year). However, we are very fortunate this year in that the number of decisions required has been considerably reduced due to the fact that so many of the positions have been either filled by acclamation or not contested at all. This either reflects a lack of responsible interest on the part of the students or a deep engrossment in studies. Perhaps a sociological investigation should be conducted to discover the reason why there suddenly seems to be a **BIG** void on this campus.

As to Model Parliament elections, we see a similar trend in the national elections when only about 65 per cent of the population manage to make it to the polls. Of this 65 per cent it has been estimated that 85 per cent of them use as their criterion the party rather than the merits of the candidate. An extremely small percentage of our population as a result actually determine the change in government.

What we must ask is: "why do so many people maintain this unchanging pattern of voting?" and if this is begun from the time they reach the voting age—are national parties on campus an incentive in this practice? The people, who on entering university become affiliated with one

of the national party clubs, tend to stay with this club during their entire stay at university. Their "loyalties" are usually cemented for the rest of their life, having been thoroughly educated in one point of view they are hindered in examining without bias the platforms of the other parties. It is a pretty safe bet that they even accept without questioning the platform of their party. We even hear people saying in answer to their political views "I'm Liberal" or "I'm Conservative" as if it was a matter of identification rather than an expression of opinion or judgment. In some cases such as in a small town and even in larger communities one's political affiliations even determines the friends one has. This is approaching the peak of ridiculousness but because it is so in actuality we can also see it as deplorable. "From the other point of view having national party clubs on campus gives us a direct link with our own government, that is, our opportunity to learn through these organizations the policies of national parties.

There is another factor which must be considered in examining the question of "party voting" and that is that a definite party line or image no longer exists. Compared to fifty years ago, the difference in general party policies can no longer be sharply and predictably defined. On particular issues, such as economic policy there may be a difference but it is somewhat lessened by the complex web which has been created by an evolving society and within which any party policy must function. Perhaps for this more than any other reason it has become increasingly necessary that people do not vote for the party but for the man and the party platform and neither of these is eternal and unchanging — a vote should be a responsible decision rather than a habit.

get out and . . . **VOTE**

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Dear Irene Import:

If you were on the other side of the fence you would import also.

Sincerely,
Joe Importer

FOOTBALL BOOB?

Dear Sir:

UNB has not proven itself to be a great athletic power in Maritime athletic circles as you rightly stated in your last editorial (Feb. 14th, "dump dump").

In football the Red Bombers have tried and have failed in two years of AFC competition. The administration and Athletic Board of the university undertook to put UNB in a better league when the Bombers joined the AFC.

If we attribute the past two seasons showings of the Bombers to lack of playing personnel it is obvious that UNB needs better football talent if we intend to wash off the losers label and improve our reputation on the gridiron. Of course player talent may not be the only problem.

Nevertheless it is up to the administration to decide. Either they stick with their decision to participate in the AFC and do something to improve the Bombers or they relegate UNB to the "has-been" 'B' league where they might win a few games.

If the administration doesn't follow through in an attempt to strengthen the Red Bombers they will have to admit defeat and humiliation in their initial decision to join the AFC.

Disgusted

C.P.'s On The Ball

Dear Sir:

Through the Brunswickan may I take this opportunity to congratulate the Campus Police on their excellent performance in maintaining discipline during the Carnival.

They acted with both authority and good judgment at all the Carnival functions. The students of UNB owe a great deal of thanks to the Campus Police for a successful Carnival '62 and for insuring its continuance in the future.

Special mention must also be given to the Campus Police Chief and his assistants for their efficient administration.

Pete Forbes
Ticket Chairman
Winter Carnival Comm.

PRANKSTERS STRIKE

SPECIAL—(Neill House) — A second floor Neill House inmate was abruptly disturbed during an early morning luncheon break (approx. 5:00 a.m.) last Sunday morning.

It was reported that a senior member of the Neill House clan was addressed over the P.A. system and upon entering the hall of the residence was greeted with a splash. It seems that a water-filled wastepaper basket had been left leaning inadvertently against the victim's door in such a manner that when the door was opened the pail fell with a splash to the floor.

Most recent reports from re-

CIS Grants \$3500 Fund To Surveying Engineers

The Canadian Institute of Surveying has donated a \$3,500 Student Loan Fund to the University of New Brunswick for undergraduates enrolled in the Surveying Engineering course.

The donation was presented to Dr. Gottfried Konecny, Professor of Civil Engineering, who represented the University at the annual CIS meeting held recently in Ottawa.

The loan fund will be available to fourth and fifth year engineering students enrolled in the surveying course. Applicants must be students in good academic standing and be recommended by the Dean of Engineering.

University President Dr. Colin B. Mackay said today the donation would aid considerably in the success of the surveying engineering course and thanked the CIS for their support.

"We at the University are pleased indeed with the generous support which the Canadian Institute of Surveying have given us. The Student Loan Fund will do much in making the Surveying Engineering course at UNB a success."

In Ottawa CIS President, Carl W. Lester, said the 1,400 members of the Institute were behind UNB's effort to play a leading role among Canadian Universities in meeting the demand for better survey education.

"Only a few of us have been lucky enough to visit the campus

at New Brunswick and witness at first hand the enthusiasm, the crusading spirit and the confidence of the staff and students in this course", Mr. Lester said.

"I'm sure that all those who have had this opportunity have personally expressed their gratitude to staff and officials at the University of New Brunswick for the fine job that they are doing and have wished for a more tangible expression of their feelings.

"In a way this is what the Loan Fund has been — a tangible way of expressing our feelings, in effect we are saying 'We believe in what you are doing, we're behind you'."

UNB is the only English-speaking University in Canada to offer a degree course in Surveying Engineering. The specialized course was instituted in 1960, and is two years in duration following the first three years in either Civil Engineering or Forestry.

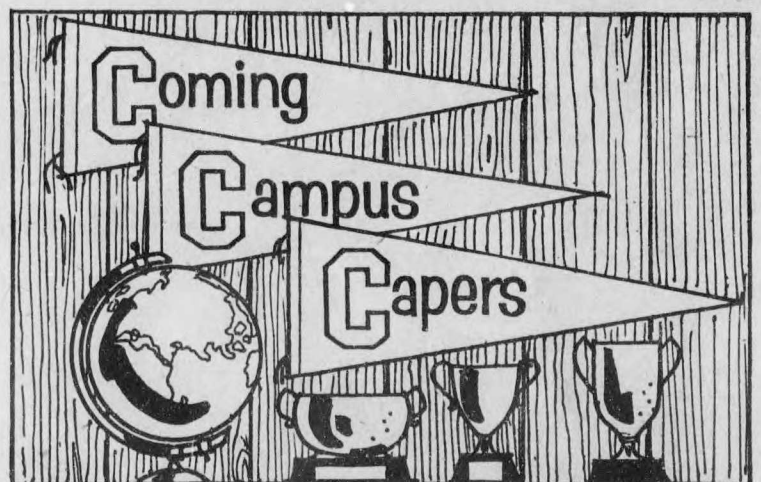
Graduates will help meet the need for highly trained and broadly educated men in property surveying within the Province and across the nation. They will also find opportunities of employment in the Federal Government Survey Agencies.

There is also an increasing need for men to introduce advanced survey methods into the fields of highways, power development, and the mapping of natural resources.

liable Neill House sources indicate that the wet-footed prey of petty pranksters remains locked within the confines of his room wearing hip rubber boots and

being extremely reluctant to answer further P.A. addresses.

It is rumoured that this prank was plotted and executed by Neill House residents.



For listings in the Brunswickan of Campus events, contact the Campus Co-ordinator, Betty Fearon at 5-9007 or 5-9009. Deadline is Sunday at 6 p. m.

Thursday, March 1: 7:30 Rod and Gun Club, Oak Room, Students' Centre. Speaker: Mr. Hugh Huswell. Election of new officers.

Friday, March 2: 7:00 Slave Auction, Memorial Hall, Professors and students on the block. All welcome. 8:30 Forestry Monte Carlo. Gambling and dancing. Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium. 9:00 S.R.C. and Social Committee Party. Eden Rock Motel.

Saturday, March 3: Model United Nations. Legislative Assembly. 8:30 Transportation leaving Students Centre for Flying Club Dance at Fredericton Aviation Hangar. 9:00 Get-together Dance, McConnell Hall.

Tuesday, March 6: 8:00 Students' Wives Meeting, Tartan Room, Centre.

Wednesday, March 7: 7:00 SRC Council Change-over. Tartan Room, Centre.

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