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by Sheenagh Journal
Murphy

With the Provincial elections for New Brunswick around the corner I think it is important for people to take a close look at the people running for office. At the risk of being libelous, I have to say that I think that all of them are not worth the paper their campaigning is printed on.

Although not politically active, I do make an effort to vote on the appropriate day and to make damn sure of who (or what) I am voting for. Unfortunately this year I can't seem to find anyone to vote for. I have had ample proof of Hatfield's incompetence, which cuts out the PC party and Joe Daigle (Liberals') smear campaign does not seem to me, either appropriate or an indication of what his party has to offer. LaBrossiere is another one who I hold reservations about in that I feel the NDP party is still too rough at the corners to make a successful job out of running this province. Well, I have three days to decide between them . . . or not to decide at all, I can always go down and just register a protest vote.

I sincerely hope that those who are eligible to vote in these elections think long and hard about who they are voting for, and don't let the lack of good candidates discourage you from voting. If you don't like the candidates then go down to the polls and tell them so.

A word about the Bruns, and I know that right now all you 2nd, 3rd and 4th year students are holding your heads and wondering why the "bleeding hearts at the Bruns are at it again". Well just a short message, I promise. Please, please come in and give us a hand. Writers for the news department are needed desperately. It's your paper too, come and help us put it out. We've got the names, dates and stories so drop in, try it!

I can't forget Dr. John's decision not to run for re-election, surprised us as much as anyone else. I would like to relate some rumours I've heard floating about. First and foremost, Dr. John is either supposed to be going on sabbatical when his term ends on June 30th/79 or going back to his former profession of teaching, his speciality is micro-biology, (then again, now that he's given away all the equipment . . .). It's really hard to say. But we will have more information (hopefully) by next week, Dr. John was not available for comment at press time.

And for further news of the saga of Franklin and Anderson, keep tuned to your University Perspectives in which this Monday's issue is supposed to reveal all the secrets beginning with last week's fiasco.

I would like to congratulate our women's field hockey teams, our cross country team, and our rugby team. Although the Bombers grab the headlines, these three just coast along, pretty well cleaning up wherever they go. I would like to encourage more fans to turn up for their games. Unlike the Bombers (what an appropriate name) they're winners and sure deserve a hand. They will be playing at College field on Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

Well the election results just came in and I have to admit, some of them came as quite a surprise. I think that all the candidates should be congratulated for showing an interest in running for those positions and best of luck to the new ones. We will certainly be keeping a tight eye on them down here, and hope to see some shaking up of the SRC.

I think that the SRC is sadly going to miss Susan Shalala. In my four years at UNB, I can safely say that I have never seen a more hard working and dedicated person. I hope, as I am sure many others at this campus do, that she continues to show an interest in student affairs either as a student or through her affiliation with the New Brunswick Coalition of Students. Susan you have done a really wonderful job.

NOTICE

The Administration Board will be receiving budgets of the following organizations as per the following schedule:

- TUESDAY OCT. 24, 1978
- Law Society 5:30 p.m.
- Cultural Budgets 6:00 p.m.
- Brunswickian 6:30 p.m.
- Overseas Chinese Students Associations 7:30 p.m.
- Chemistry Club 8:00 p.m.
- Computer Science 8:30 p.m.

sound-off

Raise the drinking age?

Dear Editor & Students:

The government of New Brunswick is considering raising the legal age in this province from 19 to 21. A special review board headed by Dr. Everett Chalmers is looking into the matter. The main justification for this purpose is the high incidence of underage drinking in the province. I believe that this underage drinking problem will continue despite the raising of the legal age. More importantly the proposal is discriminatory, reactionary, condescending and a step backwards for human rights.

People under the age of 21 pay taxes and they vote the people into office who make these decisions. We can be drafted off to war, we can get married and we can drive an automobile all under the age of 19. I think that a fair proportion of the students here at UNB are under 21, personally I am insulted by the idea of our government being so paternalistic and that the people here at UNB should make an effort to defend their rights. Why not raise the drinking age to 31 or 41 or 51 or 61 it depends entirely on the individual.

Where will our so-called democratic government stop if they raise the age to 21 with respects to drinking. Effort must be made to remind politicians that we the people are the government and that they get their authority from us and that they should not abuse it.

Glenn Love

P.S. My friends here say the Bruns is the pits for not taking this issue beforehand.

Trivia?

Dear Editor:

A short note to be passed onto (Brun's contributor) Barry Henderson. Mr. Henderson, in regards to your Genya Ravan comment in the Bruns, Oct. 13, page 14.

"Urban Desire" is not her first album. Shortly after her Ten Wheel Drive departure she placed herself at the disposal of a now-defunct session group known as Baby. With them she recorded and released an album entitled "Genya Ravan" (Columbia 31001). The album included: Sit Yourself Down, Flying, Every Little Bit Hurts, Turn On Your Love Lights, and the US hit: What Kind of Man Are You?

I agree that she is not listed in any of my rock encyclopedias either, but I guess that I just have to know these things. Why don't you tune into "feature" on Wednesday nights on CHSR and pick up more rock trivia.

Ric Lee

EUS Pubs

Brun's:

I am havin one hell of a time trying to convince myself that I am actually an engineer! Why? Why? Well, an EUS pub scheduled for three weeks ago (Sept. 22) turned out to be an absolute hell of a good time, except for one (1) thing: I counted 5 couples, (i.e. 10 people) total sitting: standing, dancing, etc. What? 10 people at an EUS pub?? Yes!! It is fact! Only a handful of people showed up! What has happened to the social spirit of the new influx of engineering students? Have they lost the meaning of the hidden connotation of what being an engineer encompasses! OR IS IT the fault of the seniors and juniors who have failed in educating their younger (fellow) classmates of the meaning of EUS. A helluva lot of preparation and planning, goes into the organization of a pub, especially an EUS pub and if it is not given the support of the student engineering body — it is all in VAIN. Not only in monetary loss but also a loss in the Engineering student's responsibility to him (or her) self! in supporting EUS!

Yours truly,
EE4, CHE 3, CE 3

Oh God ! Mr Foxe

Dear Mary-Lou

How are you? And now to the point. It, unfortunately, really gets under my skin when I read religious oriented articles in the Brunswickian. Is there a God? Mary Lou, though you shan't recognise my name, I assure you we have known each other for around five years, and I have come to believe you are one of the more intelligent people I have met. However, I can't understand why you are all hung up about this God stuff.

If you were to spend a lifetime it would be impossible to bring any irrefutable definitions into the nature of God. I have spent a while now and there considering what was incessantly poured into my head at home and in church about the wonderful Christian God. It may exist, and may not. It is obviously possible to spend as much time as there is in uncounted days sweating over the question. The Christian 'God' is defined, in my layman's understanding of the issue, as being omnipotent: that is to say without dimension. Whether or not this is possible is

beyond mortal understanding. Therefore it is equally inconsequential.

So, why don't you spend your time on something a little more tangible like baking cakes? How about writing a column explaining the Social Interactionist perspective of sociology to those poor lost Sociology 200 students in Prof. Himmelfarbs class?

Respectfully yours,
Greg Foxe

Dear Mr. Foxe:

I am answering on behalf of Mary Lou without her knowledge, but I feel your comments deserve an answer. The Bruns has a policy which includes in it the stipulation that discrimination is not to be seen in our paper. We feel that most aspects of this campus have been covered, to a lesser or greater degree. We have, however failed to consider the number of people on this campus who are interested in columns such as Mary Lou's. We feel they deserve a chance too.

Feeling good

Dear Editor:

As far as I know the Brunswickian is funded by the Student representative Council. This body presumably is funded by the students. Is it not possible for the Brunswickian to divulge more information on the subject of drugs. Especially regarding those aspects relating to the UNB campus.

Considering the prolific use of illegal herbs and spices in which at least one-third of the students and an unknown volume of profs engage. Information relating to legal technicalities, retail and wholesale prices, and official university policy would be more than enlightening. It might help some people keep an extra two-hundred dollars for second term.

If the Brunswickian has already published an article on the subject, then I think its high time they did another one. Taking up say, the middle two pages of an issue.

To myself, what would be equally enlightening would be a list of various Amphetamines, Barbituates, Hallucogenics etc. commonly available in the Fredericton area. An outline of the physiological consequences, both temporary and/or permanent, for each and every item. Along with this list, obviously it will be necessary to provide the knowledge of literature cited according to standard university form and format footnotation, (i.e. every fact should reveal its source).

If staff is the only problem getting in the way of such material I would be glad to do it for you, as stated.

Yours sincerely,
R. Derek MacDonnell

Editor's NOTE:
Dear Mr. MacDonnell,

You have said the magic word "HELP". Please consider yourself a member of the Brunswickian staff. Drop in and talk to us about this proposed feature. It sounds good