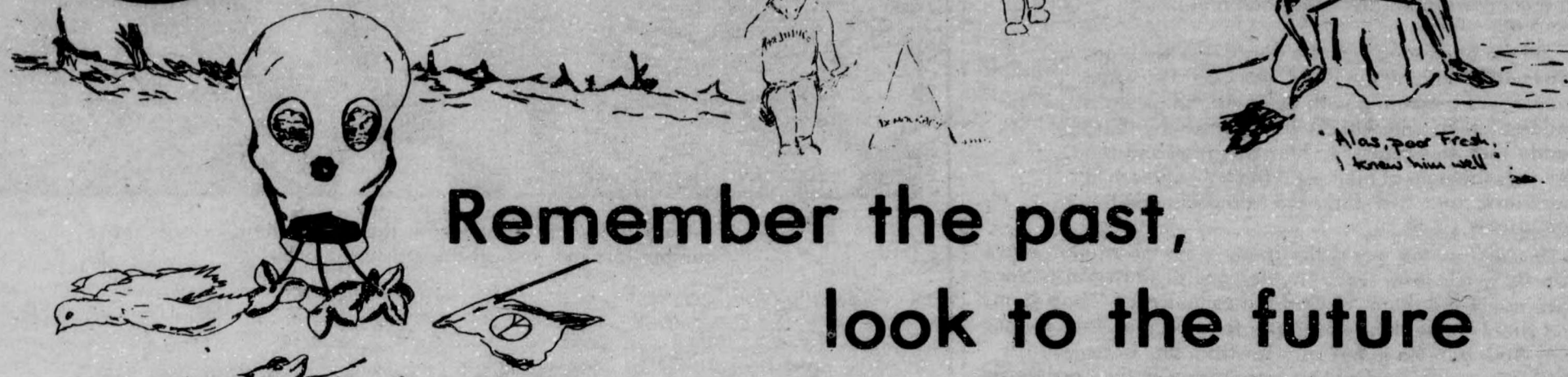




editorial

Bias: not just another four letter word



Remember the past,
look to the future
Apathy: have we found the cure?

1982: looking back

At the end of every year, all the big news magazines look back at the things that have happened domestically and internationally. Although at UNB we revolve pretty much within our own university community, the problems which arise are no less important to us than any world crisis.

The *Brunswickan* would like to take this opportunity to look in retrospect at some of the problems the *Brun*s has dealt with in editorials during the fall term, and to decide how we feel about them now.

Probably the major problem facing the smallest number of people directly and affecting the largest number of people indirectly was the Foreign Students' protest against Doreen Kissick the International Students' Advisor who has since been dismissed. Revolving around what certain foreign students claimed was "unfair handling", the problem was kept from the press and handled with kid gloves until it seemed that nothing short of a bomb would resolve the situation. Mrs. Patricia Brooke has only recently been employed to take over Mrs. Kissick's position, and as

a result of this problem there have been several discussions concerning the hiring of an Ombudsman.

Certainly no stranger to the editorial pages of the *Brunswickan*, the SRC received their fair share of ridicule and criticism. Last fall's election saw an overwhelming increase in voter turnout and made just about everyone wonder whether or not apathy at UNB had been cured. Well, we may have cured apathy by voting in a semi-radical president and his dedicated Unity followers, but we opened up a whole new kettle of fish by doing so. Now we have an SRC, who, although they still bicker, argue and complain, push motions through council without even stopping to consider what they may mean to other non-SRC students.

It seemed to the *Brunswickan* immediately after Bosnitch's climb to the throne, that was threatening to revamp things which we didn't feel needed to be changed. Naturally we were concerned, and we reacted, perhaps too strongly, perhaps not. Time will tell.

Still another topic concerning the university community was the Third

Century Fund, a campaign dedicated to raising money for the betterment of the educational and cultural environment at UNB. At the time of our editorial (Oct. 1) not many students had heard of Third Century and the money raised by students. Now three months later, not much has changed. People still seem unaware of Third Century and pledges are still minimal. We said it before, and we stand by it now; if we don't care, why should anyone else. Support Third Century!

A serious problem facing many university campuses in Canada is the need to make buildings on campus accessible to disabled students. Obviously, the hill creates a seemingly insurmountable barrier, but every effort should be made to create a barrier-free atmosphere for these students. Hopefully some of the suggestions made in our editorial will eventually be implemented in an effort to make education available to everyone.

The *Brunswickan* may have the tendency to be opinionated about certain subjects, but we never write what we don't honestly feel. Hopefully we'll be able to honestly feel something good about 1983, the people and the university.